



# St Margaret's Church



In honour of this International Women's Day we celebrate the women who live and lead with God's love, courage, and strength, and who influence our faith and communities. Photo taken during the Institution and Induction of Revd. Hannah Gordon on May 30th, 2023.



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## Sunday, 9th March

We invite you to join us for our Sunday services, led by Revd. Hannah Gordon, Rector. Continuing with our theme of **'The Lord's Prayer'**

9am **Holy Communion**

10.15am **All Ages Together in the Orchard**

No Children and Youth groups this week as service is All Age

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## The week ahead

Daily 07:15am to 7.30am

Zoom Morning Prayer

www.zoom.com

Meeting ID: 748 2059 0637

Passcode: iHZOmB

## Tuesday 11th March

9.15am **Morning Prayer** in church

8pm **PCC Meeting** in Parish Office

## Wednesday 12th March

10am **Holy Communion** followed by refreshments

10am to 1pm

**Parish Office Open**

Please do drop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

## Friday 14th March

9.30am to 11.15am

**Maggies Song** in the Orchard

6pm to 7.30pm **Friday Youth** in the Orchard

*Mothers' Sunday  
30th March, at 10:00 AM  
All Ages All Together Service.*

Donations of spring flowers and greenery will be warmly welcomed on March 29th. They will be lovingly arranged into posies. Please drop them off in the vestry by 10:00 AM. We have a few volunteers already, but the more, the merrier!



# Bishop's Lent Call

# Lent

## THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK'S LENT CALL 2025



*Jesus said; Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.*

*Matthew 19:14*



The Bishop of Southwark's Lent Call for 2025 asks you to pray for and raise money to support projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. We are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese. Visit our website to find out how you can become involved and help:  
[southwark.anglican.org/lentcall](http://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall)



HOW TO DONATE

Each year, the Bishop's Lent Call raises funds for local community projects in Southwark and our Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and Jerusalem, as well as calling parishes to a time of prayer and contemplation.

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You can find more information on this year's projects and how to donate below. As we spend time in prayer and contemplation this Lent, we hope that you might consider supporting the projects they have chosen this year

## LENT CHALLENGE

### 40 tins for 40 days

**This Lent, support your local food bank and give back instead of giving something up**

#### HOW TO TAKE PART

Every day during Lent (5 March to 17 April), put an item aside to donate to Loveworks food banks. You can do this on your own or get a group together to participate. Every item donated will make a difference to someone living locally who needs our help.

#### ITEMS TO DONATE

- Tin corned beef or ham
- Tin fruit or vegetables
- Microwave snacks - cup-a-soup/instant noodles/instant pasta
- Jars of cooking sauce
- Tin meat casseroles
- Tin custard or rice pudding
- Breakfast cereal
- Biscuits
- Tin pulses
- Tin potatoes

Please note that we do not need pasta at this time.

**EVERY ITEM DONATED HELPS SOMEONE IN DESPERATE NEED. THANK YOU!**

#### DROP DONATIONS TO:

Reigate Community Centre  
Merstham Community Hub  
Everycare Woodhatch  
Loveworks Warehouse RH1 2GD  
for a full list visit [www.loveworks.org.uk](http://www.loveworks.org.uk)

#### CAN'T GET TO THE SHOPS?

MAKE AN ONLINE DONATION HERE

Loveworks.org Ltd is a registered charity no. 1136381 and a company limited by guarantee 6506079. Registered address 3a-7a Bell Street, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7BH

## Electoral Roll

A church electoral roll is a list of people who are officially part of the church and eligible to vote on important decisions, like choosing church leaders or influencing the direction of church activities

### Why you might sign up:

1. **Have a Voice:** Signing up lets you vote on key decisions, like who leads the church or what the church focuses on. It's your way of helping shape the church's future.
2. **Be Part of the Community:** It shows you're a committed member of the church, strengthening your connection to the church family.
3. **Stand for Roles:** If you want to take on a leadership role, such as becoming a churchwarden or helping with church decisions, you need to be on the electoral roll.

Every six years, each parish is required to create a new Electoral Roll to ensure it's up to date.

**This means everyone has to reapply—even if you were on the previous roll,** you need to fill out a new form. **New members are also welcome to sign up during this time.**

- This notice was first posted on Monday, February 3rd, 2025.
- **The new roll will be finalised by March 16th, 2025.**
- **The form is attached to this email,** is also available in the church or you can request one by emailing the administrator at [admin@smchipstead.org](mailto:admin@smchipstead.org)
- Once you've filled out the form, you can either leave it on the desk in the parish office or send it to the administrator.

It is not compulsory to join or rejoin, but is an opportunity to make sure you're officially part of the church community.

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## ChurchSuite - Communication Tool

Church Suite is a software application that as part of our efforts to streamline our databases and communication systems will help church staff and volunteers stay organised, communicate efficiently, and manage church activities effectively.

Key features include:

**Membership Management:** Allows churches to store and manage details about their members, including contact information

**Communication:** Helps churches stay in touch with members through email newsletters, group messaging, and event notifications.

We would appreciate it if our church family and community members would provide their personal details and give us permission to contact you via email, phone, or SMS. Your information will be stored securely and in compliance with our Privacy Policy, which you can view on our website.

**The form is attached to this email,** is available in church or you can request one by emailing the administrator at [admin@smchipstead.org](mailto:admin@smchipstead.org). Once completed, please either leave your form on the desk in the parish office or send a copy to the administrator.

If you decide that you would rather the church not hold any information about you then the weekly newsletter is available on the website.

# C.A.M.E.O.

Come And Meet Each Other  
for refreshments and activities

**2-4pm on the third  
Monday of the month**

20th January 2025  
17th February 2025  
17th March 2025

In Hooley Village Hall  
St Margaret's Road, CR5 3RB



For information contact Fofo  
fofo.lappin@gmail.com

# FRIDAY YOUTH

17 JAN  
31 JAN  
14 FEB  
28 FEB  
14 MAR  
28 MAR

**6-7:30PM IN THE ORCHARD**



Email Josh to find out more...  
[youth@smchipstead.org](mailto:youth@smchipstead.org)

Are you living  
with the loss of  
a loved one?

Monthly drop-in  
**Bereavement  
Café**

@  
The Orchard,  
St Margaret's Church,  
Church Lane, Chipstead

Tuesdays  
2:30-4pm

18 Feb

18 Mar

15 Apr

20 May

and every 3rd  
Tuesday of the  
month thereafter

Come to the **Robins' Café** - a  
relaxed, safe place to share,  
laugh, cry and talk to others who  
understand how you're feeling.



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YOU'RE INVITED

Growing Hope King's Cross

Spring  
**Fundraiser**

Friday 4th April 2025  
King's House, N1 9JY



For tickets visit [growinghope.org.uk/events](http://growinghope.org.uk/events)

GROWING  
HOPE  
KING'S CROSS

## The Bereavement Course

If you've been bereaved, either recently or some time ago, you're not alone. This six session course, based on a series of short films and discussion groups, will help you in the process of working through grief and loss.

Tuesdays 3:00-5:30pm

22 April

29 April

6 May

13 May

20 May

27 May Break

3 June \*

(\*optional session exploring the faith perspective)

For more information and to let  
us know you would like to come  
please contact Claire

[pastoral@smchipstead.org](mailto:pastoral@smchipstead.org)

The Orchard at  
St Margaret's Church



## Diary Date

As the weather warms up and the skies brighten, **St Margaret's monthly walk** will recommence on **Friday, 4th April**. We'll meet at the lychgate at **10:30 AM** and set off for a leisurely, circular walk through the surrounding countryside. The walk typically lasts about an hour at a relaxed pace, and we'll finish back at St Margaret's for coffee. We hope to see you there! Eve



Improving the lives of local people through food

## FOOD BANK UPDATE

The level of need for our food support has remained the same in February, with our volunteers handing out 218 food parcels, feeding 511 local people. It has been wonderful to receive phone calls from a few beneficiaries, saying how much the food they have received has helped, and thanking us for the work we do - none of which could happen without your donations.

**MARCH 2025**

*Consider buying one less coffee a week, and set up a monthly donation to Loveworks. What a difference that could make!*

## YOUR SUPPORT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

No one should go hungry. Please help us if you can.



Donate food



Make an online donation or set up a monthly contribution at [www.loveworks.org.uk](http://www.loveworks.org.uk)

We are in need of new volunteers to join our friendly team.



Please email [info@loveworks.org.uk](mailto:info@loveworks.org.uk) to find out how you could help.

## URGENTLY NEEDED

This month we are in great need of:

- Tinned spaghetti
- Microwave rice/noodles/snacks
- Biscuits
- Tinned vegetables
- Breakfast cereal
- Tinned corned beef



[Find your nearest donation point at loveworks.org.uk](http://www.loveworks.org.uk)



Scan to make a donation and make a difference today

**We cannot help those who need us without the support of our community. Thank you for making a difference!**



[info@loveworks.org.uk](mailto:info@loveworks.org.uk)



[www.loveworks.org.uk](http://www.loveworks.org.uk)



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