

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

Contact Us

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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 church8pm 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

Mothering 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



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.

The Bishop's Lent Call for 2025 is raising funds for projects that help children and young people recover from trauma and which encourage their mental wellbeing. They are supporting this type of work in the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East, and in their own Link Dioceses in Zimbabwe and here in our own diocese.

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



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 <u>admin@smchipstead.org</u>
- 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.

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. 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

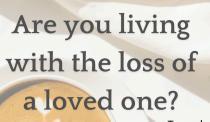
2-4pm on the third Monday of the month

20th January 202517th February 202517th March 2025

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



For information contact Fofo fofo.lappin@gmail.com



Monthly drop-in

Bereavement Café

The Orchard, St Margaret's Church, Church Lane, Chipstead Tuesdays 2:30-4pm

18Feb

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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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

The Orchard at St Margaret's Church







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

MARCH 2025

FOOD BANK UPDATE

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.



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



Scan to make a donation and make a difference today

The level of need for our food

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



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

Please email info@loveworks.org.uk to find out how you could help.

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





