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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 24TH MARCH 2019

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



*The icon of the Parable of the barren fig tree
Luke 13:1-9*

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	141
GRADUAL	30
OFFERTORY	569
COMMUNION	262 & 368
FINAL	300

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 the Third Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 Old Testament – Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Susan, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Jean Johnson, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Yvonne Goddard, Susan Wiltshire, Terry Bourne, David Sawyer, Jim Heath, Ian Aslett, Issam Geib, Phil Gervait, Mary Hanna.

The recently departed: Peter Eardley

Anniversaries of death this week: Sylvia Morgan (25th); Gerald Cooper (29th); William Snudden (29th); Michael Topping (29th); , Andre Goujon (30th); Meryl von Habsburg- Toskana (30th); Jean Broom (30th).

Post-communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – MOTHERING SUNDAY AND PARADE

Exodus 2:1-10; Luke 2:33-35 *Related readings – Psalm 34.11-20; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7*



Urgently needed this week: Tinned mixed vegetables, tinned sweetcorn, long life juice, tinned fruit, UHT milk. 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.

Cyclone Idai Appeal

The UN predicts that this may become one of the worst weather-related disasters on record in the southern hemisphere. Hundreds have been killed and 2.6million are affected. The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) have set up an appeal and donations can be made at www.dec.org.uk/Cyclone-idai Please do keep this situation in your prayers.

Important! – Parish Church Electoral Roll

Every six years we must completely refresh the Parish Electoral Roll. Please collect an application form from the leaflet rack at the back of church and return it to Elaine Bowden, Electoral Roll Officer, by Sunday 31st March at the latest. The name of the parish to fill in at the top of the form is 'Rottingdean – St Margaret of Antioch'.

School News - www.stmargaretscofeprimary.co.uk

The life of our church school is flourishing under the leadership of our Headteacher, Mrs Rachel Kershaw, who joined us in September 2018. Their weekly newsletter is available for all to read www.stmargaretscofeprimary.co.uk. You are welcome to attend school worship either in school or in church on Wednesdays at 1000 in term-time. *Fr Anthony*

Stations of the Cross and frugal lunch

The sisters at St Martha's Convent would be delighted if members of our congregation would join them for the Lent devotion of Stations of the Cross and a very simple charity lunch continuing on these Thursdays in Lent at 12 noon: 28 March and 4, 11 April.

Lent Course 2019 – it's not too late to join for session 4!

We meet on Thursday afternoons during Lent in St Margaret's Cottage 1500-1700. The first hour is spent watching an episode of *Broken* together and then sharing discussion for about 45 minutes. Refreshments are provided. All are welcome!

Daffodil Posies for Mothering Sunday

On Saturday 30th March at **1430 in the Cottage**, members of the flower arranging teams and children and parents from the Children's Church will be gathering to make the daffodil posies for the 1000 Family Parish Eucharist on Mothering Sunday, 31st March. If you would like to help please speak to Mthr Lucy- Many thanks in anticipation! **Please note the change of time and location.**

Good Friday Children's Workshop

Join us between 1000-1200 on Good Friday, 19th April for crafts and activities to explore the Easter story and hot cross buns. Includes the making of our Easter Garden. Activities most suitable for children of primary school age (4-11yrs old) or a little younger, children must be accompanied by an adult. This will be fun for all the family! If you'd like to register your interest or if you'd like to help on the day please speak to Mthr Lucy.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of March by Jean Bristow in loving memory of her husband, Ron Bristow RIP. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £32.50 for a month.

The Great Harvest Village Show

Schedules are now available at the back of the Church and will soon be in the Rottingdean Library, The Whiteway Centre & Café Dean at the cost of £1 each. Please encourage friends, relatives, neighbours & any groups that you belong to to purchase a schedule and start sowing, sewing, growing, drawing, practising baking skills and/or taking photographs for this fun and exciting competition. All information is in the schedule.

SAVE THE DATE!

Friday 12th April at 1930 - Ovingdean Choral Society - Haydn 'Nelson' Mass and Te Deum

Saturday 25th May – Recital by John Mann and Cream Tea

Sunday 16th June at 1430 – Mthr Lucy's Priestly Ordination at All Saints', Hove (ticket only)

Monday 17th June at 1900 – Mthr Lucy's First Mass followed by a party

Saturday 13th July at 1900 – 'The New Men'

The Academical Clerks of New College, Oxford

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

Saturday 27th July – Piano Recital by Dan Phelps

Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

Saturday 17th August at 1930 – The Hanover Band (programme to be confirmed)

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

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 24th LENT 3	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 25th ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	0910	Morning Prayer
	1830	Communion by extension & Bible Study
Tuesday 26th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle
	1800	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 27th	0910	Morning Prayer
	(1000	<i>School Service in school)</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer
	1930	Knit & Natter
Thursday 28th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1800	Evening Prayer
Friday 29th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 30th	1000	Morning Prayer
Sunday 31st Mothering Sunday	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	1000	Family Parish Eucharist and Parade
	1700	Evening Prayer