



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



Benefice Notices for Remembrance Sunday Sunday 9th November 2025

Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 12th November 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion.
Friday 14th November 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday 15th November 1.00-5.00pm, WH Village Hall – Lantern Making

Next Sunday (16th November)

2nd Sunday before Advent

9am Matins (BCP)

All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

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

Winter Update from Crawley Open House:



Dear friends,

As the nights get darker and colder thoughts turn to winter and Christmas - the hardest season of all to be experiencing homelessness, and the busiest time for residential homeless shelters like ours. We would love your help this Christmas time, and we have a forthcoming event to tell you about...



Music for Crawley Open House - Four professional musicians are donating their time and skill to curate a light and varied concert on Sunday 23rd November at 3.30pm at St Barnabas Church, Pound Hil, Crawley RH10 7DY. Bring a friend or relative and support our work whilst enjoying a musical treat! All the details are on the poster here. (It is also on display in St Margaret's Church.) Tickets can be bought from <https://shorturl.at/9TNZC>

For Christmas: *If you are able to help us, please donate items that we need from the following list or the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' which can be found along with all other festive information on our website via this link <https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/operationsanta>*

Things we especially need this Christmas...

- Chocolate advent calendars
- Notebook/diary and pens
- Men's woolly hats, scarves and gloves
- Gift sets of 2 or 3 toiletries - e.g. Lynx sets of shampoo & shower gel or similar, for men and women
- Pac a Macs
- Torches
- Umbrellas
- Cadbury selection boxes
- New socks & underwear for men and women
- Thermos flasks

Everything we do is made possible by your kindness, your generosity and your support. **Thank you.** Any queries, please contact us on 01293 407658 or ian.wilkins@crawleyopenhouse.co.uk

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

Churchyard Working Party: Thank you to all who gave of their time at the recent working party at St Margaret's. Next one: Mon. 1st Dec. from 2-4pm.

All Saints' Church cleaning: Next one will be on Thursday 27th November from 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

Our Advent and Christmas preparations: We will need help in various ways in the run up to Christmas. **Please can you help?**

- ***Sponsorship of our Christmas Events for the village:*** Would you be willing to help sponsor Carols in the Square, and the lighting that will last during the Christmas period?
- ***Giving of your time:*** Volunteers will be needed to help with Carols in the Square on Sunday 7th December. Could you spare some time to lend a hand?
- ***Parish Christmas cards:*** We are hoping to have a parish Christmas card again this year. Please be ready to help us to spread the invitation to every house in the Benefice by offering to deliver the cards to a road or two. The cards will be at the back of each church soon.
- ***Refreshments after the Carols in the Square*** – Please could you let us know if you can help in any way with the refreshments that we plan to serve. Please speak with Rev'd Heather, Derek or the churchwardens if you can help in any of these ways. *Your support you will be truly appreciated. Thank you so much.*

Events – growing together as a community.

Lantern making workshop: This will take place **THIS Saturday 15th November**, at **West Hoathly Village Hall** from 1.00 – 5.00 pm. Come along and make a willow lantern and be ready for the Lantern procession on Sunday 7th December before Carols in the Square. Donations to cover the cost of materials and lights would be appreciated. Please email Derek at derekshurvell@gmail.com for more information.



COFFEE CAKE CHAT at St Margaret's
Tuesday 18th November, 10am – 12pm.

All welcome.

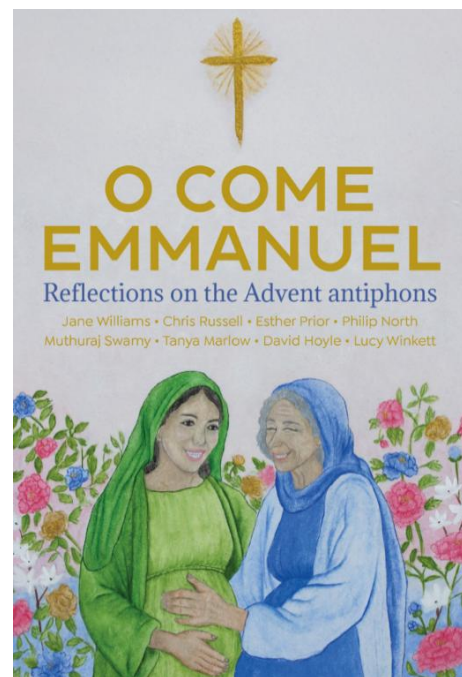
Meet old and make new friends over homemade cakes and fresh coffee. No charge but contributions towards expenses will be gratefully accepted.

Study – deepening our understanding of God.

A highly recommended read this Advent...

O Come Emmanuel – Reflections on the Advent antiphons: This beautifully illustrated Advent companion explores the ancient biblical names and images for the coming Messiah.

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 an Advent prayer. Copies can be ordered from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/> as well as other websites.



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. On the website you can also purchase one to go directly to a food bank and buy other Christmas treats.

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:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven 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: Alana Woodward, 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, Margaret Coxall, & Margaret Arbuthnot, 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 Station Approach, Station Road & Highcroft Road.

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 Giles', Horsted Keynes.

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). 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!



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Items for Notice sheet: Email Karen at brkb410@gmail.com (ideally by Wednesday 12noon.)