



Benefice Notices for the First Sunday of Lent Sunday 22nd February 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 25th February 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
Friday 27th February 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (1st March)

Second Sunday of Lent

10.30am All Age Eucharist *St Margaret's, West Hoathly*
4.00pm Evensong (BCP), *followed by the APCM All Saints', Highbrook*

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).

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



All Saints' Church's APCM - Next Sunday, 1st March, following 4pm Evensong.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the All Saints' Church family 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.



Caring for God's creation: **Go green(er) for**

Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a time for self-reflection, repentance, and emulating

Jesus' obedience to the Father. Is there something you'd like to give up or take up during Lent that will enable you to reflect on God, contribute to our

planet's well-being and enhance others' lives through sustainable, ecofriendly living? We invite you to explore some of these changes at <https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/> and to take time to pray, reflect and consider the options suggested. Perhaps pick one or two or however many you'd like - you never know the changes might just stick!

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Taking place *this* Thursday 26th February from 11am -1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: Please will you lend a hand to help us maintain our beautiful churchyard? Tea and cake as a reward!!

Monday 2nd March from 2 - 4pm. Contact Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com



Photo taken March 2025

Making posies for Mothering Sunday: This will take place on **Saturday 14th March at 2pm in St Margaret's Church.** As usual, we would like to make posies to give to mothers, and all those who 'mother', at the 10.30am Eucharist on Mothering Sunday (Sunday 15th March). We would also like to make enough posies to give to members of our community, as we usually do, so we will be making plenty. Please would you



help us? Please contact Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com for more details or simply just turn up, with secateurs if you have them. Thanks!

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. It contains the story of the first Easter along with some fun activities. Over its 24 pages, the story covers the final week of the life of Jesus and includes the events of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. 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.



COFFEE CAKE CHAT at St Margaret’s Church
Tuesday 17th March from 10am – 12pm
ALL WELCOME.



Meet old and make new friends over homemade cakes and fresh coffee. For this month’s coffee morning, donations to **FSW (Family Support Work)**, a charity supporting families across Sussex, will be gratefully accepted. See you there!

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 (and they can be anonymous if you wish). All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.



Some words, attributed to St Teresa of Avila, to reflect on this week:

Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassionately on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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, Joyce Fish, Gill Couchy, Steve, Stella, Sylvia, Joyce Johnson, and Joan Wilkin.

Those preparing for Baptism.

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

The recently departed, Mark, Rory Clarke, Derek Knight, Sheila Hoad, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Gladys Willie, & all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on our Mission partners and charities with special links to our Benefice churches.

For God's blessing on Bishop Martin, Suffragan Bishops Ruth and Will, the other churches of our Diocese & all who work at Church House.

For God's blessing on St Margaret's Building Project which is due to beginning shortly.

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'

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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