



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



## Benefice Notices for the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### *Worship & upcoming services*

TODAY! Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. from 3-5pm, St Margaret's 'Thank You Party' in West Hoathly Village Hall. All welcome. Car parking will be available on the school playground.

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

### **Next Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> February)**

#### **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

10.30am All Age Eucharist

*St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

4.00pm Evensong (BCP)

*All Saints', Highbrook*

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

**Caring for God's Creation:** *Many congratulations to All Saint's, Highbrook!* They have just been received a **Bronze Eco Church Award** in recognition of their efforts to care for God's earth. What wonderful news!



Do chat with Rev'd Heather about this Eco Church Award. More information can also be found by following the link here: <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

As part of our strive to us becoming better stewards of God's creation, we invite you consider enrolling in this course run by Rev'd Buff Stone, the Diocese's Environmental Officer. Rev'd Buff says ... *"This course is a great way for people both to gain understanding about the climate crisis but also to be enabled to take action."*

It can either be done online or in person. See poster for information and Buff's contact details.

Also, don't forget to watch the birds this weekend as part of the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch**. See: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

**All Saints' Church Cleaning:** A big thank you to those who helped recently. Giving of your time was much appreciated. The next one will be on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, from 11am until 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

**St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party:** The next will be Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 2.00 - 4.00pm. All welcome! For more details email Derek [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com) or simply come along, ideally bringing gloves too.

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



## HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Highbrook Village Hall.

10.30am -12.30pm.

All welcome!

**Next one:** 11<sup>th</sup> February

## Relevant Climate Change Learning for Everyone

Carbon Literacy  
Project



*An awareness of the carbon costs and impacts of everyday activities and the ability and motivation to reduce emissions, on an individual, community and organisational basis.*

### Online Course

Mondays February 10th, 17th, 24th, 7 - 9 pm  
(catch-up session March 3rd)

### In-Person Small Group Course

St Luke's Prestonville, Brighton  
2 - 3.30 pm

(option for lunch at Junk Food Café from 12.30)

Tuesdays March 11th, 18th,  
Monday 24th (no lunch),  
Tuesdays April 1st, 8th

Contact: The Revd Buff Forbes Stone, Diocesan Environment Officer  
[environment.officer@chichester.anglican.org](mailto:environment.officer@chichester.anglican.org)

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



The **East Grinstead Foodbank** would currently particularly appreciate *tinned custard; long life fruit juice (not chilled, not squash); hair shampoo; long life UHT milk (screw top); jam; tinned rice pudding; toothpaste.*

## *Study – deepening our understanding God.*

**The Weekly Readings and Prayers at the St Margaret’s Sunday Eucharist:** If you would like to read these in advance, or re-read and reflect on them after the Eucharist, they can be downloaded from the website or emailed directly to you by Karen at [brkb410@gmail.com](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com).

## *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 to 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:**

*Eternal God, at the beginning of this new year, calm and quieten our souls; keep us humble and full of wonder and trusting as we live in your love; 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: Margaret Mason, Rosemary Parr, Christine Graystone, Mary Darlinson, Joyce & Bill Fish, Glen, Val, Mary Cocking, Gill Couchy, Annie, Liam.

Those preparing for Marriage: Annabell & Rory, Sophie & Tom, Ben & Issy.

The recently departed, Richard & Irene Muncey, Pollyanna Thacker, and Christopher Holmes, and for those whose anniversary of death falls this week, Marjorie Marshall & Stanley Chitty, and all who are grieving for them. For God's blessing on Our Mission partners and charities with special links to our Benefice churches.

For God's blessing on Bishop Martin, Suffragan Bishops Ruth and Will, the other churches of our Diocese and all who work at Church House.

*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

Twitter - @StMargarets\_WH

YouTube - search for 'St Margarets West Hoathly All Saints Highbrook'

## CONTACT DETAILS

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*Heather's rest day is usually Monday.*

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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](mailto:brkb410@gmail.com)

## 'Forever in our Heart' angels

If you hung a named angel on our Remembrance Tree back in December, you are now invited to collect your special angel for you to keep. They can be found beside the prayer tree. The church is open every day during daylight hours.

