

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

Benefice Notices - Advent Sunday

Later today

4.00pm From Darkness to Light: A service of music and readings for Advent at All Saints'

This week

Daily Prayer (Tuesday-Saturday at St Margaret's)

8.30am Morning Prayer 5.30pm Evening Prayer

Holy Communion - 9.30am every Wednesday at St Margaret's

Time with God; may be especially helpful if you are away at the weekend or have family commitments which make coming to church on Sunday difficult.

Advent Reflection & Compline - 7.00pm Thursday 6th at St Margaret's

Next Sunday (9th December) 2nd Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) at All Saints'

10.00am Eucharist at St Margaret's

4.00pm Evening Prayer at St Margaret's

6.00pm Carols in Queen's Square: The meaning behind some of our popular carols will be narrated, before we pray for the villages and community. Bring your own torch, and a few pennies for refreshments!

Looking ahead

Working Parties

Apologies if you were ready with the dusters for All Saints' cleaning - it has been postponed until after the Tree Festival - more information to follow.

And THANK YOU! to everyone who worked so hard at St Margaret's churchyard tidy.

Toy service

On 16th December our All Ages Eucharist will include the giving and blessing of toys for Family Support Work (FSW). If you would like to donate a gift to the children and families supported by FSW, please bring it, unwrapped, to that service.

Suggested items include:

New toys and books (suitable for all ages)

Vouchers for teenagers, eg Primark and Superdrug

Mobile phone top up cards

Non perishable festive food for hampers and the party

Gifts for the parents which the children choose from and wrap themselves.

Refugees Welcome - Crawley

RWC hosts 2 parties in early December for local refugee families (Syrian as well as from elsewhere). This includes around 16 children (ages between a few months and early teens). They are mainly boys, with 3 girls under the age of 7. It would be lovely if we could donate a few little gifts to wrap up for Father Christmas to give the children - such as a little toy car or a ball or other 'stocking filler', maybe some festive sweets like chocolate coins. Donations can be given to Cathy Merry at church or dropped at her house/collected if that is easier for you.

Further afield

Year of Vocation

Advent Sunday sees the launch of the Diocesan Year of Vocation. During this year we are encouraged to celebrate God's calling in different ways to people of all ages.



A highlight of the year will be the launch of a new initiative to award lay people's long standing service to their church. The 'Order of St Richard' will be presented to nominated lay people at a special ceremony in the New Year.

Baptism, confirmation and ordination will also play a key part in next year's celebrations as the Diocese encourages everyone to reflect on God's unique calling to them and what it means in their everyday lives.

If you have not been baptised or confirmed, and would like to prepare to the next step in your Christian journey, please speak to Mthr Nicol. Confirmation classes will be run in the spring, but Advent is a good season to start thinking about whether this is the right time for you.

Living Faith Course in 2019

In January 2019 the Living Faith course will begin again at 6 venues across the diocese. Living Faith is for lay Christians who want to find and develop their gifts and explore what discipleship and calling means for them. Living Faith is also part one of authorised lay ministry training in the diocese and candidates who wish to train as authorised lay ministers (ALM's) need first to complete Living Faith. The closing date for applications to the Living Faith course is 17th December 2018. Please email Jayne Prestwood (jayne.prestwood@chichester.anglican.org) for application forms, further details and information about venues.

For our Prayers

The sick and housebound: Teresa, John, Margaret, Michael Mays, Isobel & Rebecca Thomas, Doritt Howells, Sue & Gordon Young, Gilly Paine, Robin & Sharon Ingham, Revd Michael Maine

For those who have died recently, and those who are grieving for them: Gary

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

Contact details

Priest-in-Charge: Mthr Nicol Kinrade

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Mthr Nicol's day off is Monday.

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Journey to the Manger

Three peaceful and reflective
services of readings and music
followed by Compline (Night Prayer)
as part of the Christmas preparations

All welcome

Thursday evenings at 7pm

6th December at St Margaret's - Promising

13th December at All Saints' - Waiting

20th December at St Margaret's - Receiving

