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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE 93

GRADUAL 575

OFFERTORY 270

COMMUNION 315 & 619

FINAL 566

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

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

*Congratulations to Harry Sheppard who won the
'People's Choice' in our Christmas Tree Festival
for 'Christmas Beacon'*

Friends of Beacon Hill Nature Reserve

*'I designed and made this tree using wood
I found on Beacon Hill whilst volunteering for my
Duke of Edinburgh Award', says Harry*

Thank you to Duncan Ward for the photograph

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east,
and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." '

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: Shirley Sheppard, David Adkin, Harold Alcock, Chris White

Anniversaries of death this week: Arthur Renaut (10th); Frederick Fearman (11th); Harold Milne (11th); Eddie Bell (11th); Ronald Field (11th); Nellie Openshaw (12th); Gladys Green (13th); Jack Revett (13th); Arthur Jones (priest) (14th); Doreen Rowe (15th); Sheila Elliott (15th)

Post-communion Prayer

Father in heaven,

who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge:

give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming

that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ADVENT 3

Zephaniah 3:14-end; Luke 3:7-18 Related readings – Canticle Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7



Urgently needed this week: Washing tablets, tinned potatoes, carbonara sauce, men's deodorants, women's deodorants, shaving foam, curry sauce. 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.

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.

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.

Thank you...

to Chris Stringer for hosting a Christmas Open Morning yesterday. £150 was raised for the church.

Knit & Natter

We are not meeting this week. We reconvene after a Christmas break on Wednesday 3rd January.

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 2018

I would like to say a very BIG THANK YOU to all those who donated, sponsored, displayed, visited and helped at the Christmas Tree Festival 2018. Another memorable event!

The result of the People's Choice of Christmas Trees was:

1st - Number 20 – 'Christmas Beacon' – Friends of Beacon Hill Nature Reserve, Harry Sheppard

2nd - Number 21 – 'Fully Booked for Christmas' – Bob Baldock

3rd - Number 24 – 'All the trimmings' – Bernie Baldock

My thanks also go to Mother Lucy, Sue, Bernie, Lorna, Marian, Joyce and her team in the kitchen, and all the stewards. Thank you! *Duncan Ward*

And many thanks to Duncan himself for his time, hard work and expertise built up over the years. The Festival raised a very splendid total of £3,788. Very well done and my thanks to all! Fr Anthony

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

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

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,
in church today or at the door

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 1900

"IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER"

*A quiet, reflective service for those who are bereaved, unwell, lonely, anxious
or just fed up with Christmas glitz and glitter*

SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER AT 1500

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 1700

FAMILY CRIB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE – MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER AT 2330

MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY – TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER AT 1000

FAMILY PARISH EUCHARIST

Please note, no public services on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th December. Also, no services on New Year's Day. Singing Kettle will not run on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 9th	0730	Morning Prayer	
Advent 2	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist	1600 Advent Concert
Monday 10th	0830	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 11th	0830	Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle	
	1200	Funeral Service of David Adkin RIP	
	1800	Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 12th	0830	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1830	Eucharist & Bible Study	
Thursday 13th	0830	Morning Prayer	
St Lucy	1000	Eucharist	1800 Evening Prayer
Friday 14th	<i>No public services today</i>		
St John of the Cross	1930	Ovingdean Choral Society Christmas Concert	
Saturday 15th	1000	Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
Sunday 16th	0730	Morning Prayer	
Advent 3	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist & Children's Church	
	1700	Evening Prayer	