

Benefice Notices for the 4th Sunday of Easter
Sunday 21st April 2024

Worship & upcoming services.

Wednesday 24 th April	9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
	2.00pm, St Margaret's - Funeral of John Trueman
Friday 26 th April	5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday 27 th April	2pm, Cathedral - Commissioning of Authorized Lay Ministers

Next Sunday (28th April)

5th Sunday of Easter

10.30am Eucharist with Baptism of Benedict Kent *St Margaret's, W. Hoathly*
6.00pm Evensong with Cantu Amici and choir *All Saints', Highbrook*
(Please note: There will not be the usual 9am Holy Communion at All Saints')

St Margaret's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)
on Sunday 19th May following the 10.30am Eucharist.

The St Margaret's electoral roll is now open for revision, with forms available via the website or from the back of the church. If you are a regular worshipper at St Margaret's but are not yet on our Electoral Roll, **now is a good time to sign-up.** Please email or give completed forms to either the St Margaret's E.R. Officer, Duncan Dunsmore-Rouse, at duncanrouse67@gmail.com or give or email to Rev'd Heather at heather.wilkin78@gmail.com. In preparation for the APCM, the roll will close on Tuesday 30th April.



From Rev'd Heather: *"I'm delighted to inform everyone that on Saturday 27th April, Karen Blackman will be commissioned as an Authorised Lay Minister, specialising in pastoral care. Over the last 6 months Karen has engaged in training in all aspects of pastoral ministry, and this is an important recognition of her ministry in this area. Karen will continue to offer home communions, and be a friendly face to members of our community who for various reasons aren't able to be with us on Sundays. This ministry will develop in time, under my supervision."*

Mission – joining in with God’s work of love in the world.

News from Nikki Kerr (Director of Fundraising at FSW)



Nikki Kerr



Nikki and her son Sam are taking part in a skydive on 27th April to raise money for Family Support Work. Nearly all of you will know that Nikki is Director of Fundraising at FSW, which supports families in Sussex who are going through really tough times. Over the last couple of years, the number of families seeking help has

grown hugely and FSW is on course to help over 700 families this year. Some of them are struggling with financial hardship or housing problems, others with relationship breakdowns or difficulties supporting children with additional needs. FSW's family support practitioners provide emotional and practical support which helps them to make changes, become more resilient and confident so that their children can have brighter futures.

Nikki says... “We are absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of so many people already, who have helped us exceed our initial target of £1,000. We would really love to reach £2,000, which would pay for up to 50 families to receive one-to-one support. We're both getting really excited for the day (and yes, also a bit apprehensive!) but it will definitely be worth it to say thank you to all of you who have been so generous by sponsoring us. Thank you so much! We know that money is tight for everybody, but we really would appreciate anything you can spare to help us reach our goal.”

If you would like to sponsor them, please follow the link here:

www.justgiving.com/page/nikkiandsam

Events – growing together as a community.

Cakes for St Margaret’s Spring Fair

If you would be able to provide any cakes for the church’s stall we would love to hear from you. Not a baker? No worries - perhaps you would sponsor a cake by paying for the ingredients? Please talk to Sarah Pigram or Ann Hutchings to arrange delivery/collection nearer the time, or to chat about sponsorship. Contacts: Email sarahlpigram@outlook.com or mobile: 07765 091000

St. Margaret's Church
North Lane, West Hoathly

SPRING FAIR

Saturday 18th May
10am - 12noon

Do come along and bring your friends and neighbours with you!

It promises to be a good morning, with an opportunity to enjoy refreshments in our stunning village church, and also to browse the variety of stalls in our beautifully maintained churchyard.

Plenty of stalls including ...
homemade cakes, jams and chutneys, and beautiful plants, to name but a few!

For more information, please contact Derek at derekshurvell@gmail.com



HIGHBROOK VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING

Highbrook Village Hall, from 10.00am until 12.30pm
Open to all residents and friends of Highbrook.

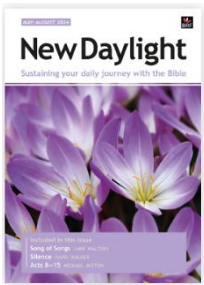
Next one: Tuesday 14th May.

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next cleaning party will be *this* Thursday 25th April, from 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Parties: Next one – **Tues.** 7th May from 2-4pm. All welcome to lend a hand! Contact Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com

Study – deepening our understanding of God.



New Daylight Booklet (published by the Bible Reading Fellowship): New Daylight is published three times a year in January, May, and September. It is an ideal publication for anyone wanting an accessible yet stimulating aid to spending time with God each day, deepening their faith and their knowledge of scripture. Each issue provides four months of daily Bible readings and comment, with a team of regular contributors drawn from a range of church backgrounds and covering a varied selection of Old and New Testament, biblical themes, characters, and seasonal readings. Each daily section includes a short Bible passage (text included), thought-provoking comment and a prayer or point for reflection.

If you would like to receive it through your church (£4.99 per booklet, three times a year) then please contact Sophie Neal (legsheath@btinternet.com or ring 07973 679538) for more information, for details of payment methods and delivery.

Prayer - spending time with God.



Prayer for the week: *Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. 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: Debbie, Mary Cocking, Jenny Page, Shirley, HM King Charles III, Gill Couchy, Rebecca, Damian, Princess of Wales, Mike Tourell.

Those preparing for Baptism: Henry Tattersall, Noah Patterson, Finn Jefferis, Benedict Kent.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sally and Karl, Lucy and Aidan, Summer and Matt, Kate and Mike, Trudy and Huw, John and Hayley.

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

For Karen Blackman as she prepares to be commissioned as an ALM (Pastoral Ministry) by Bishop Ruth at Chichester Cathedral on Sat. 27th April at 2pm. (By the way, the service will be livestreamed on the Cathedral website here: <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/livestreamed-services>)

If you would like to add someone's name to the prayer list, please email Rev'd Heather (heather.wilkin78@gmail.com). 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](https://www.facebook.com/@stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook)

Twitter - [@StMargarets_WH](https://twitter.com/StMargarets_WH)

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

CONTACT DETAILS

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Heather's rest day is usually Monday.

Churchwardens of St Margaret's:

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Adam Hackett (adamjphackett@outlook.com) or

Roger Cobden-Ramsay (Roger.cobdenramsay@gmail.com)

Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please send to Karen (by 12noon Wednesday) at brkb410@gmail.com

A Chichester Cathedral Event this summer for budding thespians, youngsters and all those young at heart...

Open Air theatre – THE ADVENTURES OF DOCTOR DOLITTLE with Illyria - Sunday 4th August at 6pm.

This is a funny, much-loved, and exciting family adventure. Running time (approx.): 1hr 50mins (including 20-minute interval) Doors: 5.00pm Starts at 6.00pm Suitable for ages 5+ Adult: £20.00/ Child £10.00/ Student £18.00

This performance will take place within Paradise, the green area within the Cathedral's Cloisters. Illyria perform in all weathers (rain or shine!), so pack accordingly. Performances will only ever be cancelled if the weather becomes dangerous (high winds or lightning, for example).

Tickets can be accessed through the Cathedral Website:

<https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/>

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