



St Margaret's Church



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Sunday 15th March 2026 Looking Ahead

Close Encounters in Lent:

Jesus' Mother

Luke 2: 33 – 35

John 19: 25b – 27

9am **Morning Prayer**

10.15am **Holy Communion**

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Monday 16th March

2pm – 4pm **Come And Meet Each Other (CAMEO)**
at BARKADAS at Nelson's (St Margaret's Road, Surrey, CR5 3RB)

Tuesday 17th March

9.15am – 9:45 am **Morning Prayer** can now be accessed on Zoom as well as in person.

Meeting ID: 821 4908 0363

Passcode: 8LQ5KB

10:30 – 12noon **Bereavement Cafe in The Orchard**

Wednesday 18th March

10am **Holy Communion**

Followed by refreshments

11am – 12noon

ChurchSuite and IT Support – COME AND COMPLETE THE BISHOP QUESTIONNAIRE

Friday 20th March

9.30am to 11:15am **MAGGIE'S SONG**

Saturday 21st March

1.30pm – 4:15pm **Walk social from St Katharine's to St Margaret's church and back!** email Darren if you are coming (darrenjhuboo@hotmail.com)

EASTER SERVICES

• Palm Sunday 29th March - 10am ●
and Messy Church 3-5pm ◆

• Maundy Thursday 2nd April - 7pm ▲

• Good Friday 3rd April - 10.30am ●
An Hour at the cross - 2pm ●

• Easter Sunday 5th April - 10am ●
(with Holy Communion)

- ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, CHIPSTEAD, CR5 3RD
- ◆ PETER AUBERTIN HALL, ELMORE ROAD, CR5 3SG
- ▲ WOODMANSTERNE BAPTIST CHURCH, SM7 3QA

The Interesting Back Page :

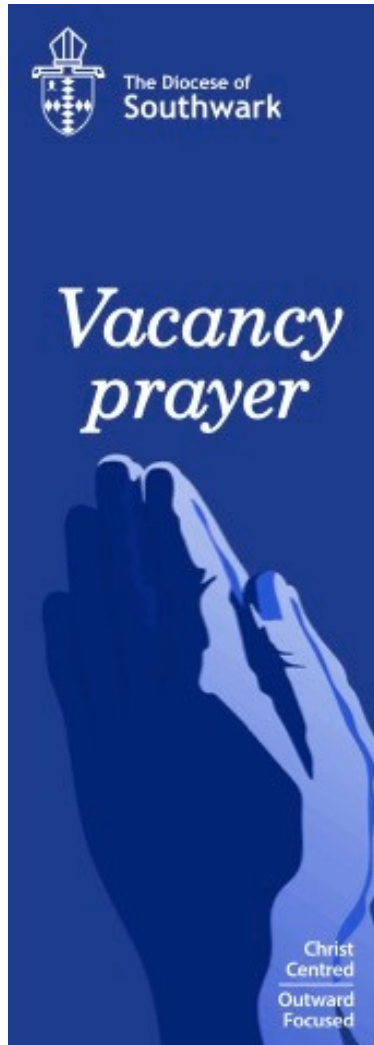
Our Diocesan Bishop – Bishop Christopher – will be retiring this summer, after many years of faithful leadership in our diocese.

Because of this, as a diocesan family, we are preparing to begin our search for the next Bishop of Southwark – and we want to hear the views of as many people as possible.

Please take five minutes to fill out a simple survey before 1 April 2026:

www.southwark.anglican.org/newbishop.

There are printed copies in church!



Vacancy prayer

Brothers and sisters, pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be glorified everywhere.

2 Thessalonians 3.1

Let us pray!

God of all times and places, send us a Bishop who will lead us faithfully through days of rejoicing and nights of challenge, with prayer and Scripture, with love and laughter, with bread and wine.

Send your Holy Spirit to guide those entrusted with this process. May they recognise the person of your choice, with ears that are open and hearts that are wise.

Make us thankful for all that has gone before, ready and hopeful for all that lies ahead, led by a Bishop whose ministry is a blessing to everyone in Southwark Diocese, as we hear the good news of Jesus and delight in the love of God.

Amen



What is a Bishop?

In Anglican churches – such as the Church of England – the Bishop is often seen as the chief pastor or shepherd, and this image helps to explain the role of the Bishop – to both lead and look after the Church in their diocese (the geographical area of responsibility for a Bishop).

The Bishop is called to lead and teach, but also to perform certain important tasks, such as ordaining the Church's ministers (priests and deacons), licensing others to carry out different types of ministry on behalf of the Church, and confirming new Christians.

As 'chief pastor' the Bishop has a key role to play in the decision-making, leadership and governance of the Church – both locally and as part of the wider Church of England.

Easter Lillies

On Easter Sunday some people like to donate a lily in remembrance of a loved one. There will be a collection box in church and a list where people can put the names of loved ones they wish to be remembered. Those names are then put in a frame next to the flowers.

Each lily costs £8. Payment can be made via contactless machine or bank transfer too.

Our Mission Partner this Month: 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 2026 is raising funds for projects that focus on the work of schools that will help benefit children and young people to flourish.