

Benefice Notices for Sunday next before Lent
Sunday 11th February 2024

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 14th February



9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

7.30 - 8.30pm, St Margaret's - A Time of Reflection & Imposition of Ashes.

Friday 16th February

5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (18th February)

First Sunday of Lent

9.00am Matins (BCP)

All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' 100 Club: It's time to renew your subscription to All Saints' 100 Club. Just £12 for the year. More details to follow.

Easyfundraising: Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday, you could be raising free donations for St Margaret's Church with Easyfundraising?



A big thank you to all who already support St Margaret's through Easyfundraising, with £567.39 (as of 6th February 2024) so far having been raised for us by them. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch & many more! This means you can raise free donations for us no matter what you're buying.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

You can find our Easyfundraising page by following the link here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretswesthoathly>

Or by scanning the QR code. Thank you!



All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next cleaning party will be on Thurs. 22nd Feb., from 11am until 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Parties: A **big** thank you to those who gave of their time recently. Your help was much appreciated. The next one will be on Monday 4th March from 2pm - 4 pm.

Supporting West Hoathly Village School – and showing your love to your mum or someone special who 'mothers' you...

Please consider buying some flowers from our village school in time for Mothering Sunday. Details of how to pre-order them are on the poster, or please chat with Sarah Pigram.



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

Curry Night in aid of The Loiyangalani Trust: Mon. 11th March at 7pm - at the Tarana in Turners Hill. The meal, excluding drinks, costs £20 per head with 50% of this going to the charity. There will be a raffle too. To book, call Christine Graystone on 01342 810603 or email cbgraystone@uwclub.net

Please get together with friends and come to this as it is always a good evening with excellent food. Our thanks go to the Tarana for enabling us to have this wonderful fund raiser.



Thinking ahead to Easter Eggs? Please do consider buying an egg which is




both Christian & ethical. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate & supports charitable projects. All the eggs are Palm Oil free & the Original, White, & Dark eggs are plastic free. This year the free

Easter story-activity book has had a whole new design. It contains the story of the first Easter along with some fun activities. Over its 24 pages, the story covers the final week of the life of Jesus and includes the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. The book contains a prize competition worth £200. In addition, you can buy one online to go direct to a foodbank. Please follow the link here to see the whole range <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

Events – growing together as a community.

THIS WEEK – don't miss out on the pancakes being served on Tues. 13th!


PANCAKE PARTY
to celebrate Shrove Tuesday
on 13th February
from 5.00 -6.30pm
@ Sharpthorne Hall



No age limit!
Come along and join us for plenty of pancakes with yummy toppings, plus fun and games!

£5 per family or £2 per individual, to cover costs.

To book your place and for further information please contact derekshurvell@gmail.com



HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in Highbrook Village Hall from 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Next one will be this Tuesday, with pancakes served.

ALL WELCOME!

Study – deepening our understanding of God.

Benefice Lent Study Group: Rev'd Heather will be leading 4 reflective sessions in Lent based on the book '*Lent in Plain Sight*' by Jill Duffield - which is a devotion through ten objects.

Dates and time: Saturdays 24th February; 2nd March; 9th March and 16th March, beginning at 11:30am and ending with an option of sharing a simple lunch together. **Venue:** The Vicarage

People can buy the book if they wish but there is no necessity to do so as Heather will be adapting it to form four sessions and providing the relevant material for each of them. The sessions will be 'standalone' so you can dip in when you wish, and the lunch is optional. **All welcome!**

So sufficient materials and lunch can be prepared for each session, please let Heather know if you would like to be part of the group and whether you would like to stay on for lunch. Please sign up on the sheet in either church, or email: heather.wilkin78@gmail.com or ring 01342 529047.

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 in St Margaret's (and they can be anonymous if you wish) or email them to Rev'd Heather. All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer on Fridays.

Prayer for the week: *Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus 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, Shirley, HM King Charles III.

Those preparing for Baptism: Jacob Houliston

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

The recently departed, for Douglas Wragg, and for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, for Angela Scott and Joan Shurvell, 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
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 & www.westhoathly.org.uk

And social media:

Facebook - [@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook](https://www.facebook.com/@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook)

Twitter - [@StMargarets_WH](https://twitter.com/StMargarets_WH)

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

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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