

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

Benefice Notices for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Worship & Upcoming Services

This week

Wednesday 10th August 9.00am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion

1.30pm, St Margaret's - Burial of Ashes of Bob Chester

Friday 12th August 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Saturday 13th August 2.00pm, St Margaret's - Wedding of Izzy Weir
& Angus Raeside

Next Sunday (14th August)

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

All Saints, Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

1st Sunday of the month 9am BCP Holy Communion (St Margaret's)

Please note that due to clergy holiday, there will not be a Holy Communion service on Sunday 4th September at St Margaret's. The next service will be Sunday 2nd October at 9am.

Sunday Club will return in September

Summer Club is currently on its summer break. It will return on September 11th. In the meantime children's activity sheets are available from the Welcome desk.

St Margaret's open porch door

During the summer, when it is hot we try to keep the porch door open during worship in the hope of keeping the air circulating around the church. Parents - please can we ask that you keep a gentle eye on your children in case they wander out the door. We want everyone to be safe and comfortable.

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

Basket of Blessings - latest needs

Our next delivery will be going to East Grinstead Food bank, and they are in particular need of:

- Coffee (small or medium jars)
- Porridge
- Cup-a-soup
- Toilet bleach

And news from FSW:

July's work in numbers

- 279 individual visits and 862 calls with families supporting 409 adults and 400 children
- 45 supported meetings with other agencies
- 37 group sessions held supporting 515 parents and 174 children
- 165 food deliveries made

Prayer points:

Pray for all the children we support who are starting new schools shortly, that they will quickly settle in and make new friends

Give thanks for the generosity of several individuals across Sussex who have responded to specific requests for support for families in urgent need

Pray for our leadership team, who have a number of important decisions to make over the coming weeks

Also, a huge 'well done' to Ingrid and Hans for the 3 Open Gardens events they held in late June. They had a total of 430 visitors, and were able to send £1800+ to FSW, £2010 to NGS and £145 to MND.

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party

Due to holidays, the next Churchyard working parties will be on:
Tuesday 9th August at 2 pm and Monday 5th September at 2 pm.

Eco Church - could you be the lead representative?

Eco Church is a project of A Rocha UK – a charity committed to mobilising Christians to care for nature. In the face of accelerating climate change and species loss, we need more than ever to take action to protect and care for nature today. St Margaret's is registered with Eco Church, and we would like to register All Saints, however so far we have not been able to find someone to lead at either church on this important project. If you would be interested, please speak to Mthr Nicol.

Events - growing together as a community

St Margaret's Churchyard Market

Sharpthorne Hall on Saturday 24th September 10 - 12 noon.

Please put this date down in your diary. Offers of help would be much appreciated so we can plan what stalls the Church runs, etc. Please speak to Derek Shurvell.

News from Chichester Cathedral: Jurassic Chichester Dino Day

On Saturday 13th August from 11.00am - 3.00pm on the Cathedral Green, meet a T-Rex, dino babies and watch out for the Spinosaurus roaming the area! A Triceratops will be on the Green for family photos and selfies! There will also be FREE dino face painting and Jurassic themed arts and crafts.

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 the final book of the New Testament: **Revelation**

Author: Modern scholars suggest the author was a Jewish Christian prophet.

Background: Revelation was among the last books accepted into the Christian biblical canon, appearing consistently only after 330 AD.

Purpose: It is an apocalyptic prophecy. "Apocalypse" means the revealing of divine mysteries. John is to write down what is revealed (what he sees in his vision) and send it to seven churches.

What does John want us to learn ? Deliverance from evil powers arrayed against Christians is close at hand.

The week's plan:

Monday: Chapter 6.9-17— In the vision the breaking of the fifth seal reveals those who have already died for God praying. They wear white robes (a link to the white clothing often worn by Christians at baptism). The sixth seal shows signs of the great day of God's wrath which is about to descend.

Tuesday: Chapter 7 — An angel numbers those who belong to God. All the numbers in Revelation are symbolic, but it is unclear what the 144,000 is linked to.

Wednesday: Chapter 8.1-5—The seventh seal is opened, and there is silence, the lull before the storm. There is also some lovely imagery of the use of incense, mixed with and carrying the prayers of the saints up to God.

Thursday: Chapter 8.6-13 — After 7 seals, we have 7 trumpets. The first four sound, each bringing disaster upon the earth. There are implications to war and to environmental damage. The star's name, Wormwood, means 'bitter'.

Friday: Chapter 9.1-12 — The 5th trumpet releases locusts, though they have strict boundaries within which they can operate. They are limited in time and to those who do not have the seal. Locusts were a symbol of a divine punishment.

Saturday: Chapter 9.13-21 - The 6th trumpet releases four angels. The key thing to note here is that despite all the destruction going on around them, the people do not repent. The whole purpose for these disasters is to bring people to their senses and to their knees, spiritually. But they do not change their ways. Do we have to reach rock bottom before we change?

Prayer - spending time with God

Prayer for the week:

*We bless you, master of the heavens,
for the wonderful order which enfolds this world;
grant that your whole creation may find fulfilment in the Son of Man,
Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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, Pat, David, Clive, Shirley, Colby, Liam and Mary Cocking.

Those preparing for Baptism, including Arthur Pigram, Callum Murgatroyd & Rory Patterson.

The recently departed, and those whose anniversary of death falls this week, including Kate Wiseman and Eddie Jarman, and all who are grieving for them.

Those preparing for Marriage: Izzy & Angus, Stephanie & Tom, Megan & Adam, Nathan & Lucinda, Jenny & Myles, Jade & Joshua, Adam & Jennifer, Poppy & Andrew, Henry & Gemma, Alex & Ellie, 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 & 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 rest day is Monday.
