

## St Margaret's Church





## Week Ahead

Monday 21st July



#### Tuesday 22nd July

9.15am Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 23rd July

10am Midweek Holy Communion Service with Revd. Hannah Gordon followed by refreshments

10am to 1pm Parish Office Open Please do drop in for tea, coffee, cake and a chat.

#### **AUGUST SABBATH**

During August there will be no midweek services.
That means no morning prayer or midweek Holy Communion.
The office will not open on August Wednesdays
This is a season of sabbath - I wonder what you might do instead?



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#### **FOODBANK DONATIONS**

Chipstead Food Bank Every Thursday at Chipstead Rugby Club from 11.30am to 1pm by the Meads

St Margaret's Church, Wednesday between 10am and 1pm, or Sunday between 9am and 11.30am

# Blooming Brilliant Day at the Chipstead Village Flower Show & Fair!







The sun was shining, the flowers were blooming, and Chipstead was bursting with colour, laughter, and community spirit at this year's Village Flower Show & Fair... and what a day it was!

From the moment the gates opened, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The competition entries were nothing short of spectacular... from intricate floral arrangements and perfectly grown vegetables to prize-winning cakes that had us all drooling. The standard was truly exceptional and a wonderful reflection of the talent, passion, and care within our community.

The Tea Tent was a haven for those looking to relax with a cuppa, offering a delightful selection of cakes, sandwiches, scones, tea, coffee, and cold drinks. Nearby, the Pimm's Tent and Prosecco & Champagne Bar added a sparkle to the day... with fabulous views across Banstead Woods and classic cars on display.

The Petting Zoo was a favourite with children and adults alike...who could resist the charm of those adorable donkeys? Our village stalls were buzzing with activity, showcasing local produce, handmade crafts, home-baked treats, and unique treasures. It was heartwarming to see so many people supporting local makers and catching up with neighbours and making new friends over a slice of something sweet. We extend a huge thank you to the organisers, volunteers, stallholders, performers, and every visitor who helped make the day such a resounding success. Events like this are the heartbeat of Chipstead and remind us why we love where we

#### A Little Bit of History

live.

The Chipstead Village Flower Show & Fair is a cherished tradition celebrating the beauty of our gardens, the creativity of our community, and the joy of coming together.

The event combines two historic celebrations: the village fair, first referenced in 1549 (held on St Margaret's Day, 20th July), and the flower show, which began in the late 19th century, rotating between nearby villages. The modern-day event has been held annually in Chipstead since 1910, likely first taking place at Elmore.

While the fair was once deemed too rowdy for Victorian sensibilities... suppressed by Reigate Police in 1854...today's event blends the best of the past with the warmth and charm of a modern village celebration.

We're already looking forward to next year...and we hope you are too! Until then, thank you to all our volunteers and visitors for being part of something so special.