



Benefice Notices for Trinity 16 Sunday 20th September 2026

Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 23 rd September	9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
Friday 25 th September	5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday 26 th September	3pm, St Margaret's – Wedding of Sandra Jones and David Styles

Next Sunday (27th September)

Trinity 17

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

Coming up fast...



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



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.*

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Next session - *this* Thursday, 24th September, from 10 - 11.30 am. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you. We look forward to seeing you!!



St Margaret's Church's Churchyard working party: The next working party will be Monday 5th October, from 2- 4pm. Contact: derekshurvell@gmail.com

Caring for God's Creation: As part of our joint responsibility to care for God's creation, All Saints' and St Margaret's would like to offer you this tip courtesy of People's Trust for Endangered Species.



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Late summer fruit can be an important food source for wildlife. If you have fruit trees, leaving a few windfalls on the ground can help insects, birds and mammals. Just move any rotting fruit away from paths or seating areas and leave a small amount in a quiet corner for wildlife to find. (For more

ideas for a wildlife friendly garden and to read about the work of PTES, an international conservation charity, working to protect animals and their habitats, follow the link here <https://ptes.org/>)

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

Harvest Appeals: We invite you to donate, if you can, either food or financially, to support the work of our Mission partners this Harvest season. Please bring your donations to our churches' **Harvest Festival Services on Sunday 4th October**, when we will say thank you to God for all the gifts of the harvest, and to share God's bounty with those who are less fortunate.

Please follow the links here to find other ways to support our Mission Partners:

Refugees Welcome Crawley: <https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/donate/>

EG Foodbank: Donate online at givetoday.co.uk please.



<https://www.familysupportwork.org/get-involved/donation/>

A message from Crawley Open House - HARVEST APPEAL 2026

“Last year was busy for Crawley Open House. Crawley and the surrounding area continue to record high levels of homelessness, and our hostel beds were full more than 99% of the time. Key to the services we offer is food. From the three meals a day we provide to residents in our high-support hostel to the food parcels we give to people in food crisis.

Local schools and places of worship have generously supported Crawley Open House and The Easter Team charities at harvest time for many years. For more than 30 years, we have worked together and we are reaching out in the hope you can support us.

Around 75% of everything we give to those in need was donated to us – this means that without the kindness and generosity of the community around us we would not be able to help those who need us most.



**Crawley
Food Bank
Partnership**

To work more efficiently in tackling the growing levels of food poverty locally, Crawley Open House and The Easter Team have combined food donations and stores under the name of the Crawley Foodbank Partnership. Given the scale of need, we are

making a joint appeal to ask you to consider donating the proceeds of your harvest festivals and collections to us this year.

The most useful items are tins or packets of the following: meat, fish, vegetables, soup, beans and fruit, sugar, UHT milk, cereals, rice, instant noodles, cooking sauces, bottles of squash, desserts, coffee/ tea and biscuits, but of course, all donations are welcome.

Thank you so much for your support.

Reg. Charity No.: 1048919

website: <https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/>

Events – growing together as a community.



COFFEE CAKE CHAT at St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 20th October, 10am – 12pm

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. 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.

Some words from the late Mother Teresa to reflect on this week:

Be kind and merciful. Let no one ever come to you without coming away better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smiles, kindness in your warm greeting.

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: Shirley, Alex, 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, Frank Mason, Kathleen Campbell, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the life of the Uniformed Groups of our village – the youngsters & their families, the leaders, all adult helpers and other volunteers.

To thank God for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety.

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). 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](https://www.facebook.com/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!



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