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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 9TH MAY 2021
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



St Peter's Vision of a Sheet with Animals (1619)
Domenico Fetti (c.1589-1623)

Opening Hymn (recorded service)

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
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True love is patient, nor arrogant nor boastful;
Love bears all things, love is eternal.
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The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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 – Acts 10:44-end

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17

Jesus said to the disciples, 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.'

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Anthony Matthews, Betty Zachariah, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieleto, Damian Leaney, Patricia Fiddler

The recently departed: Iain Farquharson

Anniversaries of death this week: Geoffrey Atkinson (9th); Betty Turner (9th); Glyn Cobley (10th); Robbie Feld (10th); Helen Pontin (10th); Jim Bower (10th); George Watts (11th); Jonathan Clements (11th); Brian Sheppard (12th); Dennis Thwaites (12th); Margaret Rowe (12th); Nick Denney (12th); Connie Wright (13th); John Perriton (13th); Glenn Coleman (13th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17, 21-end; John 17:6-19

Related readings – 1 John 5:9-13; Psalm 1

Sponsoring The Lookout

Now that we are printing more copies of The Lookout again it would be helpful, please, if you would consider sponsoring each week's edition. Rising costs mean that we would ask for £10 per week to cover the cost of paper, ink and printer 'clicks'. If you would like to request a particular image for the front cover, please let Fr Anthony know in good time.

Looking to the future

We will, from 21st June, begin to resume our fellowship and social activities, including a weekday coffee morning. The Knit & Natter group will reconvene at the end of June, meeting in the church building. There will be two Sunday services at 1000 and 1130 through the summer and coffee will be served in a large marquee between the services. All being well, by autumn we will return to one main service with coffee served in church after a temporary reordering which will give plenty of space for tables and chairs and a kitchenette: all in anticipation of the larger development project, hopefully next year. **We will be looking for new groups of volunteers** to help with serving coffee, church cleaning and offering lifts to people who may like to come to church but are unable to walk or drive themselves. Please be in touch with Dawn or Heather if you would be willing to help with cleaning or offering lifts, or with Elaine Eardley who has kindly agreed to coordinate the coffee rotas.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 12th May at 1900 in church (with restricted numbers, as on Sundays). We will keep the meeting brief, electing/re-electing Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. There are 3 PCC vacancies – one is for a PCC Secretary (someone has come forward for that role), and two others: we have already received one nomination. We need one of the new members or an existing PCC member to serve as Deputy Safeguarding Officer. Any questions, please do be in touch with me or the Churchwardens. Application forms are available from Bernie Baldock, PCC Secretary. *Fr Anthony*



We are entering **Christian Aid Week: 10-16 May 2021**. This year's focus is the climate crisis and the assistance of our global neighbours in Kenya who continue to battle the effects of extreme weather. If you would like to make a donation, please make out a cheque to Christian Aid and pass it to me in church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it through my door at the Vicarage. Alternatively, cash donations can be put in an envelope marked Christian Aid: we will bank the total and make a transfer to the charity. *Fr Anthony*

CONTINUING PUBLIC WORSHIP

With some additional seating, numbers are now limited to around 35, depending on bubble groups. We continue without a booking system but please, each Sunday that you come, indicate which service you will attend the following week, to avoid too many people turning up for one service. Please also arrive in good time to help the Churchwardens organise the seating arrangements. There are two **Sunday Eucharists, at 1000 and 1130** and a **Thursday Eucharist at 1000**. Our recorded audio services are still available on our website www.stmargaret.org.uk, on Alexa or on the 'phone by dialling 01273 92 12 32. Provision will change in late June: the church services will be recorded 'live' on Sundays and then Rowland will very kindly edit to include the readings, sermon and prayers, as now, ready to be heard from Mondays and throughout the week. We remain immensely grateful to Rowland for the hours and hours of work he puts in to ensuring a professionally produced service is available to those who wish to listen at home or in hospital.

NEW RECYCLING SCHEMES

Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and support SPIN (Single Parent Information Network)

By recycling your used printer ink cartridges you will raise money for local organisation SPIN (Single Parent Information Network) based in Rottingdean. SPIN, founded in 2005, provides information, support, advice and a network for other single parent families.

www.facebook.com/groups/SPINsingleparents Email: spin@live.co.uk Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/spin/>

To send your cartridges or start collecting use this link
<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C104929>

Cartridges can also be dropped in the box in the church porch during opening hours.

Recycle Your Medicine Blister Packs and support St Margaret's

We are also now a collection point for medicine blister packs (the plastic/metal sachets that tablets come in). The may be dropped off for recycling during opening hours. This project raises funds for the church.

SUPPORTING THE WHITEHAWK FOODBANK



Please continue to bring what you can: non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please. Donations can be left 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.