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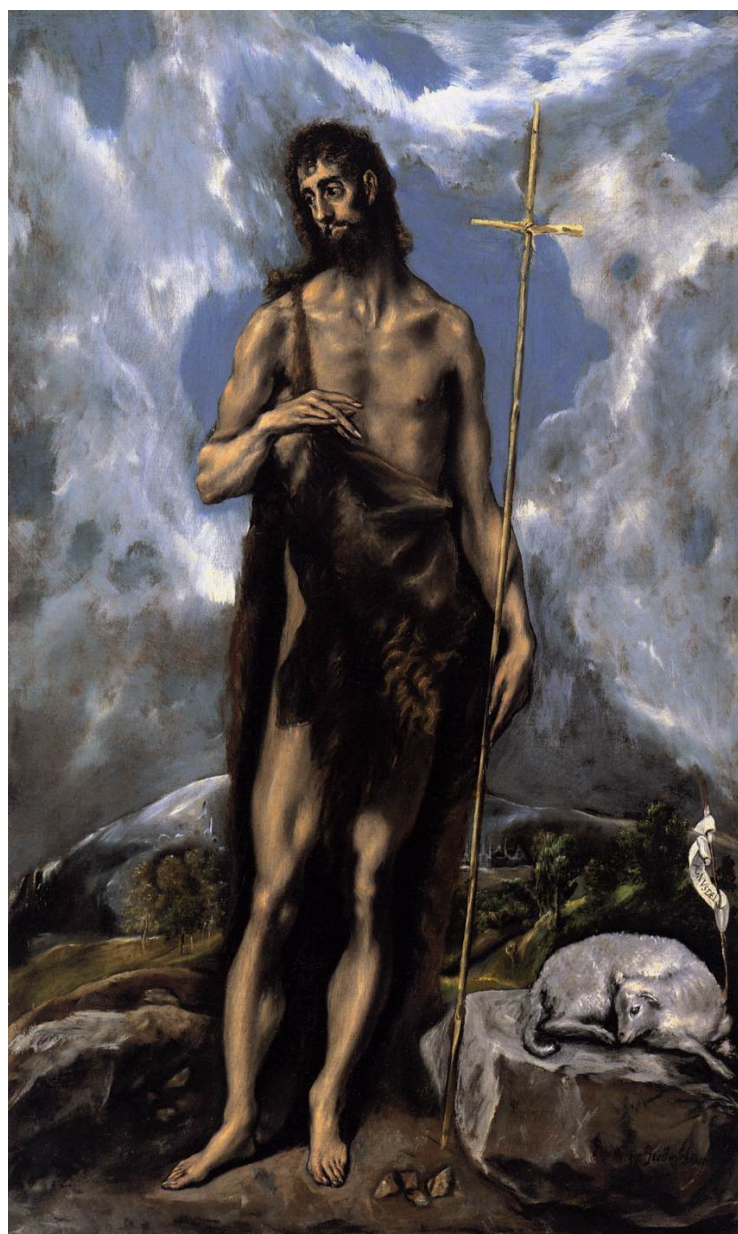
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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2018
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	363
GRADUAL	563
OFFERTORY	261
COMMUNION	524 & 360
FINAL	223

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

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

*Many thanks to Sue Leaney
for sponsoring The Lookout this week
in memory of her sister Lynne RIP*

*Image: St John the Baptist c.1600
Doménikos Theotokópoulos – 'El Greco'
(1541-1614)*

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

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.'

And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire, Heather

The recently departed: Diane Ingram, Harold Alcock

Anniversaries of death this week: George Shepherd (16th); Reginald Hewson (16th); Vicki Kristi (16th); Bernard Darlow (17th); Doris Cordy (17th); Marjorie Woollard (18th); Bill Izzard (19th); Dennis Johnson (19th); Peter Stringer (19th); Alfred Arkell (20th); John Kuchmy (20th); Leslie Kristi (20th); Dorothy Snudden (21st); Ivy Nichols (21st); Reg Renaut (22nd)

Post-communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit
that when your Christ comes again
we may shine as lights before his face;
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ADVENT 4

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-55 *Related readings – Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10*



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.

Singing Kettle

This Tuesday there will be mulled wine and mince pies. £2 for the morning. All are welcome!

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.

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 16th Advent 3	0730	Morning Prayer	
	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist & Children's Church	
	1700	Evening Prayer	
Monday 17th O Sapiaientia	0830	Morning Prayer	
	1400	Funeral Service of Diane Ingram RIP	
	1800	Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 18th	0830	Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle – mulled wine and mince pies!	
	1800	School Keystage 2 Carol Service	
Wednesday 19th	0830	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	<u>1900</u>	'In the Bleak Midwinter' Christmas Service	
Thursday 20th	0830	Morning Prayer	
	1000	Eucharist	1800 Evening Prayer
Friday 21st	<i>No public services today</i>		
Saturday 22nd	1000	Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
Sunday 23rd Advent 4	0730	Morning Prayer	
	0800	Holy Communion	0915 Choir practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist	
	1500	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	

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

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.

No public services on New Year's Day. No Singing Kettle on Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

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 25th May – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea (N.B. change of date)

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