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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 7TH MARCH 2021
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



The snowmoon on 27th February. Thanks to Peter Hewetson-Brown for the photograph.

Opening Hymn (recorded service)

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the LORD with cheerful voice.
Serve him with joy, his praises tell,
come now before him and rejoice!

3 O enter then his gates with joy,
within his courts his praise proclaim!
Let thankful songs your tongues employ.
O bless and magnify his name!

2 Know that the LORD is God indeed;
he formed us all without our aid.
We are the flock he surely feeds,
the sheep who by his hand were made.

4 Because the LORD our God is good,
his mercy is forever sure.
His faithfulness at all times stood
and shall from age to age endure.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the New Testament – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

‘I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.’

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

The Gospel Reading – John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’ The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Deirdre West, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Susan Wiltshire, Ian Aslett, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Sarah Neve, Chloe Grenier, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Anthony Matthews, Betty Zachariah, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, Mary Wallace, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieleto, Damian Leaney

The recently departed: Fiona Allen, Roger Thorp

Anniversaries of death this week: Laurie Tonge (7th); Iris Morgan (7th); Ethel Faulkner (8th); Walter Parsons (8th); Bill Strutt (9th); Olive Oldham (10th); John Forgham (10th); Tony Brice (12th); Margaret Winter (12th); Frank Cooper (13th); Kenneth Dier (13th); Tudor Edwards (13th); Dennis Howard (13th)

Funerals this week: Roger Thorp

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Merciful Lord,

grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – MOTHERING SUNDAY

2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Luke 2:33-35

Related readings – 1 Samuel 1:20-28; Psalm 127:1-4

Bringing the community together – can you help?

The Home Services Administrator at Highbury House Residential Care Home has been in touch to ask if we might set up a 'pen pal' scheme between members of the congregation and residents of the home. There are currently 24 residents, some of whom are bed bound and, at the time of writing, visiting is severely restricted. If you would like to be involved by giving a little time to read a letter from a resident and writing a reply probably once a month, please do let me know. Although none of us has a lot of news to share just now, residents might like to share stories about their lives and their former work.

I will work with the home on the logistics of safely getting the letters back and forth, probably by putting them into a few days of 'quarantine' at each stage, to avoid transmission of COVID-19. Thank you to the four people who have so far come forward. It would be good to have more volunteers, please! *Fr Anthony*

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK – SHOPPING LIST



The shopping list on the Foodbank website hasn't been updated for a few weeks but please continue to bring what you can: non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please. Leave your donation in the porch on Sunday mornings or during private prayer opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 1400-1500

Financial donations can be made here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>

You can make your donation through online supermarket shops. More details can be found here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/2019/06/21/ordering-food-delivery-foodbank/>.

Please pray for the Foodbank and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services.

OUR GREAT MEDIEVAL MONASTERY – LEWES PRIORY

Looking back 900 years - new insights

Lewes Priory Trust's season of 16 short talks in four evening symposia **Online on Zoom**.

Free of charge. All at 1930 - 2100 approx, including question time.

Symposium 1 Tuesday 4th May WHAT DID THE CLUNIACS EVER DO FOR US?

Symposium 2 Friday 7th May THE DESTRUCTION AND REDISCOVERY OF THE PRIORY

Symposium 3 Tuesday 11th May CARING FOR A HERITAGE SITE INTO THE FUTURE

Symposium 4 Friday 14th May WHAT THE LATEST RESEARCH IS TELLING US

Rounded off on Saturday 15th May with A GUIDED TOUR OF THE PRIORY REMAINS

Tour *not* via Zoom. £5 cash donation requested at assembly point:

gathering at Mountfield Road car park at 1430. Booking for tour opens 8th March.

To receive an invitation in April to register for the talks via Zoom, and/or to book the tour, email

enquiries@lewespriory.org.uk

PUBLIC WORSHIP IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

If you wish to receive Holy Communion, please listen to the recorded service at 1000 on Sundays then come to the church between 1100 and 1230. You will be admitted by yourself, or as a couple, for brief prayers with Fr Anthony and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The church building is open for private prayer: Monday - Saturday 1400 – 1500. It is a legal requirement that you must wear a facemask when coming to church for private prayer or services.

By 1000 each Sunday there is a pre-recorded Service of the Word on our website

www.stmargaret.org.uk

Do share with those who do not have internet access that they can listen to the service on the 'phone by dialling **01273 92 12 32** at a standard call rate.

The service is also available on Alexa

First time: "**Alexa, enable St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean**"

Thereafter: "**Alexa, open St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean**"

REGULAR GIVING TO ST MARGARET'S

If you are new to our church and are planning to become a regular worshipper with us – **welcome!** Our members give generously of their time, their talents and their wealth. If you have a particular **skill or interest** that you might be able to offer, please speak with Fr Anthony.

Please consider signing up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** of regular donations to support our day-to-day activities: forms are available on request.

Please also consider leaving a **legacy** to St Margaret's when writing your Will, and help to secure the building and our resources for future generations.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit in the month of March by Elaine Bowden in loving memory of Iris Morgan RIP whose anniversary falls on 7th March.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline was sponsored in the month of January by Rosemary Baigent in loving memory of her dear husband Kenneth who died 21 years ago on 2nd December.

If you would like to sponsor the church floodlighting or the 'phoneline please contact Fr Anthony.