



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



Benefice Notices for Trinity 16 Sunday 5th October 2025

Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 8th October 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion.
Friday 10th October 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (12th October)

Trinity 17

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

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



Harvest Festival: *Thank you* for all the harvest donations which we have received, both in advance and at the services today. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will be dividing all donations between East Grinstead Foodbank, Crawley Open House and Family Support Work (FSW).

Also, a *big thank you* to those who will have decorated our churches this Harvest time with beautiful and imaginative creations.

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

St Margaret's Churchyard working party: This Monday (6th October) from 2 - 4pm. It is not all work as we do stop for tea, cake and a chat! It would be lovely if new folk could join us - there are many jobs of all shapes and sizes. If you would like to know more, please contact Derek Shurvell (derekshurvell@gmail.com) or just come along, ideally bringing gloves with you.

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Next session – Thursday 30th October, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

★ **Helpers needed!** ★ West Hoathly School is looking for adult volunteers to come and listen to the children read on a regular basis. Do you have a spare hour, just once a week? Or maybe you know a grandparent, aunt, uncle, neighbour, friend who might like to help out. If so, please do ask them to contact the School Office to find out more. Many thanks. 📄

Events – growing together as a community.

COFFEE CAKE CHAT

at St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 21st October

from 10am – 12pm

All welcome.



Meet old and make new friends over homemade cakes and fresh coffee. No charge but contributions towards expenses will be gratefully accepted.

Looking ahead – some dates for your diaries ...

- **All Souls' Day Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** – Saturday 1st November at 11am, at St Margaret's Church.
- **Lantern Making** – Saturday 15th November from 1.00-5.00pm, at West Hoathly Village Hall.
- **Carols in the Square** - Sunday 7th December at 6pm, preceded by the lantern procession.

We invite you to support our village Primary School through this seasonal fundraiser. All the details are on the poster. ➡

It's a popular event if last year's attendance is anything to go by. There are limited spaces so don't miss out!

Please contact sa@westhoathlyschool.co.uk to book your space **now**.



Study – deepening our understanding of God.

The Weekly Readings and Prayers at the St Margaret's Sunday Eucharist: If you would like to read these in advance, or re-read and reflect on them after the Eucharist, they can be downloaded from the website or emailed directly to you by Karen at brkb410@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:

*Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
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, Val, Mary Cocking, Gill Couchy, Annie, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce, and Mark.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sophie & Joe.

The recently departed, Kenny, and Colin, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Peter Brewster and Vera Mensinga, 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 Hurstwood Lane, Birchgrove Lane, Birchgrove Road & School 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 St Mark's, Staplefield Common
If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please email Rev'd Heather (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 & www.westhoathly.org.uk

And social media:

Facebook - @stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

Twitter - @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!



CONTACT DETAILS

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Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please email Karen at brkb410@gmail.com (ideally by Wednesday 12noon.)

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HOLY COMMUNION

9.30am - Every Wednesday

(**except** on the first Wednesday of the month when it will be on the Thursday instead)

St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly

A short, said service of prayer, Bible readings and Holy Communion to help us to draw closer to God, and to set us up for the day ahead.

ALL WELCOME



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Calling all knitters and crocheters...

The Committee of the West Hoathly Royal British Legion are planning to create a big poppy fall inside St Margaret's Church to mark this special year of 80th anniversaries, and for the Remembrance Sunday Service on 9th November. The plan is to attach knitted or crocheted poppies to netting to create the fall. **Please would you help them by knitting or crocheting poppies?**

Patterns for poppies can be downloaded from the St Margaret's Church website. Poppies can be left in the church or given to Bev Mager (bkmager55@gmail.com). The more poppies made, the bigger the display, so please may we encourage you to get knitting and/or crocheting now!
Thank you so much.