



Benefice Notices for The Second Sunday before Lent Sunday 8th February 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wed. 11th February 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 13th February 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (15th February)

Sunday next before Lent

9.00am Matins (BCP)

All Saints', Highbrook

10.30am Eucharist

St Margaret's, West Hoathly

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)

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

7.30-8.00pm St Margaret's - A Time of Reflection & Imposition of Ashes.
(Palm crosses from last year will be gratefully received by Rev'd Heather, to make ash for Ash Wednesday. Thanks!)

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

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God



Flower arranging and sponsoring of flowers at St. Margaret's: Do you enjoy flower arranging? How about getting involved with the flower arranging ministry at St. Margaret's? There are various ways to get involved. On Festival days (such as Easter & at Harvest-time) we decorate the whole Church, Sunday by Sunday pedestal arrangement and posy making for Mothering Sunday (*on Saturday 14th March at 2.00 p.m. in Church*). Why not have a go? Do have chat with Derek Shurvell if you would like to explore this.

You can also **sponsor a week of flowers** in memory of a loved one or to perhaps mark a special celebration such as a wedding anniversary, or the birth of a baby. Please speak to Derek Shurvell for further details.

All Saints' Electoral Roll: Applications close today – Sun. 8th February.

All Saints' APCM is on Sunday 1st March, following 4pm Evensong.

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: A **big** thank you to those who gave of their time recently, it was much appreciated. See you all in March!

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

Baskets of Blessings – latest needs: Baskets of Blessings can be found in the porches of St Margaret's Church and Luctons. *Thank you so much* for any contributions you can give to support our Mission partners.

A Thank You message from FSW:

“The numbers are in! This shows the work we did across Sussex in 2025 and how many adults and children we supported throughout the year. For a small charity we think that's a huge achievement and absolutely wouldn't have been possible without all of you donating, volunteering and sharing our work. ❤️ Thank you!”



Events – growing together as a community.



Pancake Party
on →
Shrove Tuesday
ALL WELCOME!
For catering purpose, please reserve your places by emailing Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com today!

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
to celebrate Shrove Tuesday
on 17th February
from 5.00 -6.30pm
@ Sharpthorne 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



Inspiring Faith - Discover Scripture with ease, joy, and curiosity: This is a new online resource to help us explore the Christian faith on our own or with others.



Scan the QR code here to discover more, or follow the link here: <https://inspiring-faith.com/>

A quote from the Diocesan team who have developed this Inspiring Faith course ... ***“A new way of exploring the Christian faith. Wherever you are in your journey with Jesus, our hope is that this course will open your heart to his amazing love for you and strengthen you to live out the Christian life in his name. Whether doing this course alone or in groups, our team from across the Diocese of Chichester are praying for you as you take these next steps.”***

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.

Prayer for the week:

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness 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, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Pauline Ralph, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the homes and families of those in our church family who reside outside our parish.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery – this week we pray for Cuckfield's Rural Dean, Rev'd Christopher Powell, and the church family of St Peter & St John the Baptist's, Wivelsfield.

Thanking God for the quotes received as a result of the tendering process. 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](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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Items for inclusion on the weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please send to Karen Blackman (by 12noon Wednesday) at brk.b410@gmail.com

The flowers this week are given for the Greater Glory of God and in memory of **Angela Scott RIP**, much loved mother of Karen and grandmother of Oliver, Ruth and Izzy, on the anniversary of her death in February.

"Forever in our hearts."