



The Benefice of All Saints', Highbrook
& St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly



Benefice Notices for Trinity 17 Sunday 27th September 2026

Worship & upcoming events.

Wednesday 30th Sept. 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
Friday 2nd October 5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)
Saturday 3rd October 2.30pm, St Margaret's Church – **Service of Thanksgiving** followed by refreshments.



Next Sunday (4th October)
Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30am	All Age Eucharist <i>St Margaret's, West Hoathly</i>
6.00pm	Evensong (BCP) <i>All Saints', Highbrook</i>

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

Trussell
Ending hunger together

Harvest appeal

Help support your local food bank this Harvest

Donations will go towards providing food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship. In gratitude for all the gifts God gives us, let's show compassion and give what we can.

Donate food

Donate an item or two from the shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in our community.

Donate money

Help the food bank to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned veg/fruit
- Cooking sauces
- Coffee
- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cereals
- Fruit juice (long-life)

Urgently needed:

Harvest Festival

Next Sunday we will be holding Harvest Festival services at both our churches, and there will be an opportunity to say thank you to God for all the gifts of the harvest, and to share

Family Support Work

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOODBANK COLLECTION

We would be grateful if you could collect tinned and packaged food items to help support families across Sussex.

- Tinned Vegetables
- Tinned Meat / Fish
- Tinned Fruit
- Soup
- Chopped Tomatoes
- Pasta sauce

- Pasta
- Dried rice
- Jams & Spreads
- Coffee & Tea
- Table Sauces
- Snack bars

No fresh, chilled or out-of-date items.
Thank You!

Please contact Spencer on 01273 832 963 or email Spencer@familysupportwork.org.uk to arrange a collection.

God's bounty with those who are less fortunate.

We will be dividing all food donations between our mission partners. ***Please ensure your donations are in date.*** Please see the posters displayed here for details of the **East Grinstead Foodbank Appeal** and the **FSW Appeal**.

The most useful items for **Crawley Open House Appeal** are tins or packets of the following: *meat, fish, vegetables, soup, beans and fruit, sugar, UHT milk, cereals, rice, instant noodles, cooking sauces, bottles of squash, desserts, coffee/ tea and biscuits, but of course, all donations are welcome.*

Please follow the link here to find ways to support **Refugees Welcome Crawley**: <https://refugeeswelcomecrawley.co.uk/donate/>

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Grateful thanks to the 'holy dusters(!)' who helped recently, and to all who help care for our beautiful church. Next session will be on Thursday 5th November from 10-11.30am. Please bring dusters, cobweb



brushes, gloves etc.

St Margaret's Churchyard Working Party

The next one will be on Monday 5th October
from 2 - 4pm.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Contact: Derek at derekshurvell@gmail.com

Caring for God's Creation: As part of our joint responsibility to care for God's creation, All Saints' and St Margaret's would like to share this invitation from the **Woodland Trust**...

"Nature's Calendar: Help us track the effects of weather and climate change on wildlife near you. What effect has recent weather had on wildlife? Does climate change affect timings in nature? Join Nature's Calendar and help scientists discover answers to these questions.



From leaf buds bursting to blackberries ripening, let us know what's happening near you. You'll be contributing to a long biological record that dates back as far as 1736."

Register or sign-in to start recording by scanning the QR code or following the link here: <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/add-a-record/> More information about Nature's Calendar from the Woodland Trust can be found here: <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>



Fairtrade Fortnight (from 21st September to 4th October): Please follow the link here for more information about Fairtrade, why it matters and how you can get involved: <https://www.fairtrade.net/uk-en.html>



Wed. 30th September West Hoathly Village Hall from 7.30 - 9.30pm: Free screening of the **'People's Emergency Briefing'** and discussion with fellow members of the community. For ages 16+. Includes refreshments and a panel. *To reserve a seat, scan the QR code on the posters displayed around our villages.*

Events – growing together as a community.

Great news!

Coffee Cake Chat - our monthly get together (on the 3rd Tuesday of the month) over freshly brewed coffee, hot drinks and homemade cakes, is now back in St Margaret's Church. How good is that?

Come along and meet old friends and maybe meet some new friends. You'll have the opportunity to benefit from our new facilities too!

We very much hope that you can join us on 20th October.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Study – deepening our understanding God.

The Weekly Readings and Prayers at the St Margaret's Sunday Eucharist: If you would like to read these in advance, or re-read and reflect on them after the Eucharist, they can be downloaded from the website.

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. 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 ahead:

*Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end,
through 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: Shirley, Alex, Annabell, Doreen Walker, Glen, Joyce Fish, Sylvia, Bobi, Killian, and Joyce Johnson.

Those preparing for Baptism: Marcel.

Those preparing for Marriage: Teresa & Timothy.

The recently departed, Gill Couchy, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on the life of our Villages' clubs, youth group and organisations, and for the life and community spirit of our villages.

For God's blessing on the life of our villages' businesses and service providers.

For God's forgiveness for our neglect of His creation and at times our indifference to future generations. For God's help for us to be more thoughtful stewards of this earth, and to make amends.

Thankfulness to God for the near completion of the 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

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 this weekly Benefice Notice sheet: Please email Karen at brkb410@gmail.com