

# St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly, needs your help.



This is your Parish Church, in the heart of the village and the heartbeat of life in the parish.



**St Margaret's Church** dates back to 1090 and has witnessed the lives of countless generations from this parish and has proclaimed the Christian faith through joy and sorrow, hardship and prosperity.

St Margaret's Church's role, as it always has been, is to support Parishioners at important times of their life as well as binding our community together socially and spiritually.

We would like to start by saying a **big thank you** to all of you who already give your time, talents, and money to supporting the work of St Margaret's. The church is much loved and beautifully cared for. Thank you.



### Some interesting facts about St Margaret's which you may not know:

- ❖ The church costs around £71,000 a year to run - this is the expected cost for 2023.
- ❖ Part of this is to maintain the 11<sup>th</sup> century building and beautiful churchyard and the other part covers the cost of our Parish Share, which pays for our Vicar, and provides general clergy support which enables their important work in our community.
- ❖ We are fortunate to enjoy generous support from our regular congregation, from other loyal supporters of St Margaret's, an annual Churchyard grant from the Parish Council and from the modest fees from conducting funerals and weddings (baptisms are free). This is projected to raise about £47,000 in 2023.
- ❖ St Margaret's receives no direct government support and no funding whatsoever from the Church of England.
- ❖ We are therefore facing a shortfall of approximately £24,000 which is around £2,000 per month.





Your monthly donation would enable St Margarets' Church to provide:

An open door and a place of tranquillity throughout the year.



Maintenance to our beautiful church.



Christmas and Easter Festival celebrations.



Baptisms and weddings



Funerals and support at difficult times.



Events to bring our community together.



Worship for all ages.



Please be assured that every donation – no matter how small - would help!



Thank you very much for reading this leaflet.



If you are able to support us financially, please contact the St Margaret's Churchwardens ([churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com](mailto:churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com)) who will provide you with the relevant information on the various ways you can do this, including how your donation can go further through Gift Aid.

If you would like to give through the **Parish Giving Scheme**, which does the administration for you, and will claim Gift Aid on our behalf (if you are a taxpayer), follow the link here: <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/home/>



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*For more information about the life of St Margaret's Church,  
see <http://westhoathly.org.uk/>*