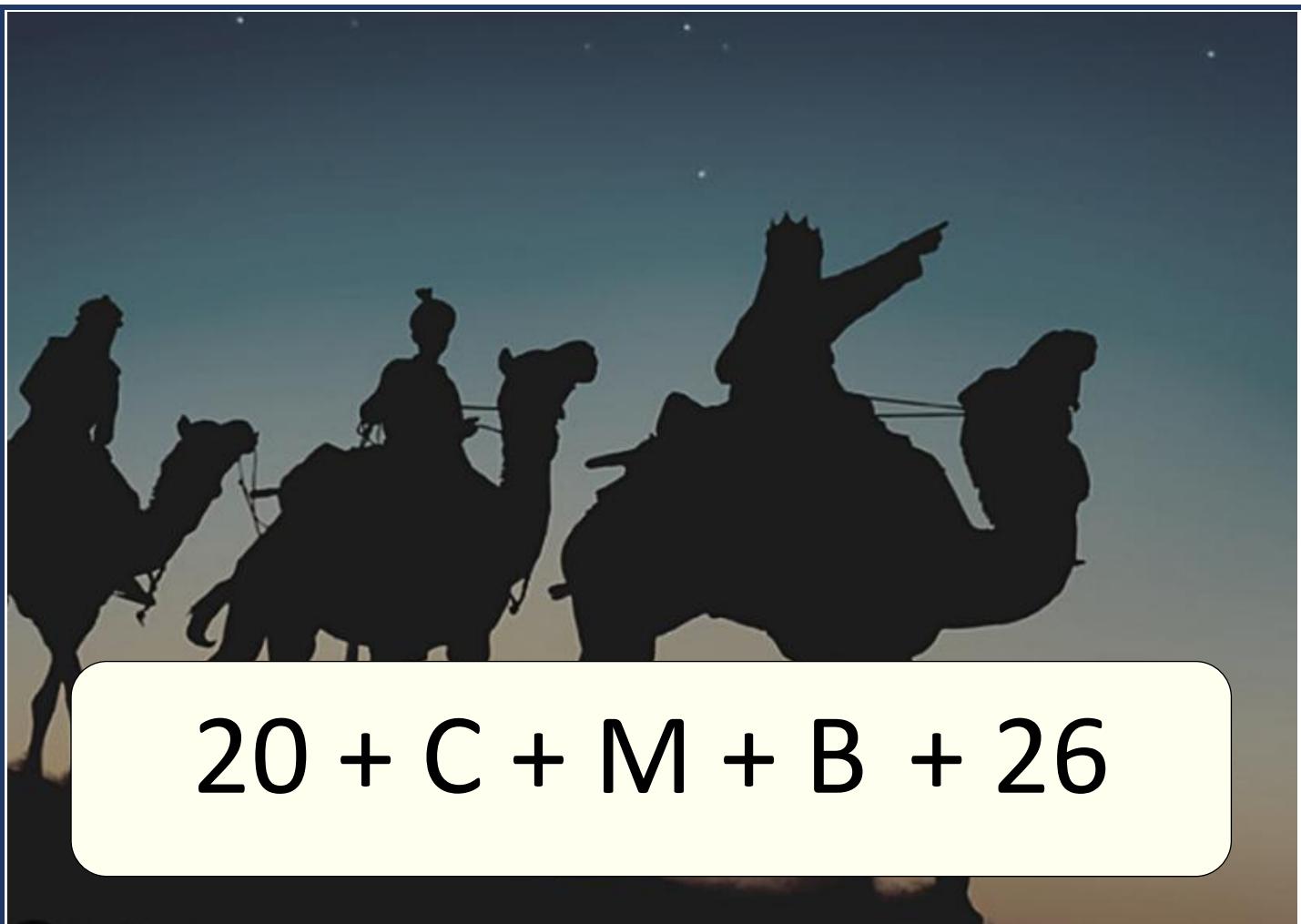




Benefice Notices for the Festival of The Baptism of Christ - Sunday 11th January 2026



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Epiphany Chalk: Chalk was blessed at our Epiphany service last Sunday. It is now available at the back of each church, together with a short explanation of the tradition and a prayer. We encourage you to take some and use it to add the Epiphany blessing to your homes.

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 14th January 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 16th January 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (18th January)

Epiphany 2

9am	Mattins (BCP)
10.30am	Eucharist

*All Saints', Highbrook
St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

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

Basket of Blessings: Please keep supporting those in need by placing a few items in the Baskets of Blessings in the porches of St Margaret's Church or at Luctons.

You may wish to scan the QR code here to see how you can support the work of the **East Grinstead Foodbank** in other ways.



Crawley Open House: If you would like to support their work in helping the homeless and disadvantaged, please select items from their Amazon Wishlist here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/VHVYJY72RM7N?ref_=wl_share

Refugees Welcome Crawley: Their current Wishlist is on display in St Margaret's Church porch and church, together with a box for donations.

Greetings Cards: A selection of Blanks, Thanks, and Occasions, using old cards, is available in St Margaret's Church. £1 each or 6 for £5. All proceeds to FSW, Crawley Open House and Impact Foundation.

Many thanks for the generous support you offer our Mission partners. ❤️

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Cleaning: There will be a cleaning session on Thursday 29th January 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: *Many thanks* to those who lent a hand recently. The next one will be on Monday 2nd February from 2 - 4pm. All welcome, so come along and join us! Contact person: Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com

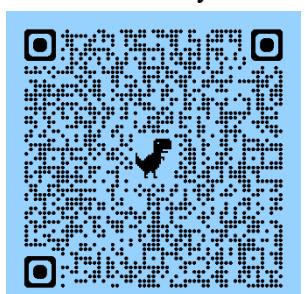


to take part in the



between 23rd - 25th January. It is the world's largest garden wildlife survey, and anyone can take part. You can do so in your own home or maybe in one of our churchyards. See <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> or scan the QR code here for more details.

Caring for God's creation: As part of our care for the environment, we encourage you **RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch** anytime



Events – growing together as a community.



A warm welcome awaits for
COFFEE CAKE CHAT
At St Margaret's Church
TUESDAY 20th JANUARY
10am - 12noon
No charge but a contribution
towards expenses welcomed.

A SPECIAL 'THANK YOU' PARTY

Sunday 25th January, from 3-5pm
in West Hoathly Village Hall.



Do come along for a chat, to drink tea, eat cakes, sing hymns and **be thanked** by **St Margaret's Church** for the many ways the villagers, local businesses and the wider community contribute to and support our life together throughout the year.

All welcome!

Studying – Understanding God.

The Weekly Readings and Prayers at the St Margaret's Sunday Eucharist: If you would like to read these in advance, or re-read and reflect on them after the Eucharist, they can be downloaded from the website (or emailed directly to you by Karen at brkb410@gmail.com).

Prayer - spending time with God.



Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Margaret's:

You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree (and they can be anonymous if you wish). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer. If you are not able to add the prayer yourself, names or intentions can still be held before God. Simply email Rev'd Heather and she will ensure that these are included.

Prayer for the week: *Loving, heavenly Father, you call us so that through us your will might be done on earth. You ask us, weak and imperfect as we are to transform the world by love. Send to us each, the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and discernment, that we may be equipped to sustain your work in our community, and in the situations that we find ourselves in over the year ahead. 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: Glen, Mary Darlinson, Joyce Fish, Mary Cocking, Gill Couchy, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce Johnson, and Mark.

Those preparing for Marriage: Sarah & Mark, Jessica & Christopher, and Emma & Adam.

The recently departed, Alana Woodward, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Irene Muncey & Betty Nickolls, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the homes of our parish – this week we pray for all who live in Church Hill and Hoathly Hill.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for the clergy & church family of St Richard's, Haywards Heath.

For God's blessing on St Margaret's Building Project as we assess the tenders and proceed with the faculty application.

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

'Forever in our Heart' angels: If you hung a named angel on our Remembrance Tree back in December, you are now invited to collect your special angel for you to keep. They can be found beside the prayer tree. The church is open every day during daylight hours.