

PEW NEWS

St Margaret's
West Hoathly
Welcome to our Parishes



All Saints
Highbrook

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Sun 14th May

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9am Matins- All Saints

10am - Holy Communion St Margaret's

led by the Rev Alan Mathers

**We welcome Katie Roberts at our 10am service
who will speak about Christian Aid**

6pm - Evening Prayer St Margaret's

Readings

Acts 7. 55 - 60 - Duncan Dunsmore-Rouse

1 Peter 2. 2 - 10 - Derek Shurvell

Gospel John 14.1-14 - Rev Alan Mathers

Prayers - Margaret Watson

Sidespeople

Erica Ansell, Bev Mager, Mary May

Lay Ministers

Margaret Mason, Derek Shurvell

Next week ~ Sun 21st May

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9am Matins - All Saints

8am Holy Communion - St Margaret's

10am - Family Service - St Margaret's

Readings set for the Day

Acts 17. 22 - 31

1 Peter 3. 13 - 22

Gospel John 14. 15-21 - Celebrant

Sidespeople

Sophie Abbott, Valerie Fyans, Lucy Howells

The New John Smith Fund

set up to support those who need a hand of friendship.

Eg. Shopping vouchers, help with fuel, travel costs to medial appointments, funerals arrangements etc.

Applications can be made either by phone to Helen Scott ~ 01342 811845 or 07887 928842 or by emailing - johnsmithfund@gmail.com

A collection is taken during the third hymn.

If you would like to give regularly to the life and upkeep of St Margaret's Church, have a word with Erica or Margaret, our Churchwardens



**Please Remember
in Your Prayers**



Robert Hughes,
Gordon Young,
Robin and Sharon Ingham



Pastoral Care Team

If you are in need of urgent help or advice.
Please try the numbers below.

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Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us
the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading. Acts 7. 55 - 60 (NRSV)

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading. 1 Peter 2. 2 - 10 (NRSV)

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel John 14. 1 - 14 (NRSV)

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.



Bottles for Loiyangalani!



We would be delighted to receive donations of bottles or jars (within sell by date) for the Loiyangalani Trust tombola at the Country Fair on June 3rd. Please give these to Cathy Merry or Christine Graystone

Food for Thought

Can you help with organising these monthly lunches at the Sharpthorne Hall? Or maybe with a regular tea and cake afternoon on a weekday in church instead? If so, please talk to Cathy Merry or our churchwardens, Erica or Margaret.

South of England Show

We will be welcoming and serving at the South of England "Sanctuary" space again on

Friday, June 9th

Any one interested in coming along, please contact Valerie 01342 810848

Surviving the Interregnum

Interregnums are never a piece of cake! It can be a frustrating and challenging time - but it can also be a time for us to learn - to keep our church and faith strong - to enjoy supporting, welcoming, encouraging friends, neighbours and visitors to our churches . And remember it is only **TEMPORARY.**

But we won't get through it without lots of:

PRAYER

PATIENCE

PERSEVERANCE

POSITIVE THINKING

**It's all about Team Work
so let's hang in there!**



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NEWS ON THE LOOS

We've raised £185,000 so far!

Thank you all for
your support
Let's keep going!



Any items for the Pew News?

Let Margaret Watson know

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