

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



**Benefice Notices for Trinity 14 – Sun. 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2024**

**Worship & upcoming services.**

Wed. 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. 12.30pm, Surrey & Sussex Crematorium – Funeral of Ann Lavery

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

**Next Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> September)**

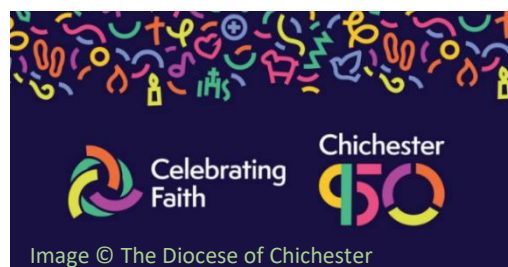
**Trinity 15**

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *All Saints', Highbrook*

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

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2pm, All Saints' – Funeral of Peter Chapman

**“This is Our Faith” Questionnaire:** 2025 marks the 950th anniversary of



the move of Christian mission in this diocese from Selsey to Chichester. This gives us an opportunity to say something about who we are, as the inheritors in the 21<sup>st</sup> century of this great momentum of Christian witness and faith.

Bishop Martin and his team have put together a questionnaire about “what your faith means to you” that they would like us all to complete. It will be a record of what our Church is like today. May we encourage you to respond to four questions about what your faith means to you by following the link here:

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=dW\\_BRnIbDEyp6sbi1qqLgZeMHZ2Ts6hMg-qjvkoNBBUQkgwVIRRSUICVU5TMUHEWDE4OVVVU1hZWS4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=dW_BRnIbDEyp6sbi1qqLgZeMHZ2Ts6hMg-qjvkoNBBUQkgwVIRRSUICVU5TMUHEWDE4OVVVU1hZWS4u&route=shorturl)

**Please note: Paper copies of the questions are also available** from both churches. Once completed, we are offering to submit your answers on online on your behalf. Please speak with Rev'd Heather or contact Karen on 07919 271963 if you would like to respond in this way. **Deadline for all responses:** 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

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

**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** *Many thanks indeed* to those who helped recently. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. Next session - Thurs. 26<sup>th</sup> September, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

**St Margaret's Churchyard working party:** The next working party will be *this* Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September from 2-4pm. Contact: [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

**A few more volunteers please:** Help would be gratefully received by Rev'd Heather with the serving of tea to Good Companions at The Vicarage this coming Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Anytime you could spare between 2.15 - 4.45pm to lend a hand would be much appreciated. Many thanks indeed.

**Cakes for St Margaret's Autumn Fair at Sharpthorne Hall on 21<sup>st</sup> September:** If you would be able to provide any cakes for the Fair, we would be very grateful. Alternatively, perhaps you would be willing to sponsor a cake by paying for the ingredients? Please chat to Sarah ([sarahpigram@outlook.com](mailto:sarahpigram@outlook.com) or Mobile: 07765 091000) or Ann Hutchings to arrange delivery or collection nearer the time, or to chat about sponsorship.



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### *Events – growing together as a community.*

Don't miss out on this sparkling event! 🥂🌟



## Sparkling Afternoon Tea

*In aid of Family Support Work*

**Saturday 14th September**

**3 - 5pm.**

St.Mary's Church Hall, Windmill Lane  
East Grinstead RH19 2DS

Tickets £15 per person

For more information and tickets please contact your

Deanery representative or

Marion 01342 324196.



## AUTUMN FAIR

**Saturday 21st September**  
**10am - 12noon**  
**at Sharpthorne Hall**  
Station Road, Sharpthorne. RH19 4PE

**Do come along and bring your friends and neighbours with you!**

*It promises to be a good morning, with an opportunity to enjoy refreshments and to browse the variety of stalls including homemade cakes, jams and chutneys, and spring bulbs, to name but a few!*

All proceeds will go towards supporting the mission and maintenance of St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly.

For more information, please contact Derek at [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)



## HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING.

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Highbrook Village Hall.  
**10.30am -12.30pm.** Open to all residents and friends of Highbrook.  
**Next one: 10<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**Basket of Blessings:** Thank you for supporting our Mission Partners with your donations. Please continue to place donations in the baskets in the porch of St Margaret’s or Luctons.



The **East Grinstead Foodbank** are currently requesting *tinned meatballs, children’s sweets, hair conditioner, hair shampoo, spray surface cleaner, tinned tomatoes and porridge oats (500g).*

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

**Expression of interest in a Bible Study Event this Autumn:** Rev’d



Heather would like to offer a morning or afternoon to help us delve more deeply into the Bible, with a focus on the Old Testament. In order to find out not only the level of interest there might be, but also what days of the week / timing would work best, if you are interested, please let Heather know (including best times

etc). It is always enriching to spend time together, exploring God’s word.

**Home Group:** Derek and Lindsay host a home group each Tuesday evening commencing at 7.30. We will be starting a study of Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Each session consists of Bible Study, prayer and refreshments. We would welcome anyone who wishes to join us. These sessions enable us to study the Bible in greater detail. They are of huge benefit to anyone wishing to consolidate their beliefs and discuss Christian ideas in an informal setting. Contact: 01342 810780 or [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

## *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 tree 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:

*Father, make me quick to listen, but slow to speak,  
and slow to become angry. Amen.*

*(based on James 1.19)*

**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: Joyce Fish, Glen, Debbie, Mary Cocking, HM King Charles III, Gill Couchy, The Princess of Wales, Annie.

Those to be confirmed: Ben Bartlett.

Those preparing for Marriage: Lucy and Aidan, Trudy and Huw.

The recently departed, for Ann Lavery, Jenny Page, Peter Chapman & for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the life of the churches of this United Benefice and upon Rev'd Heather on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her installation as Vicar of All Saints', Highbrook & St Margaret's, West Hoathly.

*If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please email Rev'd Heather ([heather.wilkin78@gmail.com](mailto:heather.wilkin78@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](https://www.facebook.com/@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook)

Twitter - [@StMargarets\\_WH](https://www.twitter.com/@StMargarets_WH)

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

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**Churchwardens of St Margaret's:**

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Tim Baker ([churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com](mailto:churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com))

**Churchwardens of All Saints':**

Adam Hackett ([adamjphackett@outlook.com](mailto:adamjphackett@outlook.com))

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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)