



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



Benefice Notices for the 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Sunday 19th January 2025

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 22nd January 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 24th January 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (26th January)

Epiphany 3

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

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

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: *This Thursday 23rd January, from 11am until 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.*

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: The next will be on Monday 3rd February from 2.00 - 4.00pm. All welcome! For more details email Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com or simply come along, ideally bringing gloves too.

Caring for God's Creation: After gaining our Eco Church bronze award there is still plenty to do to appreciate and ensure our care of God's creation. **The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch, from 24th to 26th January,** is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. You can do so in your own home or maybe in one of our churchyards.



Images courtesy of the RSPB

Counting will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing. You can watch from inside with a cuppa or wrap up warm and sit quietly with the birds outside. Taking part is as easy as 1,2,3...

1. Watch the birds around you for one hour.
2. Count how many of each species of bird **lands** on your patch.
3. Go online and tell the RSPB what you saw.

Follow the link here for a **step-by-step guide as to how to take part and to sign- up:** <https://www.rspb.org.uk/> or speak to Rev'd Heather.

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

Collection at the Crib Service 2024: We are pleased to be able to report that around £500 in cash was donated at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve. This has been evenly split between The Children’s Society and St Margaret’s Church, to support their work and mission.



Many thanks for your generosity.

The Children’s Society

Information about the work of The Children’s Society can be found by following the link here: <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/>

Basket of Blessings: Please keep supporting those in need by placing a few items in the Baskets of Blessings in the porches of St Margaret’s Church or at Luctons. *Thank you so much.*

Greetings Cards: A selection of Blanks, Thanks, and Occasions, using old cards, is available in St Margaret’s Church. £1 each or 6 for £5. All proceeds to FSW, Crawley Open House and Impact Foundation.

Events – growing together as a community.

This week!



COFFEE MORNING AT ST MARGARET’S
Tuesday 21st January 2025, 10am – 12pm
All welcome.

Meet old and make new friends over homemade cakes and fresh coffee.

Entry is free, but a donation towards expenses including heating will be gratefully accepted. See you there!

A special **Thank You Party**

to show our appreciation to all who have supported us over the past year.

Sunday 26th January, from 3 - 5pm, in West Hoathly Village Hall.

Parking will be available on the school playground.



HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING.

Held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
in Highbrook Village Hall.

10.30am -12.30pm.

Open to all residents and friends of
Highbrook.

No agenda - just come for a natter.
Donations towards hall running costs
would be appreciated.

The next one: 11th February



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Prayer - spending time with God.



Prayer resources: Thinking about praying but not sure where to start? There are free prayer resources available in St Margaret's, or see the dedicated page about prayer on our website: <http://westhoathly.org.uk/prayer>

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.

Prayer for the week: *Compassionate God, as you know each star you have created, so you know the secrets of every heart. In your loving mercy bring to your table all who are fearful and broken, all who are wounded and needy, that our hungers may be satisfied in the city of your peace; through Christ who is our peace. 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 & Bill Fish, Glen, Debbie, Mary Cocking, Gill Couchy, Annie.

Those preparing for Marriage: Annabell & Rory, Sophie & Tom, Sarah & Mark.

The recently departed, Richard & Irene Muncey, Pollyanna Thacker, and Christopher Holmes, and for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, Robert Mensinga, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on those who reside or work in our care homes, hospices and hospitals, both locally and further afield.

For God's blessing on the life of the clergy and church families of our neighbouring deaneries.

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://www.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