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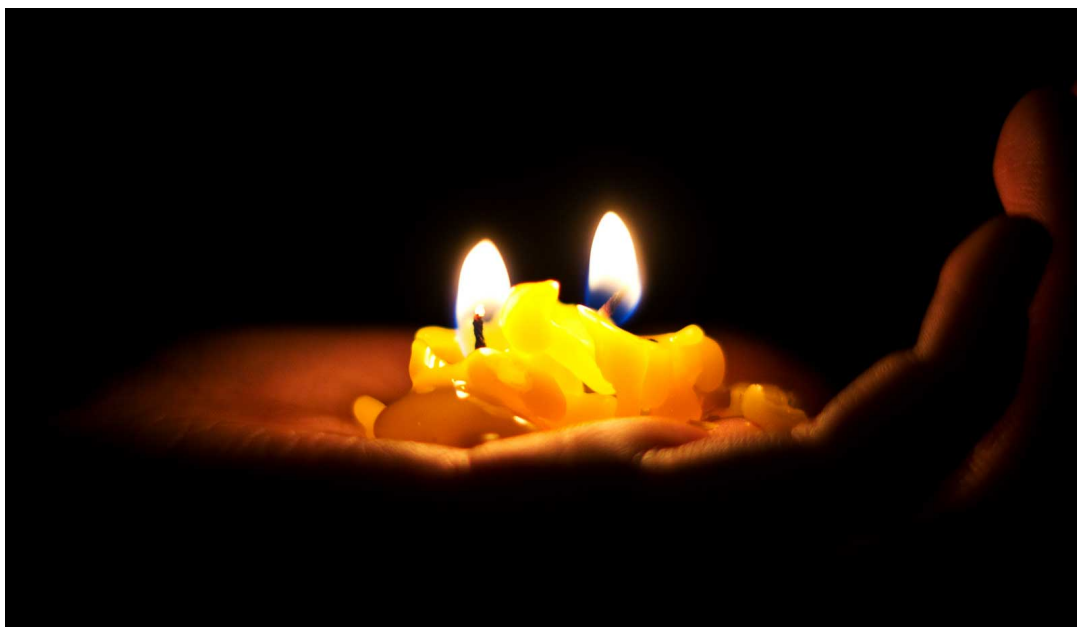
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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2018

ADVENT SUNDAY



HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	469
GRADUAL	59
OFFERTORY	247
COMMUNION	117 & 485
FINAL	172

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (*a bell will be rung*)

"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 Old Testament – Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

The Gospel Reading – Luke 21:25-36

Jesus said to his disciples, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Brian West, Esmé von Habsburg, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Wilson Broom, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Andy, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire, Heather.

The recently departed: David Adkin, Harold Alcock, Chris White

Anniversaries of death this week: Harry Baker (2nd); Kenneth Baigent (2nd); Philip Wells (3rd); George Cheshier (4th); Jean Hilder (4th); Reg Grant (4th); Stephanie Patterson (4th); Ronald Money (5th); Amy Longmore (5th); Wallace Ponsford (6th); Caroline Ellis (8th); Peter Hampton (8th)

Post-communion Prayer

O Lord our God,

make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ADVENT 2

Baruch 5:1-9; Luke 3:1-6 Related readings – Canticle Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11



Urgently needed this week: Instant coffee, tinned potatoes, carbonara sauce, men's deodorants, women's deodorants, shaving foam. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

From the PCC Treasurer

I am very grateful to the team of volunteers that counts our collection and donations and prepares the paperwork for me to enter into our accounts system. In order to make their life easier and to avoid errors with HMRC can I please ask that if you are a member of this church and in the past have completed a gift aid form then please refrain from putting your donation into a yellow envelope. Apart from the high cost of these envelopes they are a form of legal document. All the information on them as to be recorded individually and they have to be kept for 7 years. If you wish to make a Gift Aid donation please use the plain brown envelopes and simply write your donation number on it. Ideally, perhaps you would consider using the Parish Giving scheme.

If you are not a UK taxpayer you cannot submit a Gift Aid donation: if we make a Gift Aid claim for you into HMRC we will have to refund the claim back to them. So for non-taxpayers please put your donation directly into the collection plate or in an unmarked envelope. This way your donation will not be accidentally submitted for Gift Aid. Many thanks. *Robert Macrowan*

Confirmation

The Bishop of Lewes will be coming to St Margaret's for a Confirmation Service on Thursday 28th February, 2019 at 1930. If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation or would like to know more about it, please speak with Fr Anthony or Mthr Lucy. Confirmation is available to those who have been baptized. If you have not been baptized and would like to be, this can be arranged too.

Children's Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Brighton Deanery)

Friday 15th – Sunday 17th March 2019 for children 7 – 11 years old. Cost around £78 plus a contribution towards travel costs. If you might be interested in this exciting weekend, please speak to Mthr Lucy today – she is gauging interest to see if the trip will be viable.

Christmas Flowers- If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, please mark your donation 'Christmas Flowers', and please include any dedication e.g. 'In Memory of ...', etc. Any donations will be gratefully received. Thank you.

From Christopher Stringer, Funeral Director

We are holding a Christmas Open Morning on Saturday 8th December from 1000 to 1200 at our office, with Mulled Wine, coffee and mince pies. All welcome. We will hold a raffle with all proceeds going to St Margaret's Church. There will also be an opportunity to place a remembrance tag on our Memorial Christmas tree.

The House Project in Longridge Avenue, Saltdean is looking for volunteers to help in the charity shop. If you have an hour or two to spare please contact Vi on 01273 390408 to help carry on the amazing work started by Joy and Harold de Souza.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of December by John and Jackie Blackman in memory of Richard Harry Faulkner. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.

ST MARGARET'S FIFTH GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Many, many thanks and congratulations to all who have been working hard throughout the weekend to run this spectacular event - the Festival is still open throughout today so please do support the event and enjoy lunch or tea in the Cottage.

Do join us for the Ecumenical Advent Carol Service at 1700 today - a joint service with the clergy and people of Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church for the whole community.

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

Sunday 9th December at 1600 - 'Music for Advent'

Alessandro Scarlatti – *Cantata pastorale per la natività di Nostre Signore* ('Christmas Cantata')

Arcangelo Corelli - Christmas Concerto Music by J. S. Bach, and Advent Carols

Ellie Blackshaw and James Shenton – violin Paul King - viola

Nick Houghton – organ Shona Knight – soprano

Tickets £10 (under 12s free)

available now from www.ticketsource.co.uk, from Café Dean on Marine Drive

or in church on Sundays or after weekday services

Friday 14th December at 1930 - Ovingdean Choral Society Christmas Concert

Handel *Messiah* - part I. Medieval, Renaissance and early Baroque

to 19th and 20th century music with a Christmas theme and audience carols. Tickets £10

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 20th January - The Deans Ecumenical Service
for The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Friday 1st February – Film Night in Church – Sing-along Mamma Mia!

Saturday 2nd February - Christingle craft morning

Saturday 23rd February – Theatrical Storytelling by Dirty Footprints Theatre

Saturday 1st June – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea

Saturday 20th/Sunday 21st July – St Margaret's Day celebrations

Saturday 27th July – Recital by Dan Phelps

Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

Thursday 19th – Saturday 21st September – The Great Harvest Village Show

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd	0730	Morning Prayer	
Advent Sunday	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Family Parish Eucharist	
	1700	Ecumenical Advent Carol Service	
Monday 3rd	0830	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 4th	0830	Morning Prayer	
	1000	Eucharist	
	1030	Singing Kettle	
	1800	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 5th	0830	Morning Prayer	
	1000	School Service in church	1800 Evening Prayer
	1830	Eucharist & Bible Study	
	1930	Knit & Natter in St Margaret's Cottage	
Thursday 6th	0830	Morning Prayer	
St Nicholas of Myra	1000	Eucharist	No Evening Prayer (Longhill School Carol Concert)
Friday 7th	No public services today		
St Ambrose			
Saturday 8th	1000	Morning Prayer	
Conception of the BVM	1700	Evening Prayer	
Sunday 9th	0730	Morning Prayer	
Advent 2	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist	1600 Advent Concert