



Benefice Notices for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) Sunday 1st February 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Thursday 5th February 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 6th February 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (8th February)

Second Sunday before Lent

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

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

Palm crosses from last year would now be gratefully received by Rev'd Heather to make ash for **Ash Wednesday (18th February)**. Thanks!

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



Caring for God's Creation: Did you know that you may well have a digital carbon footprint? From storing emails, to using AI, everything we do online uses energy and has an impact on the environment. But there are ways we can minimise our impact when we're online. See the display in St Margaret's for some tips to get us started.

All Saints' APCM - Sunday 1st March, following 4pm Evensong. The



Electoral Roll for All Saints' is now open for revision. If you are over 16, baptised and a regular at All Saints', your name should be on the Roll. Forms are available via the website or from the table at the back of the church until 8th February.

Any queries, please contact the All Saints' Electoral Roll Officer, Sophie Hill (sophiedianahill@gmail.com) or Rev'd Heather.

All Saints' Church Cleaning: *Grateful thanks* to those who lent a hand with the recent cleaning, and to all who help care for our beautiful church. The church looks much smarter because of our combined efforts! Next session: Thursday 26th February from 11am -1pm.



St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: The next one will be *this* Monday (2nd) from 2.00 - 4.00pm. All welcome! For more details email Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com or simply come along, ideally bringing gloves too.

Events – growing together as a community.

Here are couple of events to look forward to in the weeks ahead...

There's something for everyone!



A warm welcome awaits for
COFFEE CAKE CHAT
At St Margaret's Church
TUESDAY 17th February
10am - 12noon
No charge but a contribution towards expenses welcomed.

PANCAKE PARTY

to celebrate Shrove Tuesday
on 17th February
from 5.00 -6.30pm
@ Sharphorne 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

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

Baskets of Blessings – latest needs: Baskets of Blessings can be found in the porches of St Margaret's Church and Luctons. *Thank you so much* for any contributions you can give to support our Mission partners.

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 emailing Karen at brkb410@gmail.com.

Cuckfield Deanery Morning 2026

ART and PRAYER

How do Art and Christianity talk to each other?
How can Art broaden our approach to prayer and Bible reading?



THIS Saturday

To lead our morning, we welcome
The Revd Charles Pickstone
Anglican priest, freelance art critic, trustee of Art & Christianity, and secretary of AICA-UK

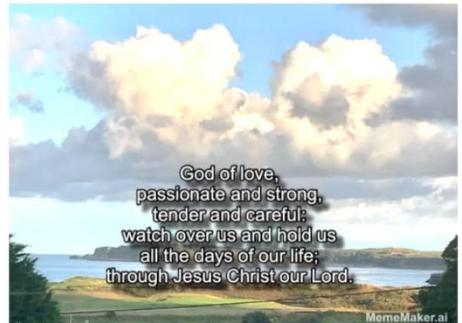
Saturday 7th February 2026
10am to 1pm
at The Ascension Church, Vale Road,
Haywards Heath. RH16 4JS

ALL WELCOME
It should be an interesting and inspiring morning, which will include a brief act of worship, talks by the speaker, questions and discussion, and of course coffee and cake!

Prayer - spending time with God.



Prayer resources: Thinking about praying but not sure where to start? There are some free prayer resources available in St Margaret's, or see the dedicated page about prayer on our website: <http://westhoathly.org.uk/prayer>



Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Margaret's: Over the next few months at Evening Prayer, we will be following the account of Jesus through the Gospel according to Matthew. You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree (and they can be anonymous if you wish). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer. If you are not able to add the prayer yourself, names or intentions can still be held before God. Simply email Rev'd Heather and she will ensure that these are included too.



Prayer for the week:

*Lord Jesus, Light from Light, you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. 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, Gill Couchy, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce Johnson, Mark, and Joan Wilkin.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sarah & Mark, Jessica & Christopher, and Emma & Adam.

The recently departed, Mary Cocking, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, John Clements, 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, and 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.

Thanking God for the quotes received as a result of the tendering process. For God's blessing on the St Margaret's Building Project as it shortly gets underway.

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

Vicar: The Reverend Heather Wilkin

Email: heather.wilkin78@gmail.com Telephone: 01342 529047

Heather's rest day is usually Monday.

Churchwardens of St Margaret's:

Ann Hutchings (churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com) or

Tim Baker (churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com)

Churchwardens of All Saints':

Adam Hackett (adamjphackett@outlook.com) or

Roger Cobden-Ramsay (Roger.cobdenramsay@gmail.com)

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