



## Benefice Notices for Trinity 15 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026

### Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September      No mid-week Holy Communion this week.  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September          5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

### Next Sunday (20<sup>th</sup> September)

#### Trinity 16

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| 9.00am  | Matins (BCP) | <i>All Saints', Highbrook</i>      |
| 10.30am | Eucharist    | <i>St Margaret's, West Hoathly</i> |

### Some fantastic news...

#### THE BUILDING PROJECT AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

We are delighted to say that our beautiful church will  
**VERY SOON** be open during the day once more!

*Thank you so much for bearing with us during this building work - we are  
so grateful for everyone being so tolerant.*

We very much look forward to welcoming you into church for services,  
events and activities over the weeks and months (and years) ahead!

**THIS Tuesday**  
**(15<sup>th</sup> September)**



A warm welcome awaits for  
**COFFEE CAKE CHAT**

At St Margaret's Church

**THIS TUESDAY**

**10am -12noon**

No charge but a contribution  
towards expenses welcomed.

Looking ahead – a date for your diaries...



ALL ARE WELCOME TO OUR  
SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING  
Come and see our new facilities!

Saturday 3rd October 2026 at 2:30pm, followed by  
refreshments  
St Margaret's West Hoathly

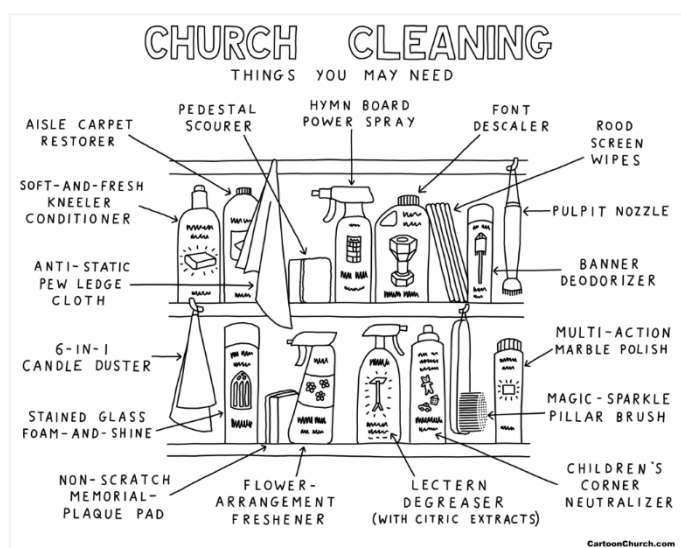


## **Stewardship - generous giving to and through God**

**St Margaret's Church's Churchyard working party:** Excellent work was completed at our recent working party. *Thank you so much, loyal helpers!*

These working parties are usually on the first Monday of each month from 2-4pm. Looking ahead the dates are **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** and **2<sup>nd</sup> November**. There are always a variety of jobs to undertake which may include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying, cleaning, and brushing, and planting – so something for all energy levels! Tools are provided but please bring gloves. We do stop for tea and a chat too, so it is not all hard work!

Our churchyard is a special place which requires lots of love and hard work to keep it tidy, why not come along and be part of the team to tackle those extra jobs which aren't part of the regular maintenance schedule. If you would like to get involved, please just come along, or contact [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)



**All Saints' Church Cleaning**  
Next one will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup>  
September, from 10 - 11.30 am.

Please just bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you!  
*Many thanks.*

This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times. <https://cartoonchurch.com/>

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

**Refugees Welcome Crawley:** Refugees Welcome Crawley provide essential humanitarian support for refugees living in the Crawley area. The charity would especially appreciate donations of *men's clothing, suitcases or backpacks in very good condition.*



There is a donations box in the church porch (accessible when the church is open) or please email [rwccchair@gmail.com](mailto:rwccchair@gmail.com) to arrange alternative drop-off/collection, especially for larger items.

**Thank you so much if you can help.**

Find out more about the work of Refugees Welcome Crawley at <https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/> Registered charity 1186127

## **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. 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:**

*Holy Spirit, abiding presence of God,  
stay close to us in the ordinary places of this day.  
When our strength runs thin, remind us that we are not alone,  
for Jesus Christ has made his home within us.*

*Amen*

*(Courtesy of Rev'd Mark Nam, Vicar of St John's, Woodley)*

**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: Annabell, Doreen Walker, Glen, Joyce Fish, Gill Couchy, Sylvia, Bobi, Steve O'Keefe, Killian, Joyce Johnson, and Liam.

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

The recently departed, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Trevor Smith, Pauline Hands, Gordon Young, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the life of the schools and those being home educated in this parish at the start of a new academic year – the children and their families, the staff, governors and headteachers.

Thankfulness to God for the near completion of the 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:**

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

### **And social media:**

Facebook - @stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

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

**Vicar:** *The Reverend Heather Wilkin*

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*Heather's rest day is usually Monday.*

#### **Churchwardens of St Margaret's:**

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

#### **Churchwardens of All Saints':**

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

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

Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please email Karen at [brkb410@gmail.com](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com) (ideally by Wednesday 12noon.)

### Creationtide or the Season of Creation

September marks the period of Creationtide in the Church calendar. It's a time to celebrate God's creation and reflect on how we care for it. We invite you to join us in prayer, using perhaps the one here as a springboard to your own prayers at this time of year.

*O God and Father of all that was, is and ever shall be,  
help us to be thankful for all that is made at the hands of your Son  
and through the wisdom of your Spirit,  
that we may care in heart and in deed for the life of our world,  
to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen*



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### WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST CHRISTIAN

who was baptised at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Rocky**, our new brother 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."*