



## Benefice Notices for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

#### Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

#### **Next Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> May)**

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

10.30am All Age Eucharist

*St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

*All Saints', Highbrook*

**An important message from Rev'd Heather... Some very good news!!**  
*The Building Project at St Margaret's will begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April, with essential drainage work beginning on our main churchyard access paths on 5<sup>th</sup> May. For safety reasons the church will be **closed except for services**. The heating will be switched off during the project, so please come to services wrapped up warm. You are still invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree when the church is open for services or place a request using the prayer request form on our website. For private prayers in a peaceful setting, we invite you to explore the churchyard, perhaps using the bible verses you'll find by the side of the paths for inspiration and comfort. Donations to our basket of blessings are still welcome but please place them in the porch of Luctons during this time. Please bear with us during this time of inevitable disruption. May we assure you that it will all be worth it in the end! **Thank you.***

***Consultation on the next Bishop of Chichester:*** Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at [tinyurl.com/next-bishop](https://tinyurl.com/next-bishop). It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until May 26<sup>th</sup>. Responses from everyone are welcome.

#### **Events – growing together as a community.**

**Coming up!** Spring Fair – Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> May, West Hoathly Village Hall. 10am -12pm noon: Do come bringing your family and friends with you! With a variety of stalls & plenty of refreshments, it is sure to be an enjoyable occasion for everyone! ***Please bring cash as not all the stalls will be able to accept cards.***



***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**

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 or to chat about sponsorship.

Contact: [sarahpigram@outlook.com](mailto:sarahpigram@outlook.com) or ring: 07765 091000



**Stewardship - generous giving to and through God**



**St Margaret's Electoral Roll:** Revision of the Electoral Roll for St Margaret's Church closes **TODAY (26<sup>th</sup> April)**. There is still time to join but don't delay! The form is available via our website.

Please email 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).

**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** All Saints' Church Cleaning party would love you to join them at their next cleaning session **THIS Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 11am - 1pm**. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. and tackle a task of your choice! Thank you.

**St Margaret's Churchyard working party:** Next one will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May from 2-4pm. Contact Derek ([derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)) for more info.

**St Margaret's Annual Parochial Church Meeting:** This will be on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May following the 10.30am Eucharist. The nomination forms for standing for PCC & Deanery Synod are available from Rev'd Heather.

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

**Basket of Blessings:** Please keep supporting those in need if you can by placing a few items in the Baskets of Blessings in the porch at Luctons. Thank you so much.



**Christian Aid Week (10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May):** St Margaret's Church invites you, if you can, to support the...

**'7 days, so many ways Christian Aid Week Appeal'.**

With 7 days and so many ways to raise funds for the Christian Aid Week appeal, what will you pick? Bake, run, swim, walk or simply financially give what you can? If you would like to support the appeal, please may we encourage you to donate online using the electronic envelope that Rev'd Heather has set up. This can be accessed by scanning the QR code displayed here.



**Prayer - spending time with God.**



**Prayer for this week:** *Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father. Amen.*

**Evening Prayer in St Margaret's – Fridays at 5.30pm:** You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree in St Margaret's when the church is open (and they can be anonymous if you wish). Alternatively, place a request using the prayer request form on our website <http://westhoathly.org.uk/prayer/prayer-requests> All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.

**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, Killian, 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, Veronica, 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 North Lane & Hilltop 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 Holy Trinity, Cuckfield.

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](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!



## CONTACT DETAILS

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

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

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHRISTIAN

who was baptised at St Margaret’s Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April...

**Grace**, our new sister in Christ.

*“There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body”.*

*“We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.”*