



Benefice Notices for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 10th May 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wed. 13th May **No** Mid-Week Holy Communion

Fri. 15th May 5.30pm, St Margaret's – Evening Prayer (BCP) with the celebration of The Ascension

Next Sunday (17th May)

7th Sunday of Easter

9.00am Matins (BCP)

All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

St Margaret's Church APCM Next Sunday 17th May after the 10.30am Eucharist. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the St Margaret's Church family to look back at the year that's been, and to give thanks to God, as well as elect new officers and look towards the future together. Do come!

THE BUILDING PROJECT AT ST MARGARET'S. *This has now begun, and essential drainage work is currently taking place on our main churchyard access paths.*

*For safety reasons the **church is closed except for services**. The heating has been switched off so please bear that in mind when attending services. 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. To give donations to support the work of **Refugees Welcome Crawley**, please email rwchair@gmail.com to arrange alternative drop-off/collection.*

*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.***

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



Christian Aid Week - Starting today, 10th 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. Visit our envelope page at

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/benefice-highbrook-and-west-hoathly>

or it can be accessed by scanning the QR code displayed here.



If you prefer to donate by cash or as a cheque, please put your donation in an envelope labelled 'Christian Aid Week Appeal' and pass it on to St Margaret's Church – via Rev'd Heather at the WH Vicarage, Bev Mager in Sharpthorne, or bring your labelled envelope along to the 10.30am service at St Margaret's Church, on Sunday 17th May or Sunday 24th May.

A booklet of 'Devotional Prayers & Reflections', for us to pray for their work and our response this special week, are available from Karen (brkb410@gmail.com).

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



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St Margaret's Spring Fair last weekend: A *big thank you* to everyone who supported our Fair, especially those who baked cakes and goodies, all our buyers and sellers, and those who kindly helped to set up and/or to tidy away. It was a real team effort. It was lovely to see so many people come along and enjoying time together at West Hoathly Village Hall. The amount raised, which will go to supporting the Mission and Ministry of St Margaret's Church, will be announced soon.



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Big Garden Birdwatch 2026: The bird which came top of the spots in the Big Garden Birdwatch has been revealed! Scan the QR code here to see the results.



All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next session will be on **Wednesday 27th May**, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you.

St Margaret's Churchyard working party: Grateful thanks to our loyal churchyard gardeners who helped recently. What a difference you make! The next session will be on Monday 1st June from 2-4pm. Your help will be greatly appreciated. For more info please contact Derek at derekshurvell@gmail.com

Events – growing together as a community.



A warm welcome awaits for
COFFEE CAKE CHAT
At Sharpthorne Hall
Tuesday 19th May
10am - 12noon
No charge but a contribution
towards expenses welcomed.

Good news!

Our monthly **COFFEE CAKE CHAT**
will be taking place.

Please note the venue this month is
SHARPTHORNE HALL

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Prayer - spending time with God.



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.

Prayer for the week – 'Prayer of Hope' this **Christian Aid Week** from Christian Aid.

God of resurrection

We turn from the cross of death towards the tree of life

And dare to imagine another possible world

Where violent conflict becomes peaceful reconciliation

Where hunger and thirst are filled and quenched

Where barriers of exclusion become bridges of opportunity

Where pain and tears are healed and tenderly wiped away

Where world weary hearts are strengthened and reenergised

Where the leaves of the tree heal all the nations

*In a time of inequality and division we are united by hope,
anticipating the flourishing of creation and fullness of life for everyone*

To the glory and praise of your Almighty name. 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, Joyce Fish, Gill Couchy, Sylvia, Bobi, 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, Susan Chapman, 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 Church Hill & Hoathly Hill.

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 Richard’s, Haywards Heath.

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). 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](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!



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Items for this weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please send to Karen at brkb410@gmail.com