



Benefice Notices for Trinity 5 Sunday 5th July 2026

Worship & upcoming services

Wednesday 8th July 9.30am, St Margaret's – Holy Communion

Friday 10th July 5.30pm, St Margaret's – Evening Prayer (BCP)

Next Sunday (12th July)

Trinity 6

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

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

THE BUILDING PROJECT AT ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

All is progressing well and the end is *almost* in sight!

For safety reasons the church is closed **EXCEPT** for services.

Thank you so much for bearing with us during this time of disruption.

May we assure you that it will all be worth it in the end!



MONTHLY DIOCESAN PRAYER GATHERING

This Monday 6th July at 12noon.

Please see below for information and the necessary Zoom link and meeting details

An invitation from the Diocese of Chichester ... During this time of Vacancy in See, and as we look ahead to the ministry of a new Bishop of Chichester, we invite you to join a **monthly diocesan prayer gathering**, held on Zoom on the first Monday of each month at noon.

These gatherings will bring together lay and ordained people to pray for the life, mission, and ministry of our diocese, and to commend to God the discernment, calling, and leadership of our new bishop.

This monthly rhythm of prayer offers a space to seek God's guidance, and to hold the Diocese before Him, as the household of faith across the Diocese. All are welcome.

Meetings will take place on the **first Monday of the month with the following zoom details:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85084031631?pwd=0QKxOIYaaQMXVCmXO4kl7e8TDHIYbz.1>

Meeting ID: 850 8403 1631 Passcode: 571007

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party: The next session will be *this* Monday (6th July), from 2 -4pm. Contact Derek derekshurvell@gmail.com for more information or simply join us on the day ideally bringing gloves with you.



All Saints' Church Cleaning: The next session will be on **Thurs. 30th July, 10.00 am - 11.30 am.** Do pop this date in your diaries! Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc. with you.

Events – growing together as a community.



COFFEE CAKE CHAT

On Tuesday 21st July, 10am – 12pm.
Sharpthorne Hall in Station Road

All welcome.

Meet old and make new friends over homemade cakes and fresh coffee. No charge but contributions towards expenses will be gratefully accepted.

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

During the building work... Your gifts to support our Mission Partners are still very much appreciated and valued. Thank you for your generosity. ❤️ Please place **donations to our basket of blessings** (for FSW, EG Foodbank, C.O.H.) in the porch of Luctons during this time.

For donations to support the work of **Refugees Welcome Crawley**, please email rwcchair@gmail.com to arrange alternative drop-off/collection.

Study – deepening our understanding of God.

Leavers' Bibles: *Thank you so much* to those who have already sponsored Bibles for our Year 6 Leavers. It would be marvellous if we could get the last few covered... please can you help us? The cost is £15 per Bible, and payment can be made by bank transfer (details on our website) with the reference BIBLE, or in cash or by cheque payable 'St Margaret's PCC, West Hoathly' to Rev'd Heather or popped through the Vicarage door. Many thanks indeed.

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

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference. Amen.*

(Part of the Serenity Prayer, attributed to Karl Paul Reinhold Niebuhr, 1892-1971)

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, Sylvia, Bobi, Steve O'Keefe, Killian, Joyce Johnson, Bev, Ryan, Kate, and Pete.

Those preparing for Baptism: Luca, Rocky, and Lola.

Those preparing for Marriage: Jessica & Christopher, Emma & Adam, Sandra & David, and Teresa & Timothy.

The recently departed, Rosemary Watson, and Joan Cobby, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, 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 Vowels Lane, Gravetye, Ardingly Rd & Selsfield Rd.

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 Peter's, Ardingly.

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:

<https://www.allsaints-highbrook.org.uk/> & <http://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.

Churchwardens of St Margaret's:

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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

"Paul, God has called you by name and made you his own."

"Confirm O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. Amen"

**CONGRATULATIONS TO PAUL
ON HIS CONFIRMATION,
by Bishop Ruth on the Feast Day of
Saints Peter & Paul.**

Let us pray...

Defend, O Lord, this servant with your heavenly grace, that he may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until he comes to your everlasting kingdom. Amen



Faith in Sussex Summer Edition (Issue 41) is out now!

This issue of Faith in Sussex, with an introduction from the Acting Bishop of Chichester, offers a hopeful snapshot of church life across our communities, capturing both the faithfulness and the encouraging growth we are seeing today.

To access it, please follow this link

<https://tinyurl.com/53et7556>