



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



### Benefice Notices for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### Worship & upcoming services



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and St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly

**This week!**

***FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS TIME***  
*A time for remembrance at St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly*

***Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 4.00 - 5.30pm***

*Whether you lost someone many years ago or it's your first Christmas since they died, Christmas can be a particularly painful time. 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 tree this Christmas time.*

**ALL WELCOME**

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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

#### **Next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> December)**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9am Matins (BCP)

*All Saints', Highbrook*

10.30am Eucharist

*St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

#### **Looking ahead ...**

**Christingle making in St Margaret's Church:** On Mon. 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am we will be making Christingles for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. Please help to prepare them – it will only take about an hour. Thank you!

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December:** As it will be the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, there will be a joint service for our two churches. So, please come along at **10.30am** for a **United Benefice Eucharist, at St Margaret's, West Hoathly**. There will not be any services at All Saints' that Sunday.

**Crib Service with Christingles**  
**3.30pm**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**St Margaret's Church,**  
**West Hoathly**

Children are invited to come dressed as a character from the Christmas Story.  
**ALL WELCOME!**

There will be a retiring collection to support the work of both St Margaret's Church & The Children's Society.

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**Celebrate Christmas with us!**  
**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

3.30pm Crib Service with Christingles  
*at St Margaret's, West Hoathly.*

6.00pm Carols and Readings by candlelight, *at All Saints', Highbrook.*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9am Holy Communion (BCP)  
*at All Saints', Highbrook*

10.30am Eucharist  
*at St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly*

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

**Basket of Blessings and Christmas Appeal Donations:** An enormous thank you for your generous contributions to our Basket of Blessings, which supports FSW, Crawley Open House and the East Grinstead Foodbank, for the Christmas gifts for FSW families and for the donations to Refugees Welcome Crawley. Your kindness in this way throughout the year, but especially in the run up to Christmas has been greatly appreciated.

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

**Carols in the Square:** A big thank you to everyone who helped make last week's 'Carols in the Square' such a wonderful success. Around 318 people attended, the angel-themed lantern processions was marvellous, and we gathered people from all over our community to sing and share the Christmas story. We also raised just over £300, which will go towards supporting the mission and ministry of St Margaret's Church.

**All Saints' Cleaning:** All Saints' Cleaning: There will be a 'taking the candles down and wax scraping party' on 28<sup>th</sup> December from 11am -1pm. The first cleaning session in 2025 will be on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party:** These are usually held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month. However, the first one in 2025 will be on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 10am-12noon**, with bacon butties on offer. Come and join us!

**Events – growing together as a community.**

*Dates for your 2025 diaries...*

**HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING**

Open to all residents and friends of Highbrook.

No agenda - just come for a natter! Donations towards hall running costs appreciated. **Next one – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



**Celebrating  
Faith**

2025 is to be a year of celebration of the Christian faith across Sussex. It marks the 950th anniversary of the formation of the Diocese of Chichester and Chichester Cathedral, and 1700 years since the Nicene Creed first emerged.

Services celebrating the history and Christian faith in each deanery will be held throughout the Diocese during January and February 2025.

**The Cuckfield Deanery's Celebration Service**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 7:30pm with Bp Ruth at All Saints' Church, Lindfield.**

**Do join us at this special celebration. ALL WELCOME!**

**Studying – Understanding God.**



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**Have you picked up your copy yet? ‘Follow the Star - Calm and Bright’** - This booklet, for use each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5<sup>th</sup> January), is available from St Margaret's Church.

**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 (and they can be anonymous if you wish). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer. If you are not able to add the prayer yourself, names or intentions can still be held before God. Simply email Rev'd Heather and she will ensure that these are included too.

**Prayer for the week:** *God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; 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, and Vicky and family.

The recently departed, Margaret Ockenden, Roy Blackman and Ian Bannister, and for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, Don Jones, Michael Allen, Violet Chitty, 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 Home Platt, Hamsey Road and Bluebell Lane.

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 All Saints', Lindfield.

*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:**

[www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk](http://www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk) & [www.westhoathly.org.uk](http://www.westhoathly.org.uk)

**And social media:**

Facebook - [@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook](https://www.facebook.com/@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook)

Twitter - [@StMargarets\\_WH](https://www.twitter.com/@StMargarets_WH)

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