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

Benefice Notices for Second Sunday before Advent
Sunday 15th November 2026

Worship & upcoming events.

Tuesday 17th November 10 -12 noon, St Margaret's – Coffee Cake Chat
Wednesday 18th Nov. 9.30am, St Margaret's - Holy Communion
Friday 20th November 9.00 – 10.30am, St Margaret's – Little Dragons
5.30pm, St Margaret's - Evening Prayer (BCP)



Next Sunday (22nd November)
Christ the King
9am Holy Communion (BCP) *All Saints', Highbrook*
10.30am Eucharist *St Margaret's, West Hoathly*

Parish Christmas cards: These cards will be available soon. Please be ready to help us to spread the invitation to every house in the Benefice by offering to deliver the cards to a road or two. The cards will be at the back of each church, and in St Margaret's will be divided into roads or areas. Thank you!

Stewardship - generous giving to and through God

All Saints' Church Cleaning: Next session will be on Thursday 3rd December from 10-11.30am. Please bring dusters, cobweb brushes, gloves etc.

Churchyard Working Party: The next working party at St Margaret's will be on Monday 7th December from 2.00 – 4.00pm. We'd love you to help us!!

Our Advent and Christmas preparations: We will need help in various ways in the run up to Christmas. **Please can you help us?**

- ***Sponsorship of our Christmas Events for the village:*** Would you be willing to help sponsor Carols in the Square, and the lighting that will last during the Christmas period? (The total is estimated to be around £500 - £600.)

- ***Giving of your time:*** Volunteers will be needed to help with Carols in the Square on Sunday 6th December. Could you spare some time to lend a hand?
- ***Refreshments after the Carols in the Square*** – Please could you let us know if you can help in any way with the refreshments that we plan to serve.

Please speak with Rev'd Heather, Derek or the churchwardens if you can help in any of these ways. *Your support you will be truly appreciated. Thank you so much.*

Events – growing together as a community.

This Tuesday



A warm welcome awaits for

COFFEE CAKE CHAT

At St Margaret's Church

Tuesday 17th November

10am - 12noon

No charge but a contribution towards expenses welcomed.

THIS Friday (20th)
Who's coming to play?!

TODDLER GROUP

Little Dragons

Come and play, sing and roar!

A friendly weekly group for toddlers and their grown-ups.

1. Songs & rhymes
2. Messy play
3. Free play
4. Snack & chat

WHEN
Fridays 9-10:30am during term time

WHERE
St Margaret's Church, West Hoathly

COST
Free

GET IN TOUCH
01342 529047

admin@highbrookwesthoathly.org

New families always welcome!

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

Family Support Work
The Sussex Charity for Children Since 1890

Gifts for FSW at Christmas: Gifts for families primarily in Cuckfield Deanery, but also throughout Sussex, would be very much appreciated. They may be brought to the **All-Age Eucharist at St Margaret's, West Hoathly, at 10.30am on Sunday 6th December.** If you're able, please consider donating a Christmas gift (and/or food items) from the poster displayed. FSW would be so grateful for our support in bringing joy to their families this year. **Please leave the gifts unwrapped**.

If you're not able to donate on 6th December, items may also be left in the porch at Luctons, but please may we have these by Thurs. 10th December.

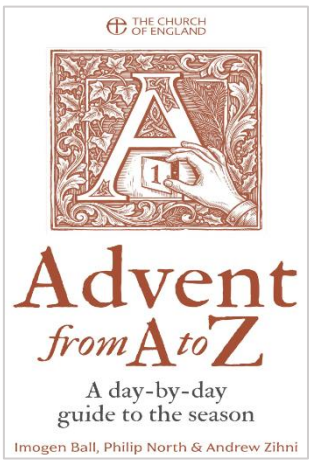


Thank you so much for your continuing support of FSW.

Food items for **Crawley Open House** and the **East Grinstead Foodbank** may be left in the Church Porch or the porch at Luctons too. It would be helpful if you could mark items specifically for them, and please leave them by **Monday 7th December.**

Many thanks for your generosity.

Study – deepening our understanding of God.



A highly recommended read this Advent…The Church of England 2026 Advent Resource.
"Advent from A to Z" by Imogen Ball, Philip North and Andrew Zihni invites us on a journey to explore what the season of Advent is all about. It offers twenty-four daily reflections, each taking as their starting point a different letter of the alphabet. Together they invite us to discover afresh the people, places, traditions and symbols of Advent. Each day includes a Bible reading, a reflection, an opportunity to respond and a prayer. There are also illustrations for each day as well as questions for reflection.

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

Prayer for the week: *Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed 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: Shirley, Alex, Glen, Joyce Fish, Sylvia, Bobi, Killian, and Joyce Johnson.

The recently departed, Sue Dickson, and for those whose anniversary of death falls around this time, Roy Blackman, Pamela Willie, and Barrie Shier, and all who are grieving for them.

For God's blessing on those who reside or work in our care homes, hospices and hospitals, both locally and further afield.

For God's blessing on the life of the church families of our deanery. This week we also pray for the clergy & church families of our neighbouring deaneries.

For God's continuing guidance with our churches' Ministry & Mission.

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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