



Benefice Notices for Sunday next before Lent

Sunday 15th February 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 18th February



9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes.

7.30 - 8.00pm, St Margaret's - A Time of Reflection & Imposition of Ashes.

Thursday 19th February 2pm, St Margaret's – Funeral of Mary Cocking

Friday 20th February 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (22nd February)

First Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am Eucharist

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

Diocese of Chichester news

Bishop Martin has announced that he will retire from office at the end of May 2026. Read more details about this and what happens next here:

https://www.chichester.anglican.org/glitter_news/2026/02/05/bishop-martin-retire-office/

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

Dates for your diary...Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCM)

All Saints' APCM - Sunday 1st March following the 4pm Evensong

St Margaret's APCM - Sunday 17th May following the 10.30am Eucharist.

These meetings provide an opportunity for the church families to look back at the year that's been, and to give thanks to God, as well as elect new officers and look towards the future together. **Please do try to attend your church's important meeting.**

Please note - New lay representatives to the Deanery Synod will be elected at these meetings, for a three-year term beginning on 1st July 2026. Please consider this valuable representation and encourage others. For more details, please speak with Rev'd Heather, or Ann H or Karen B, our current reps.

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Next one: Thursday 26th Feb. from 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: The next one will be on Monday 2nd March from 2.00 - 4.00pm. For more details email Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com or simply come along, ideally bringing gloves too.

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

Already thinking ahead to Easter Eggs?! Please do consider buying an



egg which is both Christian & ethical. The Real Easter Egg is the only one which has an Easter story book in the box, is made of Fairtrade chocolate & supports charitable projects. All the eggs are Palm Oil free & the Original, White, & Dark eggs are plastic free. The Easter story-activity book covers the final week of the life of Jesus and includes the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday along with

some fun activities. In addition, you can buy one online to go direct to a foodbank. Please follow the link here to see the whole range <https://meaningfulchocolate.co.uk/collections/real-easter-egg>

Events – growing together as a community.

THIS week!



A warm welcome awaits for
COFFEE CAKE CHAT
At St Margaret's Church
TUESDAY 17th February
10am - 12noon
No charge but a contribution
towards expenses welcomed.

Pancake Party ➔

this Tuesday

(Shrove Tuesday)

All welcome!

For catering
purpose, please
reserve your
place/s with
Derek, email
derekshurvell@gmail.com

today!

PANCAKE PARTY

to celebrate Shrove Tuesday

on 17th February

from 5.00 -6.30pm

@ Sharphorne Hall



No age limit!

Come along and
join us for plenty
of pancakes with
yummy
toppings, plus
fun and games!

£5 per family or
£2 per
individual, to
cover costs.



To book your place and for further information please
contact derekshurvell@gmail.com

Study – deepening our understanding of God

Benefice Lent Study Group - ‘Digging Deeper into Matthew’s Gospel’.

Coffee, Cake and Chat about Matthew's gospel in the Vicarage.

On Saturdays 28th February, 7th March & 14th March. 11am - 12:30pm

The sessions will be 'standalone' so you can dip in when you wish.

ALL WELCOME.

*Please contact Rev'd Heather for more information. So sufficient materials can be prepared for each session, please let Heather know if you would like to be part of the group.
(Email: heather.wilkin78@gmail.com or ring 01342 529047).*

Prayer - spending time with God.



Evening Prayer on Fridays at 5.30pm in St Margaret’s: Over the next few months at Evening Prayer, we will be following the account of Jesus through the Gospel according to Matthew. You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree. All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.

Prayer for the week:

*Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, Gill Couchy, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce Johnson, Mark, and Joan Wilkin.

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

The recently departed, Mary Cocking, Rory Clarke, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Joan Shurvell, Angela Scott, and all who are grieving for them.

For God’s blessing on those who reside or work in our care homes, hospices and hospitals, both locally and further afield.

For God’s blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery. This week we also pray for the clergy & church families of our neighbouring deaneries.

For God's blessing on the St Margaret's Building Project as it shortly gets underway.

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 Margarets 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!



CONTACT DETAILS

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Heather's rest day is usually Monday.

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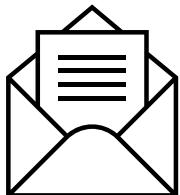
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Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please send to Karen Blackman (by 12noon Wednesday) at brkb410@gmail.com



St Margaret's Church communications

If you wish to receive the weekly Benefice Notices, the weekly Readings and Prayers at the St Margaret's Sunday Eucharist, and other interesting communications electronically, please email Karen Blackman at brkb410@gmail.com to be added to the circulation list.

