



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



Benefice Notices for 3rd Sunday before Advent Sunday 10th November 2024

Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 13th November 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion.
Friday 15th November 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (17th November)

2nd Sunday before Advent

9am Matins (BCP)

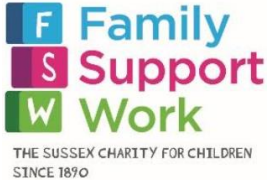
All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

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

FSW Update from Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing:



“Dear Friends,

With so many plans being made for Christmas parties, hampers, pantomime visits and associated activities it is sometimes easy to forget the core work which is so vital for our families. Recently our practitioners have been supporting many families in incredibly difficult situations including a family of 7 living in 2-bed emergency accommodation, and a single parent family in which the mother has just been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The huge variety of families who are referred to us means a wide range of support needs, and we are fortunate that amongst our practitioner team we have some specialist experience which can be shared (some of our practitioners have particular experience in SEN issues, supporting victims of domestic violence, and supporting first time parents). It makes such a difference to our families.”

With many thanks for your continued support and prayers.” Nikki

FSW asks for our prayers in the following ways, please: *Give thanks for the many new volunteers who have come forward from West Sussex, and pray that FSW will also get some new volunteers from East Sussex; pray for the FSW small fundraising team, that everybody remains positive despite a very difficult landscape; give thanks for the wonderful personal feedback FSW receives from families that reminds them just how much their support means to them and helps keep everybody at FSW motivated.*

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

Churchyard Working Party: Thank you to all who gave of their time at the recent working party at St Margaret's. Next one: Mon. 2nd Dec. from 2-4pm.

All Saints' Church cleaning: Next one will be on Thursday 28th November from 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

Our Advent and Christmas preparations: We will need help in various ways in the run up to Christmas. **Please can you help?**

- ***Sponsorship of our Christmas Events for the village:*** Would you be willing to help sponsor Carols in the Square, and the lighting that will last during the Christmas period?
- ***Giving of your time:*** Volunteers will be needed to help with Carols in the Square on Sunday 8th December. Could you spare some time to lend a hand?
- ***Parish Christmas cards:*** We are hoping to have a parish Christmas card again this year. Please be ready to 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 will be at the back of each church soon.
- ***Refreshments after the Carols in the Square*** – Please could you let us know if you can help in any way with the refreshments that we plan to serve.

Please speak with Rev'd Heather, Derek or the churchwardens if you can help in any of these ways.

Your support you will be truly appreciated. Thank you so much.

Events – growing together as a community.

HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Highbrook Village Hall 10.30am -12.30pm. *This Tuesday 12th November.*

COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARGARET'S Tuesday 19th November, 10am – 12pm All welcome.



In this season of remembrance there will be a place to light a candle and remember those we love but see no longer.



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1839 Consort
 Directed by Jonathan Crowhurst
 Orchestra by Henrik Persson

Remembering
St. Cecilia
 A concert featuring music by
**Britten, Monteverdi,
 Esenvalds, Purcell, Scarlatti**



Sunday 17 November 4pm
**All Saints Church,
 Highbrook, RH17 6SS**
Tickets £20

Box Office
ticketsource.co.uk/1839-consort
 Profits shared with All Saints, Highbrook

**Next Sunday!
 Have you got
 your tickets
 yet?**



**LANTERN MAKING
 AT**

WEST HOATHLY VILLAGE HALL

**Saturday 23rd November
 from 1.00 – 5.00pm**

COME ALONG AND MAKE A WILLOW LANTERN AND BE READY FOR THE LANTERN PROCESSION ON SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER BEFORE CAROLS IN THE SQUARE.

Donations to cover cost of materials and lights would be appreciated.
 PLEASE JUST COME ALONG, OR EMAIL DEREK AT DEREKSHURVELL@GMAIL.COM



Save the date!
 CAROLS IN THE SQUARE
 8pm Sunday 8th December



Study – deepening our understanding of God.

Advent Calendars: If you are thinking about how you can share the Good News with your children, grandchildren or Godchildren, then do check out the Real Advent Calendar. (<https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk>). Behind each of the 25 windows there is a Fairtrade Chocolate and a line from the Christmas story with colourful matching picture. The calendar comes with a free 24-page Christmas story activity book designed to be used every day in Advent.

Prayer - spending time with God.



Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Margaret’s: You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree in St Margaret’s (and they can be anonymous if you wish) or email them to Rev’d Heather. All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer on Fridays.

Prayer for the week:

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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: Mary Darlinson, Joyce Fish, Glen, Debbie, Mary Cocking, HM King Charles III, Gill Couchy, The Princess of Wales, Annie, Ann Francis.

The recently departed, for Mary Mays and Margaret Ockenden, and for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, for Margaret Arbuthnot, 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 on Church Hill and Hoathly Hill.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for the Clergy and Church Family of St Richard's, Haywards Heath.

*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'

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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