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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH 2021 MOTHERING SUNDAY (THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY)



Opening Hymn (recorded service)

Sing we of the blessed Mother who received the angels word, And obedient to his summons bore in love the infant Lord; Sing we of the Joys of Mary at whose breast that child was fed Who is Son of God eternal and the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing again the joys of Mary when she saw the risen Lord,
And in prayer with Christ's apostles, waited on his promised word:
From on high the blazing glory of the Spirit's presence came,
Heavenly breath of God's own being,
Tokened in the wind and flame.

3. Sing the greatest joy of Mary when on earth her work was done, And the Lord of all creation brought her to his heavenly home: Virgin Mother, Mary blessed, Raised on high and crowned with grace, May thy Son, the world's redeemer, Grant us all to see his face.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Mothering Sunday

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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 - 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:33-35

And the child Jesus' father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieletto, Damian Leaney

Thanksgivings: 'Thank you all so much for your help, kindness and prayers. I am truly grateful. I feel that I no longer need to be on The Lookout's prayer list, and I look forward to seeing everyone again as soon as is possible.' *Mary Wallace*

The recently departed: Iris Holdom, Fiona Allen

Anniversaries of death this week: Sally Dore (14th); David Smith (15th); Sidney Hitchcock (15th); Lorraine Gamba (16th); Louis Gamba (16th); Basil Wheeler (18th); Bill Blackett (19th); Lawrence Coleman (19th); Robert Gibbs (19th); Lyris Moses-Tinsley (19th); Muriel Harrow (19th); Harold Williams (19th); Ron Spark (20th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – LENT 5

Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33 Related readings – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12

Resuming public worship – hopefully!

If all goes well and the Government is able to ease the restrictions a little on 29th March to the 'rule of six' or 'two households' status that we experienced last year, I very much hope that we will be in a position to resume public worship for part of Holy Week and Easter. Please keep any eye on notices in The Lookout over the next couple of weeks and listen carefully to announcements in the recorded services. We will probably return to a pattern whereby we allow a maximum of 30 people to be in church together. If we are able to open for Easter, we will operate a booking system as we did at Christmas: it worked well. The PCC is also working to ensure that provision will be available for post-service coffee in church as soon as such gatherings are permitted, probably in June. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to be in touch. *Fr Anthony*

Special Easter Appeal for our school children

We are looking to raise about £350 to help tell the Easter story to the children of our wonderful school. We are partnering with Brighton & Hove City Mission who will supply Holy Week Journal Packs. The pack contains a six-day journal for the children to complete, as they read about the life of Jesus from when he entered Jerusalem to his resurrection. The children will be encouraged to complete activities each day and will be presented with a chocolate egg to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Children, and hopefully parents too, will learn what Easter is truly about. We have also ordered palm crosses from African Palms and each child will receive one of these too. Can you help, please, with a donation to the appeal? *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

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"

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 is being sponsored in the month of March by an anonymous donor in thanksgiving for the audio services.

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