

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

Benefice Notices for the Fourth Sunday of Lent



The Church continues to be alive and active, but our buildings must close

We are seeing a huge increase in the number of people falling sick with COVID-19. We must distance ourselves from one another and prevent the spread of infection in order to save lives.

Therefore, as well as public worship being suspended, all church buildings in the Church of England are now closed.

Our worship of God and our care for each other continue but cannot be done in our buildings.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength . . . Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips.

May God bless and keep you.

Corvid-19 advice

The situation regarding the spread of the Coronavirus in the UK has worsened. As a result, and following legal and medical advice to the Archbishops of York and Canterbury and forwarded to all Bishops, Bishop Martin has issued the following clear guidance, which is considered a matter of necessity:

What to do now

If someone is ill then call 111. Do not soldier on. This will help prevent the spread of disease. Those who are assessed as being at risk are asked to self isolate at home while tests are done.

Worshipping at home

We are looking at many different options, and will be working out which work best for our community.

On Sundays Mother Nicol will be live streaming of Morning Prayer at 9am, and Compline at 7pm. You can access it here: <https://www.facebook.com/nicol.kinrade.31> or on our new YouTube channel (www.youtube.com and search for St Margarets West Hoathly All Saints Highbrook)

Mthr Nicol will use the booklet 'How to worship when you can't get to church', which can be found in both churches (open for private prayer during the day) or can be downloaded at St Margaret's website: <http://westhoathly.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/How-to-Worship-when-you-cant-get-to-church.pdf>

We invite everyone to join together by saying The Lord's Prayer, the Our Father, at midday, each and every day. This will remind us of how Jesus taught us to pray, to unite ourselves with Christ through the words he taught us, and how in that one prayer all our hopes and fears are summed up.

Mthr Nicol will also post her sermons at: <https://nicolkinrade.wordpress.com>

Please remember that if you need help, support or pastoral care, you can call Mthr Nicol on 01342 810 183. It is important that you know that you are supported and loved.

Buddy system

Please consider arranging a phone buddy - someone you check in with every day or two, and make sure everything is okay. This contact can help if one of you fall ill, just knowing that someone knows and can provide support.

Please pick up a 'Community Response' leaflet from the back of church or download from either of our websites.

Lent

Due to the closure of the churches for public gatherings, our Lent activities - the Lent lunches and Lent course - have all been cancelled.

Please continue to pray as we enter this Great Lent, for yourself, for our communities, for our nation, and for the whole world.

The Serenity Prayer



Other news...

For our Prayers

The sick and housebound or in especial guidance: Marjorie Marshall, John Edwards, Shirley Platt, Michael Mays, Dorett Howells, Sue & Gordon Young, Carole Oddy, Fred Holder, Nigel, Nora Jones, David Ashwanden, Stephanie Balcombe, Eric Jane, Peter Brewster, Tara Balcombe, Dennis Coxall and David. We pray for David – recently departed – and Alan Bishop - whose anniversary of death falls this week. and those who are grieving for them.

For those preparing for Baptism: James Field, Marcel Howe, George Lambert, & Coen Scott; for Confirmation: Lily Shannon, Bailey and Karen Moore; and for marriage, David & Helen, Paul & Lauren, Megan & Stuart, Joshua & Danielle, Winsome & Ed, and Ben & Katherine - especially in this time of uncertainty about their plans.

And please pray for our young people and West Hoathly Primary School as they continue to care for the children of key-workers.

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please contact Mthr Nicol.

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

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Mthr Nicol's day off is Monday.