



## Benefice Notices for the Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

### Next Sunday (26<sup>th</sup> April)

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter


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.



**OPEN GARDENS 2026**

**MAR** FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> & SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MARCH | BUTLERS FARMHOUSE | 2-5PM  
Butlers Lane, Herstmonceux, BN27 1QH

**APR** THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL | THE OLD RECTORY | 10AM-3PM  
The Old Rectory, Warbleton TN21 9PT

**JUN** SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE | KITCHENHAM ROAD | 2-5PM  
Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9NP

**JUN** TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> & WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE | BUTLERS FARMHOUSE | 2-5PM  
Butler's Lane, Herstmonceux, BN27 1QH

**JUN** SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE | SEAFORD GARDENS | MIDDAY-5PM  
Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 2JA

**JUN** SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE | ALDERBURY | 11AM-5PM  
Church Hill, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1AB

**JUL** SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JULY | DALE PARK HOUSE | TIME TBA  
Madehurst, Arundel, BN18 ONP

**JUL** SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY | CUPANI GARDEN | MIDDAY-5PM  
8 Sandgate Close, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 3LL

**AUG** SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> AUGUST | KITCHENHAM ROAD | 2-5PM  
Kitchenham Road, Ashburnham, Battle, East Sussex, TN33 9NP

**AUG** SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> & SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST | BUTLERS FARMHOUSE | 2-5PM  
Butler's Lane, Herstmonceux, BN27 1QH

**SEPT** SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER | ALDERBURY | 11AM-5PM  
Church Hill, Pulborough, West Sussex, RH20 1AB



### FSW Open Gardens 2026

We are all invited to join FSW this spring for the start of Open Garden Season! Each garden is unique and well worth a visit, so do go along to as many as you like.

FSW will be serving teas and cakes, with all profits going directly to support their work with families in Sussex.

For more details, please use the link below to visit the Events page on their website

<https://www.familysupportwork.org/events/>  
to see each Open Garden individually.

## Christian Aid Week: 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026:

Please put these dates in your diary and be ready to join us as a church to help raise funds. *For more information as to how to support this year's appeal, see the article in The Chronicle.*



## Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

**St Margaret's Church Electoral Roll:** The Electoral Roll is now open for revision, with forms available via the website.



If you are over 16, baptised and a regular worshipper at St Margaret's, but are not yet on our Electoral Roll, **now is a good time to sign-up.** Please email or give completed forms to either the St Margaret's Electoral Roll Officer, Duncan Dunsmore-Rouse, at

[duncanrouse67@gmail.com](mailto:duncanrouse67@gmail.com) or to Rev'd Heather at [heather.wilkin78@gmail.com](mailto:heather.wilkin78@gmail.com). In preparation for the APCM, on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May following the 10.30am Eucharist, the roll will close on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

**St Margaret's Churchyard working party:** Next one - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm, (the Monday is a bank holiday). Lending a hand will be greatly appreciated! For more details please contact Derek ([derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)).

**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** Next cleaning session - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

## Events – growing together as a community.

### COFFEE CAKE CHAT

THIS Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 10am – 12pm.

**At St Margaret's Church**

**All welcome.**

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



**West Hoathly Village Hall**  
North Lane, West Hoathly, RH19 4QG.

# SPRING FAIR

Organised by St Margaret's Church  
**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am - 12noon**

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

It promises to be a good morning, with an opportunity to explore our historic village, enjoy refreshments, browse the variety of stalls, and take in the views from our beautifully maintained churchyard.

Plenty of stalls including ...  
homemade cakes, jams and chutneys, and beautiful plants, to name but a few!



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



## *Calling West Hoathly and Highbrook Church families...*

All Saints' are running a Tombola stall at the WH Spring Fair on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. We would be most grateful for your help with providing some good quality prizes that will appeal to all ages please. Sweets, drinks, (as new) games & gift items etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donated prizes with Adam, Roger, Ann or Tim. *Many thanks.*

## **Cakes for the Spring Fair - Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May**

If you would be able to provide any cakes for the church's stall, we would love to hear from you. Not a baker? No worries - perhaps you would sponsor a cake by paying for the ingredients? Please talk to Sarah Pigram or Ann Hutchings to arrange delivery/collection nearer the time, or to chat about sponsorship. Contact: [sarahpigram@outlook.com](mailto:sarahpigram@outlook.com) or ring: 07765 091000

## *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](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com)

## *Prayer - spending time with God.*



**Prayer for this week when we mark Earth Day:** *God of creation, who loves all he has made and all that has evolved, open the eyes of your people, that your love might be reflected in our care for the planet. Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.* (Source: Rt Revd Nicholas Baines Bishop of Leeds)

**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.

**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, Joyce Fish, Gill Couchy, Sylvia, Stella, Steve O’Keefe, and Joyce Johnson.

Those preparing for Baptism - Luca, and for Confirmation - Paul Johnson.

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

The recently departed, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Janet Slater, Mick Taylor, 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 Chapel Row, The Beacon & The Hollow.

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 Mary Magdalene’s, Bolney.

For God’s blessing on St Margaret’s Building Project.

*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

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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Heather’s rest day is usually Monday.

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

**Churchwardens of All Saints’:**

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

Roger Cobden-Ramsay ([Roger.cobdenramsay@gmail.com](mailto:Roger.cobdenramsay@gmail.com))

Items for this weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please send to Karen at

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