



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

Benefice Notices for Epiphany Sunday 4th January 2026

Epiphany Chalk: Chalk will be blessed at our Epiphany service today and will be available at the back of each church for you to take home and add the Epiphany blessing to your homes. A short explanation of the tradition and a prayer will also be available.

Worship & upcoming services

Thursday 8th January 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion

Friday 9th January 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (11th January 2026)

Baptism of Christ

9am Holy Communion (BCP) *All Saints', Highbrook*

10.30am Eucharist *St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



Advent and Christmas 2025.

*Very grateful thanks from
Rev'd Heather.*

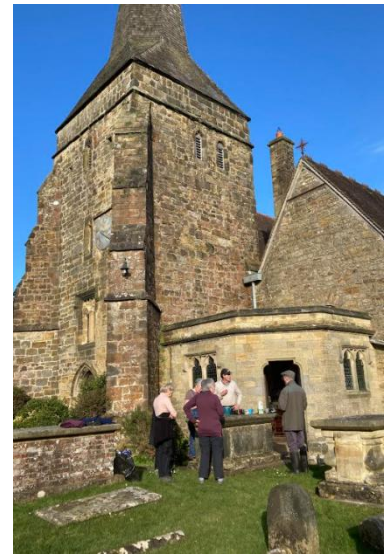
"A big thank you to everyone who in any way helped prepare for the Advent and Christmas season, particularly in the decorating of our

two churches, as well as preparing for and helping out with the special events. I'm also really appreciative of the many cards and 'goodies' we've received. We now prayerfully look ahead to 2026 - to all that God has in store for us, both as individuals and as a community."



St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: Many thanks to all those who helped us in 2025.

The first one for 2026 will be *this* **Monday (5th January) from 2.00 - 4.00pm**, and monthly thereafter. Jobs include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying, cleaning and brushing. So, there are lots of tasks, requiring varying energy levels, so something for everyone! Tea, cakes (and chat) as a reward! Please bring gloves if possible. Contact Derek for more information.



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



Sat. 17th January - 10:15am to 4pm
St John's Stoke Church, Guildford.
For more details and to book your place, please scan the QR code.



HOPE

An inspirational, interactive and practical day conference to help us on our net zero carbon journey.

Hosted by the Church of England dioceses of Portsmouth, Guildford, Chichester and Winchester.

Rt Rev Will Hazelwood, Bishop of Lewes, will join other church leaders to issue a clear message that the climate crisis is real.

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. *Thank you so much.*

Message from FSW's Digital Communications & Fundraising officer, Hannah Rothwell: *An estimated 65,300 households across Sussex are living in fuel poverty. So, we have set up a Share the Warmth This Winter Appeal*. For those who receive a Winter Fuel Payment and are able, please share part or all of your payment with our families by donating it to FSW. Please donate here: www.justgiving.com/campaign/share-the-warmth-25 (*More info. is available in St Margaret's.)*

Thank you for all your support in 2025. ♥

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. 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 too.

Prayer for the week:

Loving God, you have called us each by name and hold us in the palm of your hands.

You love us just as we are.

Help us to remember that everyday so that we may be able to share that love with others.

In Jesus' name. 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, Edna Pecketh, Rob Young and Douglas Wragg, 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 Sandy Lane and Garden Mead.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for the clergy & church family of All Saints', Handcross.

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.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk & www.westhoathly.org.uk

And social media:

Facebook - @stmargaretswesthoathlyallsaintshighbrook

Twitter - @StMargarets_WH

YouTube - search for 'St Margaret's West Hoathly All Saints Highbrook'

St Margaret's Easyfundraising page:

Scan the QR code or follow the link here

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretswesthoathly> to raise free donations to us at **no** extra cost to you!



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