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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 11TH APRIL 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

10th June 1921 – 9th April 2021

Opening Hymn (recorded service) in honour of His Royal Highness

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might;
Be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r,
O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,

you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The recently departed: HRH The Prince Philip, Kathleen Williams, Caroline Jukes

Anniversaries of death this week: Jenny Allistone (11th); Lee Whyte (13th); Pat Vonesch (13th); Julie Franks (13th); Catherin Webb (14th); Lily McCallum (14th); Reginald Whatley (14th); Dorothy Montagu (16th); Marion Parsons (17th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36-48

Related readings – 1 John 3:1-7; Psalm 4

CONTINUING PUBLIC WORSHIP

Numbers will continue be limited to around 30, depending on bubble groups. We will try until June 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.

There are now two **Sunday Eucharists at 1000 and 1130** and a **Thursday Eucharist at 1000**.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

It seems like only yesterday when we held our last meeting in September, postponed from the Spring 2020 because of the pandemic. We are required to hold another by the end of May: ours will be on Wednesday 12th May at 1900 in church (with restricted numbers, as on Sundays). We will try to 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, another for a Deputy Safeguarding Officer and a third 'general' vacancy for which we have already received one nomination. Any questions, please do be in touch with me or the Churchwardens. *Fr Anthony*



SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK

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

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 April by Giles Henry in celebration of Rosemary's significant birthday and many April family birthdays of people past and present.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is being sponsored in the month of April by Mary Hanna in thanksgiving for her membership of St Margaret's Church.

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