

The Benefice of All Saints', Highbrook  
& St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly

## Benefice Notices for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

### *Worship & upcoming services*

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

### **Next Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> January)**

#### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

9am Holy Communion (BCP) *All Saints', Highbrook*

10.30am Eucharist *St Margaret's, West Hoathly*



**Epiphany Blessing:** Chalk blessed at our Epiphany service is still available at the back of each church, together with a short explanation of the tradition and a prayer. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to take some and use it to add the Epiphany blessing to your homes this Epiphany season.

We then invite you to take a photo of your blessed door and email it to Rev'd Heather [heather.wilkin78@gmail.com](mailto:heather.wilkin78@gmail.com). We would love to see all the homes across our parish blessed!

### *Mission – joining in with God's work of love in the world.*

#### **Christingle Collection for The Children's Society**



We are pleased to announce that a total of £479.27 in cash was donated at the Christingle Christmas Eve service. This will go to support the work of The Children's Society.

*Many thanks* for your generosity.

Information about the work of The Children's Society can be found by following the link here:

<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/>



The  
Children's  
Society

**Basket of Blessings:** Please keep supporting those in need by placing a few items in the Baskets of Blessings in the porches of St Margaret's Church or at Luctons. *Thank you so much.*

Here is another way to support **FSW**...  
Go along to the **special fundraising concert**, with refreshments included in the price of the tickets, at St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead. It sounds like a perfect treat for a Saturday afternoon!

**Greetings Cards:** A selection of Blanks, Thanks, and Occasions, using old cards, is available in St Margaret's Church. £1 each or 6 for £5. All proceeds to FSW, Crawley Open House and Impact Foundation.



FUNDRAISING  
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IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK  
COME AND HEAR THE WONDERFUL

CHOIR & KO

Saturday 3rd February 2024 @ 3pm  
St Swithun's Church, East Grinstead  
RH19 3RZ

Tickets £10 each, to include refreshments

For further information please  
contact  
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### **Events – growing together as a**

- 'St Margaret's Thank You' party is *next* Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, from 3-5pm in West Hoathly Village Hall. All welcome. Car parking in the school playground.
- Our next **All Age Eucharist at St Margaret's Church** is on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.
- **Pancake Party** - Shrove Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at Sharpthorne Hall from 5.00 - 6.30pm. £5 per family or £2 per individual, to cover costs. To book your place and for further information please contact [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

### **Stewardship - generous giving to and through God**

**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** *This Thursday* 25<sup>th</sup> January, from 11am until 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.



### **HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of  
the month in Highbrook  
Village Hall.

10.30am -12.30pm.

All welcome!

**The next one** will be on 13<sup>th</sup>  
February (Shrove Tuesday)  
and pancakes will be served.

Nom nom nom!

**St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party:** The first one of 2024 will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 2.00 - 4.00pm. All welcome, so come along and join our merry band! Contact person: Derek [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

## **Study – deepening our understanding of God.**

**Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith 2023-2025:** This is the headline title for the three-year programme that started in the diocese in 2023. **2024 will be kept as a Year of the New Testament** (2023 was the Year of the Old Testament).



These will prepare us for a special Year of Faith in 2025 which marks both 1700 years of the Council of Nicaea and 950 years of Christian mission in the diocese based in Chichester.

The Bishop of Chichester, Dr Martin Warner, welcomes 2024 as the Year of the New Testament in a podcast interview with Rob Marshall. Bishop Martin looks at how viewing the characters and stories associated with the Old and New Testament, through a series of lenses across the ages, has enriched the text. He also talks about the Diocesan Lent course for 2024 and reveals his favourite gospel and why. Hear the interview by following the link here: [https://cofechichester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2024/01/Bishop\\_Martin\\_2024\\_Message.m4a](https://cofechichester.contentfiles.net/media/documents/document/2024/01/Bishop_Martin_2024_Message.m4a)

**Also... ALL WELCOME to come along to this Cuckfield Deanery Event** – see the poster (right) for more details. It will be informative, but not too highbrow, and promises to be a good event! The theme will be a good start to the year of the New Testament for us in the Deanery.


## **Prayer - spending time with God.**

**Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Margaret's:** You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer cross (and they can be anonymous if you wish). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.

**Cuckfield Deanery Morning**

# **WHAT IS THE NEW TESTAMENT?**

**What's in it? How did it come about?**  
**Why should we read it?**



**Come and explore this vital part of our faith with Christians from across the area**  
**led by the Revd Dr Earl Collins**  
Vicar of St John's, Hove;  
scholar & former Benedictine Abbot

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**at The Martindale Centre, Station Rd,**  
**Horsted Keynes RH17 7ED**



## Prayer for the week:

*God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord. Amen*

**For our Prayers:** Please remember to pray for yourself, for our communities, for our nation, and for the whole world.

The sick and housebound or in need of especial guidance: Debbie, Mary Cocking, Jenny Page, Bea Smith, and Shirley.

Those preparing for Baptism.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sally and Karl, Lucy and Aidan, Georgie and Ollie, Summer and Matt, Kate and Mike.

The recently departed, for Barrie Shier and Douglas Wragg, and for those whose anniversary of death fell recently, for Violet Chitty, and all who are grieving for them.

*If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please contact Karen Blackman at [brkb410@gmail.com](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com)  
If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to have their name added publicly.*

**For details of how to join others online for prayer, worship, study, and community life, and for updates, please check our website:**

[www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk](http://www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk) & [www.westhoathly.org.uk](http://www.westhoathly.org.uk)

**And social media:**

Facebook - @stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

Twitter - @StMargarets\_WH

YouTube - search for 'St Margarets West Hoathly All Saints Highbrook'

## CONTACT DETAILS

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**Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet:** Please send to Karen Blackman (by 12noon Wednesday) at [brkb410@gmail.com](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com)