



Benefice Notices for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday 17th May 2026

Worship & upcoming services

This Sunday 17th May after the 10.30am Eucharist - **St Margaret's Church's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

Wed. 20th May 9.30am St Margaret's - Holy Communion

Fri. 22nd May 5.30pm, St Margaret's – Evening Prayer (BCP)



Next Sunday (24th May)

Pentecost

9.00am Holy Communion (BCP) *All Saints', Highbrook*

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

The Building Project at St Margaret's: This has now begun!

*For safety reasons the church is **closed except for services**. The heating has been switched off during the project, so please bear that in mind when attending services.*

*You are still invited to leave your **prayers** on the prayer tree when the church is open for services or place a request using the prayer request form on our website. For private prayers in a peaceful setting, we invite you to explore the churchyard, perhaps using the bible verses you'll find by the side of the paths for inspiration and comfort. Donations to our **basket of blessings** are still welcome but please place them in the porch of Luctons during this time. For **donations** to support the work of Refugees Welcome Crawley, please email rwccchair@gmail.com to arrange alternative drop-off/collection. Please bear with us during this time of inevitable disruption. May we assure you that it will all be worth it in the end! **Thank you.***

Consultation on the next Bishop of Chichester:

Bishop Martin retires at the end of May, and as a diocesan family we are beginning the search for his successor. Have your say in the appointment at tinyurl.com/next-bishop or scan the QR code. It will take only a few minutes to complete, and it is open until 26th May. Responses from everyone are welcome.

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

Christian Aid Week: St Margaret’s Church invites you, if you can, to support the... **‘7 days, so many ways Christian Aid Week Appeal’**. If you would like to support the appeal, please may we encourage you to **donate online** using the electronic envelope that Rev’d Heather has set up. Our envelope can be accessed by **scanning the QR code displayed here**, or by following this link:



<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/benefice-highbrook-and-west-hoathly>

However, if you prefer to donate by cash or cheque, please put your donation in an envelope labelled ‘Christian Aid Week Appeal’ and pass it on to St Margaret’s Church via Rev’d Heather at the WH Vicarage, Bev Mager in Sharpthorne, or bring your labelled envelope along to the 10.30am service at St Margaret’s Church, on Sunday 17th May or Sunday 24th May.

A booklet of ‘*Devotional Prayers & Reflections*’, for us to pray for their work and our response this special week, are available from Karen at brkb410@gmail.com.

Events – growing together as a community.



A warm welcome awaits for
COFFEE CAKE CHAT

At Sharpthorne Hall

Tuesday 19th May

10am - 12noon

No charge but a contribution towards expenses welcomed.

THIS WEEK!!

Our monthly **COFFEE CAKE CHAT**
will be taking place.

Please note the venue this month is
SHARPTHORNE HALL

We look forward to seeing you there!!

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

The recent St Margaret’s Spring Fair: *Renewed thanks* to everyone who supported our Fair and in so many ways. Around £1400 was raised which will go to supporting the Mission and Ministry of our lovely church.

All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next session will be on **Wednesday 27th May**, 11am - 1pm. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you.

St Margaret's Churchyard working party: Monday 1st June from 2-4pm. Please help us. For more info please contact Derek at derekshurvell@gmail.com

Study – deepening our understanding God.



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Camp
2026**

KINGDOM CALLING

A weekend camp with families from across the Diocese
FUN, WORSHIP & FAMILY TIME



19 - 21 June
at Stedham Campsite, Midhurst
BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

COME AND JOIN US!

Join families from across the diocese for Family Camp on 19–21 June 2026 at Stedham Campsite in the stunning South Downs.

A weekend of fun, worship, and quality time for families, especially those with primary school-aged children. Come and be part of something special! visit:

www.trybooking.com/uk/FYCD

Prayer - spending time with God.



Evening Prayer in St Margaret's – Fridays at 5.30pm: You are invited to leave your prayers on the prayer tree in St Margaret's when the church is open. Alternatively, place a request using the prayer request form on our website <http://westhoathly.org.uk/prayer/prayer-requests> All prayers left each week are offered up to God at Evening Prayer.

Prayer for the week:

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at your triumph, fill your Church on earth with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know your peace, to the glory of God the Father. 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: Colin, Glen, Joyce Fish, Gill Couchy, Sylvia, Bobi, Steve O'Keefe, Killian, and Joyce Johnson.

Those preparing for Baptism – Luca, and for Confirmation - Paul Johnson.

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

The recently departed, Phil Shurvell and Pamela Taylor, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Sylvia James, 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 Hook Lane & Cob Lane.

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 Wilfrid's, Haywards Heath.

For God's blessing on St Margaret's Building Project.

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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