

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

**Benefice Notices for
the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Worship & Upcoming Services

This week

Friday 17th September (St Hildegard of Bingen):

5.30pm - Evening Prayer (BCP), St Margaret's

Next Sunday (19th September)

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Mattins (BCP) *from All Saints, Highbrook*

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

Sunday Club (St Margaret's)

restarts today! It will meet each Sunday except for the All Age Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month.

It is for the young people from babes-in-arms to teenagers, as is a time to worship, pray, learn and create on the theme of the day. It runs during the service with the youngsters returning into the Church to receive a Blessing.

Mthr Nicol is on holiday between 6th-21st September. If you require urgent or pastoral assistance, please contact your Churchwarden.

Churchwardens of St Margaret's, Erica Ansell on (01342 811215 or ma.dearest@btinternet.com) or Ruth Pitcairn (01342 810 631)

Churchwardens of All Saints', Adam Hackett (adamjhackett@outlook.com) or Tony Osborn (01444 892 191).

Stewardship - giving to and through God

St Margaret's Churchyard working parties

Together we can keep the Churchyard tidy, make a difference and develop new ideas & projects. Following dates are (first Monday of the month): 4th October, 1st November & 6th December from 2-4 pm.

Jobs will include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying etc.

If you would like to get involved please just come along. likewise if you would like to know more please contact Derek Shurvell derekshurvell@gmail.com 01342 810780.

All Saints churchyard: a tree update

The PCC have now obtained clearance from the local authority and the diocese to carry out the remedial work to the Maple and Sweet Chestnut which face onto the carpark and smokery. As you can appreciate fundraising for the church during lockdown has been tough. This tree work was not budgeted and will need to be funded separately. We have already received one local donation which is wonderful. If anyone would like to make a contribution to this work or to sponsor one of the trees (and keep the firewood) we would be really grateful. Any support for this specific piece of work would be fantastic.

Mission - joining in with God's work of love in the world

Acts of Random Kindness

Harold S. Kushner: *"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are."*

At the end of the Sunday service, go out into the world and be ready to serve God by showing Christ's love to others. We are attempting to be intentional in this ministry by doing small Acts of Random Kindness.

Some ideas:

- Try to make sure every person in a group conversation feels included.
- Set an alarm on your phone to go off at different times during the day. In those moments, do something kind for someone else, for example pray for them.
- Practice self-kindness and spend 30 minutes doing something you love today.

Don't forget to pick up your ARK stickers from the back of church, and go out into the world looking for ways to be kind this week, and give the glory to God. You can use the stickers to add a personalised note to anything you leave for someone, or keep it in your pocket to remind you to keep looking to bring Christ's light to the world.



Study - deepening our understanding of God

The Bible - a guided read

Reading the Bible is a very important part of Christian discipleship, and this guide provides you with a little background information and a goal for the week. You can use any translation of the Bible, a book or online.

Set a little time aside each day to read through the passage, and let the passage sit with you throughout the day.

We continue with one of the Gospels: **Luke**

Author: Luke was a companion of Paul.

Background: If Theophilus (to whom it is directed) was a high-ranking Roman, it was probably written in Rome, although Antioch and Ephesus have also been proposed.

Purpose: Luke writes for people of all nationalities, not just Jews. It's a very inclusive Gospel.

What does Luke want us to learn? There is nowhere Jesus can't go, and no one he can't save.

The week's plan:

Monday: Chapter 7 - Jesus raises the dead, and is unafraid to go into situations which would make him seen 'unclean'. He cannot be made unclean, he makes clean. (And don't judge people.)

Tuesday: Chapter 8 - Parables start to play their part now - showing Jesus' teaching as dynamic, engaging and thought-provoking. Which one sticks in your memory?

Wednesday: Chapter 9 - The Feeding of the Five Thousand and the Transfiguration. You might want to look back at the reports in Mark's Gospel and look at what is the same or different.

Thursday: Chapter 10 - The Seventy disciples move from learning from and observing Jesus, to having their own missions, sent out by Jesus. This is a pattern continued by the Church. And in that context Jesus also teaches the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

Friday: Chapter 11 - Jesus teaches the disciples the Lord's Prayer, but outside his inner circle more opponents are coming forward against him.

Saturday: Chapter 12 - There is a focus here on money and possessions, and Jesus acknowledges his teaching may cause disputes. There is an underlying question about where we place our trust - in things, or in God?

House Group

Would you like to be part of a weekly group meeting at Courtlands Nurseries on a Tuesday evening 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.?

Currently we are studying the book of Samuel led by Anthony Mitchell. We read the Bible, study, chat, share stories, pray and monthly, sing hymns and songs. Please chat to Lindsay or Derek if you would like to join us.

Events - coming together as a community

Celebrate! Literary Lunch

Clare Clarke will be speaking at a Literary Lunch at The Cat Inn, West Hoathly, Sussex on Friday 24 September 2021 at 12.30pm. Tickets include a delicious two course lunch and coffee, plus a paperback copy of the book - so you can read it in advance. This is part of an Exhibition celebrating everything that we have been doing during lockdown. This event, of course, celebrates all of us who have read and read and read.....

Clare Clarke writes historical fiction. Her latest novel, 'In the Full Light of the Sun' is set in 1920s Germany as it recoils from the impact of the Great War. It is based on the true scandal which erupted when 32 previously unknown Van Gogh artworks were discovered and released into the Art World, before the experts who had previously verified them decided they were fakes. Clare will talk about seeking inspiration from the truth, and the obligations of a novelist when the truth is taken into an imaginative space. It is a great read with well formed characters, and fascinating to learn a little more about Germany in the period between the Wars - as well of course about the Van Gogh scandal.

"Clare Clark is one of those writers who can see into the past and help us feel its texture."
Hilary Mantel.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/.../the-cat-inn-a-literary>.

Celebrate! Items for Exhibition

If you took up any type of arts and crafts over the lockdown period, and would like to share your new talent, please speak to Helen Scott about including an item for display (exhibiting is free), or if you would like a sales table for the Celebrate! Exhibition (24-25th September in St Margaret's Church).

Email: westhoathlycelebrate@gmail.com

Autumn Colours - A Concert of many musical shades

All Saints Church, Highbrook I Saturday 25th September at 7.30pm.

Sussex Occasional Singers led by Simon Austin are returning to All Saints. We have all missed live music and singing so much in the last 18 months.

Sung chorale programme, of about an hour, will include: Jesu Joy of Man's desiring, Hallelujah Chorus and a few less familiar including a piece by Josquin (for his 500th anniversary) . Solos from Ivor Humphreys on flute, and Mark Beesley with Chris Harris, organ.

Seating will be limited due to spacing between singers and audience (and socially distanced seating available, so as that will put a limit on numbers please anyone who wants to be sure of a seat contact either Simon Austin - srgs.austin@btinternet.com or me tonyosborn191@gmail.com to reserve seat(s) and indicate if you require 2 metre spacing. Unless we tell you otherwise beforehand there will be space on the night so we do hope as many of you as possible can come.

Tony Osborn. Tickets £10 available from Tony Osborn or Bullfrog Music (01342 315 602)

Themed teas

We are looking at putting on themed teas at the Sharpthorne Hall periodically throughout the year, to raise funds for the Church, bring people together, have fun and to promote the Hall managed by St. Margaret's Church. Thank you to the many folk who have donated tea services to this cause. We still require triple cake stands please. We hope to stage the first tea around Christmas time, watch this space. Please contact Derek Shurvell derekshurvell@gmail.com 01342 810780

Emmaus Youth Club

Is restarting for youngsters aged Year 6 - Year 9 inclusive, weekly on Friday evenings 6.45 - 8.15 p.m. from Friday 10th September.

The Club meets in the W.H. Village Hall, Sharpthorne Hall and outside depending on the activity. Evenings consist of games, activities and hanging out together. It is managed, overseen & safeguarded by members of St. Margaret's Church. Year 6's at the Village Primary School will receive an invitation, but all youngsters of the right age are most welcome.

Please contact derekshurvell@gmail.com if you would like more details.

Classical Guitar Concert

Celebrate!

Lockdown Arts and Crafts Exhibition

Friday 24th September - Saturday 25th September 2021
St Margaret's West Hoathly

This Exhibition of Arts and Crafts from our villages needs you to share and Celebrate! what you have been doing during the lockdowns!

If you would like to participate, please let us know:

Art (painting, drawing, sculpture), Book-binding, Upholstery, Photos/albums, Poetry, Pottery, Flower arranging or growing, Embroidery, Dress-making, Gardening/Garden design, Mechanics, Woodwork, Carpentry, Furniture restoration, Music (playing or creating), Brewing, Bakingand anything and everything else!....

To reserve your space, please would you send the following details to

westhoathlycelebrate@gmail.com

Or put a note in the box in St Margaret's Church porch.

Name:

Phone number:

I would like to exhibit:

(Exhibiting is free.)

I would like to be part of a programme of music: Yes / No

I would like to contribute an item to the silent auction: Yes / No

There will also be a space to sell your creative work, if you would like to.

A table for sales will cost £20: Yes / No

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday 24th October, at 3pm with Mark Jennings, at St. Margaret's Church, West Hoathly.

Mark will play a varied programme for an hour or so - something for everyone including Rodrigo, Cavatina from the Deer Hunter and other favourites. interspersed with chat about the music and guitar playing.

Tickets are £10, School age £5. Please contact Derek Shurvell derekshurvell@gmail.com 01342 810780 to book your places.

Sponsorship for Mark's fee would be greatly appreciated, (this would include 6 complimentary tickets).

Prayer - spending time with God

Prayer for the week:

*Lord Jesus, our Saviour, let us now come to thee:
Our hearts are cold; Lord, warm them with thy selfless love.
Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with thy precious blood.
Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with thy joyous Spirit.
Our hearts are empty; fill them with thy divine presence.
Lord Jesus, our hearts are thine; possess them always and only for thyself. Amen.*

(Augustine 354-430)

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: Michael Mays, Carole Oddy, Peter Brewster, Graham Norris, David, Gordon Young, and Melinda Ager.

The recently departed, especially Philippa Cobden-Ramsey, and those whose anniversary of death falls this week, especially Pauline Hands, and all who are grieving for them.

Those preparing for Marriage: Max & Sasha, Sam & Jocelyn, Jemima & Arthur, Jennifer & Stephen, Lara & William, Henry & Gemma, Jack & Amy, Paul & Lauren, Stephanie & Tom, Nathan & Lucinda, Jenny & Myles, and Eddie & Annabell.

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

Twitter - @StMargarets_WH

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

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Mthr Nicol's day off is Monday.