

# PEW NEWS

St Margaret's  
West Hoathly



**Welcome to our Parishes**



All Saints  
Highbrook

**Sunday 8th October**

*Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity*

**9am Holy Communion - All Saints**

**10am Holy Communion - St Margaret's**

*Our grateful thanks to the Rev Peter Francis  
for leading us in our worship this morning*

**6pm Evening Prayer - St Margaret's**

**Readings**

**OT. Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20 - Helen Scott**

**NT. Philippians 3: 4b - 14 - Michele Jacques**

**Gospel. Luke 15. 11 – 32**

**Prayers - Derek Shurvell**

**Lay Ministers**

Margaret Mason, Derek Shurvell

**Sides People**

Erica Ansell, Bev Mager, Mary May

# Next Week - Sun 15th October

*Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

8am Holy Communion - St Margaret's

9am Matins - All Saints

10am Family Service- St Margaret's

Readings set for the day

OT. Exodus 32: 1- 14

NT. Philippians 4: 1-9

Gospel. Matthew 22.1-14

Prayers - Family Service Team

Sides People

Sophie Abott, Valerie Fyans, Lucy Howells

## **Please Remember In Your Prayers**

Bob and Rejane Trusson, Dave Williams,

Julia and her family ~

Lynn, her Sister in Law died last week.

Doritt Howells, Jean Creasey,

Betty Wilkinson, Marjorie Angell,

Robin and Sharon Ingham

Isobel and Rebecca Thomas

Sue and Gordon Young



### **Pastoral Care Team**

If you are in need of urgent help or advice.  
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**Collect for the  
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity**

**Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find their rest in you:  
pour your love into our hearts and  
draw us to yourself,  
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city  
where we shall see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

**OT. Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9,12-20 (NRSV)**

Then God spoke all these words I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder .You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbours' house; you shall not covet your neighbours' wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

## **NT. Philippians 3: 4b - 14 (NRSV)**

For it is we who are the circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh

**4** — even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## **Gospel: Luke 15: 11 - 32 (NRSV)**

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and travelled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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## NEWS ON THE LOOS

**We've raised £217, 000 so far!**

Thank you all for  
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Let's keep going!



***Any items for the Pew News?***

Just let Margaret Watson know

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