



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



## Benefice Notices for All Saints' Sunday Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

### Worship & upcoming events.

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November                      9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion.  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November                         5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

### **Next Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> November)**

#### **Remembrance Sunday**



9am Holy Communion (BCP) followed by an Act of Remembrance  
- *All Saints', Highbrook*

**10.45am** Service of Remembrance - *St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

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

**The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2025:** Poppies and memorial crosses to support this year's appeal are now available from both St Margaret's Church and All Saints' Church.



**Another way to support FSW:** Please consider supporting FSW if you shop at Tesco, by voting for them with your blue tokens. Help FSW win £1,500 to fund equine-assisted learning for children with mental health challenges, autism, ADHD & other SEN. Vote in-store at Forest Row Express - RH18 5EP.

### Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



**Caring for God's Creation:** As part of our care for the environment, we offer you an idea courtesy of A Rocha.UK...

Autumn is a great season to start taking part in Nature's Calendar. This is a long term, citizen-science project to record nature's events. By recording the date that, for example, the first winter birds arrive, we can see how seasons may be shifting and how this is affecting wildlife.

To contribute to this fascinating project see the Woodland Trust's Nature Calendar by scanning the QR code or following the link here <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>



**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** Many thanks indeed to our recent loyal helpers. Much was achieved in a relatively short space of time. Next session –Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

**St Margaret's Churchyard working party:** *This* Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 2 - 4pm. All welcome to lend a hand! Contact Derek [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com) for more information or simply turn up ideally bringing gloves with you.



**A BIG THANK YOU to all our knitters and crocheters...**

Thank you so much to everyone who has contributed a knitted or crocheted poppy/poppies to the big poppy fall. The fall will be on display inside St Margaret's Church later this week. Do come and admire it and the creativity of our RBL supporters and the WH branch of the Royal British Legion. The church is open every day during daylight hours.

**Thank you so much.**



*Events – growing together as a community.*

**LANTERN MAKING  
AT  
WEST HOATHLY VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 15th November  
from 1.00 – 5.00pm**

COME ALONG AND MAKE A WILLOW LANTERN AND BE READY FOR THE LANTERN PROCESSION ON SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER BEFORE CAROLS IN THE SQUARE.

Donations to cover cost of materials and lights would be appreciated.  
PLEASE JUST COME ALONG, OR EMAIL DEREK AT [DEREKSHURVELL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:DEREKSHURVELL@GMAIL.COM)

Save the date!  
CAROLS IN THE SQUARE  
April/Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December



A warm welcome awaits for  
**COFFEE CAKE CHAT**

At St Margaret's Church  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**  
10am - 12noon

No charge but a contribution towards expenses welcomed.

## Study – deepening our understanding of God.



**Advent Calendars:** If you are thinking about how you can share the Good News with your children, or grandchildren, then do check out the Real Advent Calendar. (<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk>).

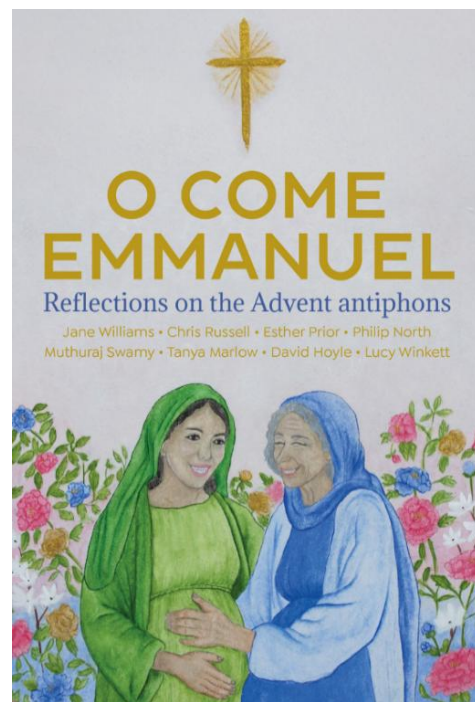
Behind each of the 25 windows there is a Fairtrade Chocolate (30% cocoa and Palm oil free) and a line from the Christmas story with colourful matching picture. It

comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent.

### **A highly recommended read this Advent...**

*O Come Emmanuel – Reflections on the Advent antiphons:* This beautifully illustrated Advent companion booklet explores the ancient biblical names and images for the coming Messiah familiar to most people from the hymn, ‘O come, O come Emmanuel’.

Well-known writers offer a total of 24 reflections, one for each weekday of the four weeks of Advent. The writers each offer three reflections on one of the seven antiphons: O Wisdom, O Adonai, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Morning Star, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel. Lastly, there are three reflections on the Magnificat – Mary’s Song. Each day includes the text of the antiphon from Common Worship, a Scripture reading exploring its biblical roots, paintings of the antiphon as a focus for meditation, a reflection, a challenge to ponder and also an Advent prayer. It is available from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/> as well as other websites.



### 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). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer on Fridays.

#### **Prayer for the week:**

*Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through 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: Glen, Mary Darlinson, Joyce Fish, Mary Cocking, Gill Couchy, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce, and Mark.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sophie & Joe.

The recently departed, Meriel Stinson, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, George Delfas, Margaret Ockenden, Michèle Jaques, Ann Francis, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the homes of our parish – this week we pray for all who live in Top Road, Bulldogs Bank and Longview Lane.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for the clergy & church family of The Presentation, Haywards Heath.

For God's blessing on St Margaret's Building Project as the tendering process gets underway and a faculty from the Diocesan Chancellor is applied for.

*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://twitter.com/StMargarets_WH)

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

## St Margaret's Easyfundraising page:

Scan the QR code or follow the link here

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretswesthoathly>

to raise free donations to us at **no** extra cost to you!



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