

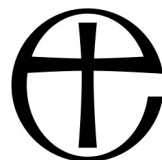
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PARISH OF
**SAINT MARGARET'S
WEST HOATHLY AND
ALL SAINTS'
HIGHBROOK**



Diocese of
Chichester

Thought for the Week



The transfiguration is one of the best-known stories about Jesus, not least because of its combination of the extraordinary event (Mark 9:2-4) and the wholly ordinary and predictable response of Peter (Mark 9: 5-6). The first question to ask about the transfiguration is not the most important question, but it is not easy to move forward without asking "What happened?" I think that Peter and James and John would have had difficulty in answering that question! Yet although the meaning matters more than the occasion, we must ask what the occasion was.

Mark (and Matthew and Luke) tells us that something took place which transcended normal experience. The mountain, in the Bible, is the place of divine revelation (Mounts Moriah, Sinai, Horeb).

The cloud reminds us of the divine presence (Exodus 13:21; 19:9; 33:9, Numbers 9:15). The brightness of Jesus' garments is reminiscent of the Shekinah, the divine presence in a pillar of fire.

Here are all the signs of an experience of the numinous. We know all the detail but what did it mean?

Moses and Elijah minister to Jesus? Remember what happens next in the story? This is preparation for the next and final steps in his ministry. They are instructed not to say anything until "the Son of Man is risen from the dead". The transfiguration is also a reminder that although Jesus and his disciples were poor and lowly now when Jesus did return he would be clothed in glory and majesty; they had only seen a little bit of what was promised for Jesus and for his disciples in the future.

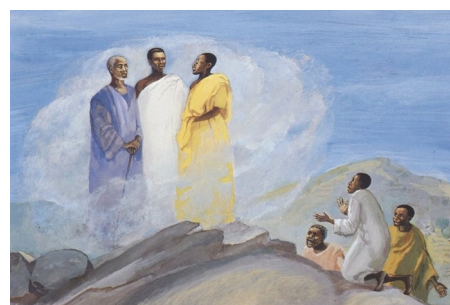
WELCOME TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICES

We pray that you will find warmth and friendship here in our churches and will enjoy fellowship with one another and meet with the living God.

Sunday 19th February 2012

Sunday Next before Lent

THEME: A Glimpse of His Glory



The Transfiguration, Jesus Mafa, Cameroon

Services in the Parish TODAY:

8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion,
Saint Margaret's

9am Matins, All Saints' HIGHBROOK

10am Jubilate FAMILY Service w PUPPETS,
Saint Margaret's

430pm Evensong, Saint Margaret's

Readings for Services 19 Feb:

Morning:

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Kings 2:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

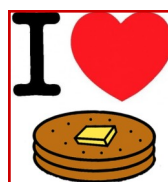
Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Evening:

Psalm 2

1 Kings 19:1-16

2 Peter 1:16-end



**Shrove Tuesday
21st February 2012**

Pancake Supper

630pm Sharpthorne Hall

Come along and bring the whole family to enjoy home-made pancakes. Why not enter for the pancake competition? Bring along your decorated pancake! A real pancake but you may decorate it with anyway you wish!
2 categories: Adults' and Children's

We are ONE VOICE

Wed, Feb 29, noon to 130pm

16 Highcroft Road, Sharpthorne

The united body of Christ, praying together for an end to poverty. A guided, meditative, silent prayer meeting.
8-10 places, contact Margaret Worthington 811 170.

An Evening with STUART TOWNEND

Saturday, 17 March 730pm, All Saints Church, Lindfield

Tickets £10 (£12 on the door)

Church office: 01444 482 405 / email: allsaints@lindfield.info

COLLECT

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH THIS WEEK 20 — 25 February 2012

Tuesday, 21 February

11am Team Visit to Maple & Willow Lodges
630pm Pancake Supper and Competition,
Sharpthorne Hall, EVERYONE INVITED!

ASH Wednesday, 22 February

10am Communion and Imposition of Ashes,
Saint Margaret's
730pm ECUMENICAL Service with Imposition of Ashes,
Saint Dunstan's, West Hoathly

Thursday, 23 February

745pm Deanery Meeting, Topic: Reaching Older People
Saint Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath
8pm Men's Italian Meal and Social, Sharpthorne Hall

Friday, 24 February

Lionel's Day Off this week
3-415pm Saints & Angels, readings, hymns, speaker and
High Tea, Saint Margaret's

Saturday 25 February

8am Prayers, Saint Margaret's
3pm WEDDING: Fiona Tingley & Markus Otema
Saint Margaret's

NEXT SUNDAY 26 Feb, FIRST Sunday of Lent

9am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion,
All Saints' Highbrook
10am Parish Communion, Saint Margaret's
430-6pm Gather Round, fun for families,
SHARPTHORNE HALL
6pm Deanery HEALING SERVICE, with laying on of
hands, SPEAKER The Revd Gary Simmons, Rural Dean,
Saint Giles, Horsted Keynes

Readings for Services 26 Feb:

Morning:

Psalm 25:1-9
Genesis 9:8-17
1 Peter 3:18-end
Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Evening:

Psalm 119:17-32
Genesis 2:15-17;3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19



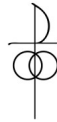
Day Visiting
Chichester Cathedral
Tuesday 28 February 2012
Leaving Sharpthorne Hall
10am
Contact Valerie 810848



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

**Barbara Doorly, Stanford Merri-
field, David Grainger, Chic & Peter
Hutchings, Janet Johnson, Simon
Maynard, Joan Turnbull (EG), John Curtis (HB), Jessica Sla-
ter, David & Pearl Knight, Geoff White, Herbie Wren,
Frank Mason, Karen.**

For God's comfort and reassurance for the family of
Glenda Mitchell.




Pray for **Markus Otema and Fiona Tingley** as they pre-
pare for their wedding Saturday Feb 25, 3pm.

Please Pray for Group Visit to Loiyangalani, Kenya,
Sunday 11 Feb through Thursday 23 Feb

Lift in prayer **Alex Baxter and family** as he continues
with his studies for the priesthood and they prepare
for the birth of their third child.

Please pray for **Megan Whatley** working with
African Enterprise in South Africa. The notice 
board has details of her work and ministry
there. www.africanenterprise.co.uk

For the people affected by the earthquake and Tsu-
nami in Japan. Especially for **Alaric** (Nigel Dunsmore-
Rouse's son working as a missionary with
 OMF in Japan). Pray for peace in Egypt,
Libya, Ivory Coast, Yemen, and especially for
the people of Syria, and other parts of the Middle East
where there is unrest. For our brothers and sisters in
Cameroon (Dibo and Estelle), the Amazon (Ruth and
Saulo) and Kenya (Loiyangalani).

YOU ARE INVITED to the next Deanery Meeting

Thursday February 23, 745pm

Saint Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath

**TOPIC: Reaching Older People with the Good News of
Jesus Christ. Call Lionel or Valerie for transportation
or just take yourself along! ALL WELCOME!**



• What activities can
we arrange that will
help?

• How do we share
our own faith story?

**Come and explore some answers and hear more
of how the Church can put evangelism on the
agenda as a heartbeat and not as a hiccup.**

Saturday, 31st March 2012,

10am – 4pm

Sharpthorne Hall, Bring your Lunch

(refreshments provided)

The Day will be lead by **Simon Martin**, Rural Life
and Faith Project Officer for the Arthur Rank Centre,
and **Gordon Banks**, Chichester Diocesan
Evangelist.