The Benefice of All Saints', Highbrook
& St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly

Benefice Notices for Advent Sunday
Sunday 29th November 2026

Worship & upcoming events.

Thursday 3rd December	9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
Friday 4th December	9.00 – 10.30am, St Margaret's – Little Dragons
	5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday 5th December	10.30am-3pm, All Saints' – 'Christmas Promise'

Next Sunday (6th December)
Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am	All Age Eucharist	*St Margaret's, West Hoathly*
6.00pm	Carols in the Square	*Queen's Square, West Hoathly*

(Please note: There will **not** be a service at All Saints' Highbrook on Sunday)



Forever in our hearts this Christmastime: Whether you lost someone many years ago or it's your first Christmas since they died, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. If you are missing someone you love this Christmas, we invite you to light a candle in St Margaret's Church and write their name on an angel shape to hang on our special remembrance Christmas tree. The church will be open especially for this on **Wed. 16th December, from 4.30 - 5.30pm**. All welcome.

Parish Christmas cards: The cards are now available. Please help us to spread the invitation to every house in the Benefice by offering to deliver the cards to a road or two. The cards are at the back of each church, and in St Margaret's they are divided into roads or areas. Thank you.



Journeying through Advent…

Today marks the beginning of the season of Advent, and on each day, we'll be posting a picture of Mary and Joseph on their way to the stable, where Jesus will be born on Christmas day. They will be travelling around the benefice, so look on our Facebook page each day, to see where they have been.
https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

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

Refugees Welcome Crawley would love to receive your donations of (new) socks, gloves, beanie hats, packs of cards or festive chocolates for their Christmas giving this year. Your donations are so much appreciated and can be left in the RWC box in St. Margaret's Church porch. **www.refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk**

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: The next Churchyard working party will be Monday 7th December at 2.00pm.

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Next session will be *this* Thursday (3rd Dec), from 10-11.30am. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

Christingle making in St Margaret's Church – Wednesday 23rd December at 10.30am: We will be making Christingles for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Please help to prepare them – it will only take about an hour. Thanks.

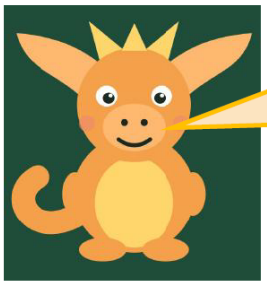
Our Advent and Christmas Events: *Thank you* for the sponsorship we have received so far for these events. This year the costs will be around £500 / £600 so **more sponsors would be greatly appreciated.** Please consider if you could help to cover some of the costs. Any donations, big or small, would be gratefully received. Contact Rev'd Heather or our churchwardens if you can help in this way. Thank you.

Carols in the Square - NEXT Sunday 6th December at 6pm: Volunteers are needed to help with marshalling the road closure barriers (from 5.15pm - 7.15 pm), to shake collection buckets at the end of the singing, to tidy up etc. Could you spare some time to lend a hand?

Refreshments after the Carols in the Square: We plan to provide mulled wine and mince pies. Please could you let us know if you can help with serving the refreshments or if you are able to provide some mince pies.

Please speak with Rev'd Heather, Derek or the churchwardens if you can help with our preparations for Christmas in any of these ways. ***Many thanks indeed.***

Events – growing together as a community.



Hello there!

I am just flying by to remind you that **Little Dragons Toddler Group** meets this Friday from 9.00-10.30am at St Margaret's Church, W. Hoathly.

Come and play, sing and roar with us!

All under-fives and their carers welcome. FREE! New families always welcome!

Contact details: 01342 529047 admin@highbrookwesthoathly.org



COFFEE CAKE CHAT

Tues. 15th December

10am - 12noon

in St Margaret's Church

All welcome!

No charge but contributions towards expenses appreciated.



All Saints' Church Highbrook

Saturday 5th December from 10.30am - 3pm

CHRISTMAS PROMISE

Drop in for craft activities, music and seasonal readings

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Highbrook Village Hall

Saturday 5th December from 10am - 3pm

Market stalls, raffle, tombola and of course a wonderful selection of food and drinks.

CHRISTMAS WITH CANTU AMICI

Wed. 9th December 2026, 7:30pm, All Saints' Church, Highbrook.

Festive choral music old and new, with traditional audience carols.

Admission £10 on the door, refreshments included.

Proceeds to Crisis at Christmas. **For more details, scan the QR code**

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 . They can be anonymous if you wish. All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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: Shirley, Alex, Glen, Joyce Fish, Sylvia, Bobi, Killian, Joyce Johnson, and Colin.
The recently departed, Sue Dickson, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Royston Guy, and all who are grieving for them.
For God's blessing on all the homes of our parish, on the life of the church families of this United Benefice, and Rev'd Heather as Vicar of All Saints', Highbrook, & St Margaret's, West Hoathly.
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
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

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Items to be included on this weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please email to Karen at brkb410@gmail.com