



Benefice Notices for Trinity 8 - Sunday 26th July 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 29th July 9.30am, St Margaret's – Morning Prayer

Friday 31st July 5.30pm, St Margaret's – Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (2nd August)

Trinity 9

10.30am All Age Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong (BCP)

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

All Saints', Highbrook

THE BUILDING PROJECT AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH We are delighted to say that the end is in sight!!

For safety reasons the church is
closed EXCEPT for services.

*Thank you for bearing with us during
this time of disruption. May we assure
you that it will all be worth it in the end!*

Photos here are from the rolling blog
on the St Margaret's website.

<http://westhoathly.org.uk/extension-2026>



*More details about each photo can be read
on the blog. With our very grateful thanks
to Sophie Hill for this informative record.*

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



Fancy becoming a volunteer? Whether you can spare an hour a month or a day a week, there are many flexible volunteering opportunities at FSW, and many hands make light work! If you've ever considered volunteering or feel you have skills and experience to offer, FSW would love to hear from you. If you would like to become a volunteer or to find out more, please get in touch with Jane by emailing: jane@familysupportwork.org.uk



For an in-depth update from FSW, please read their Summer Newsletter by following the link here: <https://www.familysupportwork.org/summer-newsletter-2026/>

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next session will be *this* Thursday **30th July** 10 - 11.30 am. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you.



St Margaret's Church's Churchyard working party: Monday 3rd August, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. All help will be much appreciated. Jobs will include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying and also cleaning headstones, so not just gardening. There'll be tea and cake too! If you would like to know more, please contact Derek Shurvell derekshurvell@gmail.com or simply come along, ideally bringing gloves too.

Events – growing together as a community.



COFFEE CAKE CHAT

On Tuesday 18th August, 10am – 12pm.

Venue to be confirmed nearer the time

All welcome!

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

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. 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: *Tender and compassionate God, you are our steadfast companion in all times of our lives. When we rejoice, you celebrate with us; when we are anxious and afraid, you offer us a relationship where we can find courage to face the unknown; when we weep with sadness, you are our comforter. Help us, O God, to believe that you receive us as we are, and help us to entrust ourselves, with all our many struggles and hopes, to your faithful and abiding care. Amen.*

Writer: unknown

An invitation from the Diocese of Chichester ... During this time of Vacancy in See, and as we look ahead to the ministry of a new Bishop of Chichester, we invite you to join a **monthly diocesan prayer gathering**, held on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at noon.

These gatherings will bring together lay and ordained people to pray for the life, mission, and ministry of our diocese, and to commend to God the discernment, calling, and leadership of our new bishop.

This monthly rhythm of prayer offers a space to seek God's guidance, and to hold the Diocese before Him, as the household of faith across the Diocese. All are welcome.

Meetings will take place on the **first Monday of the month with the following zoom details:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85084031631?pwd=0QKxOLYaaQMXVCmXO4kl7e8TDHIYbz.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8403 1631 Passcode: 571007

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, Joyce Johnson, Bev, and Liam.

Those preparing for Baptism: Luca, Rocky, and Lola.

Those preparing for Marriage: Emma & Adam, Sandra & David, and Teresa & Timothy.

The recently departed, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Laurence Wilkin, 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 and 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 as it nears completion.

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:

<https://www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk/> & <http://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!



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

The Churchwardens of our Benefice (for 2026 - 2027)

On 16th July, Roger & Adam from All Saints', Highbrook, and Tim & Ann from St Margaret's, West Hoathly, were sworn in by Archdeacon Angela Martin, on behalf of the Bishop, as Churchwardens of their respective church. Please pray for them at this time, that they may faithfully and diligently perform the duties of the office of churchwarden.



Rev'd Heather, Tim, Ann, Roger & Adam, with Archdeacon Angela.

We thank God for Adam, Ann, Roger and Tim, and for all they do alongside Rev'd Heather to enhance and support the life, ministry and mission of our churches.