

**The Benefice of All Saints, Highbrook  
& St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly**  
**Benefice Notices for the First Sunday after Trinity**

**Worship & Upcoming Services**

**This week**

Friday 24th June            5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

**Next Sunday (26th June)**

**The Second Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Mattins (BCP)

*All Saints, Highbrook*

10.30am Eucharist

*St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

*This service will be led by The Rev'd Dr Janneke Blokland, chaplain of  
Hurst College.*

*Due to clergy holiday, services for this week and next week will not be recorded.*

**Stewardship - giving to and through God**

**St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly : Churchyard working parties**

are on the first Monday of each month from 2-4pm, the next one is on Monday 4th July.

Jobs include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying, cleaning & brushing and planting. Tools are provided, but bring gloves and scrubbing brushes. We do stop for tea and a chat. If you would like to get involved, please just come along or contact [derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

**Leavers' Bibles**

At the end of the school year, we will be presenting the 15 Year 6 leavers of West Hoathly Primary School with a Bible - a symbol of our Christian care and nature for the young people of our Church school, and a reminder to them of their time there. If you would like to sponsor a Bible (at a cost of £12 per Bible), please make a bank transfer (with the reference BIBLE), or hand the cash or a cheque payable 'St Margaret's PCC, West Hoathly' to Ann or Ruth, or pop it through the Vicarage door.

## *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 begin a new letter : **Hebrews**

**Author:** Originally it was thought to Paul, but the style is very different.

**Background:** Most likely written before 70AD and the destruction of Jerusalem.

**Purpose:** To show that Jesus is the fulfilment of the Old Testament.

**What does the author want us to learn ?** There is no longer anything between us and God: faith in Jesus has brought us together.

**The week's plan:**

Monday: Chapter 1— Hebrews begins by explaining God has spoken to his people in the past through the prophets, but now he has spoken to us through Jesus, his Son. Jesus is greater than the angels.

Tuesday: Chapter 2— The author continues to explain the difference between Christ and angels. Angels are messengers, but Jesus proved the truth through his actions.

Wednesday: Chapter 3 — The author then begins to explore one of the Old Testament heroes, Moses. In particular they explore the unbelief of the Israelites, which is a warning to the letter's readers.

Thursday: Chapter 4 & 5 — The rest of the promised land was only a temporary rest. It is through the salvation of Jesus Christ that we enter the true rest of God. We are also reminded of the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Friday: Chapter 6— We are not to stay on the basic Christian teachings (“milk”) but engage with more difficult subjects (“meat”). Belief in the promises of God is vital, and these promises are found in Jesus. The author reminds us that the curtain in the Holy of Holies was torn in two at the Crucifixion, and Jesus has gone before us into that holy space, and is waiting for us in heaven.

Saturday: Chapter 7 — We return in more detail to Melchizedek. To learn more about him, read Genesis 14.17-24. Melchizedek was a king and a priest, chosen by God and not because he was born into a particular tribe (the Levites). The author of Hebrews argues that the old order of high priests wasn't good enough, so God chose Jesus, just as he did with Melchizedek, this time as the perfect high priest.

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

### **Basket of Blessings - latest needs**

It's easy to keep supporting those in need by placing a few items in the Basket of Blessing. Whilst Mthr Nicol is on pilgrimage please drop off items in the basket in St Margaret's church porch.

*East Grinstead Food Bank:*

- Coffee Small/Large jars
- Porridge
- Fruit Juice (1 litre - Long life)
- Cup-a-soup
- Toilet bleach

## *Events - bringing us together as a community*

### **National Garden Scheme - Luctons**

To raise money for Family Support Work, Luctons (on North Lane in West Hoathly) will be open to the public on Saturday 25 June, Sunday 26 June and Tuesday 28 June, 1-5pm. Adults 5pm, children free.

### **St Margaret's Fundraising Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the St Margaret's Fundraising & Events team on Thursday 30th June, 7.30pm at Sharpthorne Hall. If you would like to join the team or would like to offer your assistance for any events, please speak to Derek Shurvell for more information.

## *Prayer - spending time with God*

### **Prayer for the week:**

*God of truth,  
help us to keep your law of love  
and to walk in ways of wisdom,  
that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.*



## 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, David, Nigel, Shaun, David, Clive, Shirley, Colby and Rebecca.

Those preparing for Baptism, including Amelia Kent, Louis Pickersgill, Isabelle Jalie & Callum Murgatroyd.

The recently departed, and those whose anniversary of death falls this week; and all who are grieving for them.

Those preparing for Marriage: Edward & Laura, Jack & Amy, Paul & Lauren, Izzy & Angus, Stephanie & Tom, Megan & Adam, Nathan & Lucinda, Jenny & Myles, Poppy & Andrew, Henry & Gemma, Adam & Jennifer, Ann-Marie & Alexander and Eddie & Annabell.

*If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please contact Mthr Nicol. If you are asking for someone else, please make sure you have their permission to have their name added publicly.*

**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](http://www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk) & [www.westhoathly.org.uk](http://www.westhoathly.org.uk)

### **And social media:**

Facebook - @stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

Twitter - @StMargarets\_WH

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

### **Contact details**

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Mthr Nicol's rest day is Monday.

*Mthr Nicol is on pilgrimage between 13th-29th June.*

*She will not be able to check her email whilst away,*

*so if you require urgent or pastoral assistance, please contact your Churchwarden.*

*Churchwardens of St Margaret's, Ruth Pitcairn (01342 810 631) or*

*Ann Hutchings ([annhutchings@outlook.com](mailto:annhutchings@outlook.com))*

*Churchwardens of All Saints', Adam Hackett ([adamjhackett@outlook.com](mailto:adamjhackett@outlook.com))*

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