



Benefice Notices for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 3rd May 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Thursday 7th May 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion

Friday 8th May 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (10th May) Christian Aid Week begins

6th Sunday of Easter

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

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

THE BUILDING PROJECT AT ST MARGARET'S

This has now begun and essential drainage work on our main churchyard access paths will commence this week.

*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 rwccchair@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.***

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



St Margaret's Annual Parochial Church Meeting -

Sunday 17th May following the 10.30am Eucharist.

Please do make every effort to attend this important meeting. 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. Nomination forms for standing for PCC are now available from Rev'd Heather.

Events – growing together as a community.

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

SPRING FAIR
Organised by St Margaret's Church
Saturday 9th 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



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THIS SATURDAY!

SPRING FAIR
Saturday 9th May
West Hoathly Village Hall

Do come along on the day, bringing your family and friends with you.

With a variety of stalls, and 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.*

Cakes for the Spring Fair this Saturday: We are very grateful to those who have already promised us cakes. Thank you! However, it is not too late to offer to bake - there can never be too much cake, can there?! Please contact Sarah Pigram or Ann H to arrange delivery and/or collection or to chat about sponsorship. Contacts: sarahlpigram@outlook.com ring: 07765 091000

Final call to West Hoathly and Highbrook Church families... We would be most grateful for a few more good quality prizes for the Tombola stall that All Saints' are running at the **Spring Fair this Saturday**. Sweets, drinks, (as new) games & gift items etc. would be greatly appreciated. Please leave donated prizes with Adam, Roger, Ann or Tim. ***Thank you so much!***

LEGSHEATH GARDEN will be open as part of the National Garden Scheme (NGS) on Sunday, 10th May from 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm.

The garden at Legsheath Farm has opened for 45 years and this year will be open in aid of the National Garden Scheme charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Parkinson's UK, Hospice UK and Carer's Trust. Funds from the garden also support neighbouring parish churches.

The 11-acre garden looking over Weirwood Reservoir has a number of champion trees one of which is a *Davidia*, pocket handkerchief tree which will be in flower. There are South American shrubs, *Embothrium*, the Chilean fire tree and Crinodendron. There is also a border of *Meconopsis*, the Himalayan poppy and the woodland lily. **There will be a sale of plants raised in the garden. Teas with homemade cakes will be available.**

All Saints' Church Cleaning: We very much appreciate those who kindly helped recently, and to all who help care for our beautiful church. The next session will be on **Wednesday 27th May**, 11am - 1pm. Do pop this date in your diaries! Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you.



*Image by Gerd Altmann from Pixabay

St Margaret's Churchyard working party: THIS Tuesday 5th May from 2-4pm. Please help us if you can – it will be so good to see you!! More details from Derek (derekshurvell@gmail.com). Please bring gloves if you have them.

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 of Luctons. Thank you so much.



Christian Aid Week (10th - 16th 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: *Loving Father, you always hear us when we pray.*

Help us to learn to turn to you, to lean on you, to listen to you, and to trust in your ways. Amen.

(source: CAFOD)

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, 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, 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 Sandy Lane & Garden Mead.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for the clergy & church family of All Saints', Handcross.

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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