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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 26[™] MAY 2019 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Pools of Beth-zatha, Jerusalem

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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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 – Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

The Gospel Reading – John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids—blind, lame, and paralysed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, 'Do you want to be made well?' The sick man answered him, 'Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.' Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.' At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath.

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, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Lily, Susan Wiltshire, David Sawyer, Jim Heath, Ian Aslett, Issam Geib, Phil Gervait , Anne Smith

The recently departed: Liz Holder

Anniversaries of death this week: Bill Blackshaw (27th); Les Sullivan (29th); Colin Myers (30th); Brian Wilcockson (31st); Ada Taylor (1st); Hilda Upperton (1st)

Post-communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER 7 Acts 16:16-34; John 17:20-26 Related readings – Psalm 97; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21



Urgently needed this week: Tinned fruit, hot dogs, Prince's tinned ham, toilet roll, biscuits, coffee, UHT milk, mayonnaise, jams/spreads, long life juice. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work and volunteers, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

Thank you...

to all who supported the cake auction last Sunday. We raised £120 for the Cedar Centre school. Our coffee morning raised £45 and the church is donating a further £100, all to support the young people in Year 11 and their end of year social event. The Headteacher is extremely grateful to St Margaret's.

Ecumenical Vespers for Pentecost

We are invited to join the congregation of Our Lady of Lourdes church for a special celebration of Vespers for the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday 9th June at 1800. It will be good if many of our own people can attend to reciprocate the wonderful turnout at our Advent Carol Service.

School News

'Well, that half term flew by and after our break next week, we are back for the final half term of what has been a largely successful and enjoyable first year for me as Headteacher here. The children continue to make me proud every single day, and it's a genuine pleasure to be a part of this wonderful community. '*Rachel Kershaw, Headteacher*

Please pray for our children, staff and governors. www.stmargaretscofeprimary.co.uk

Inspired by Burne-Jones: Saturday 8th June from 1600-1800

As part of the Stained Glass Exhibition being held at The Grange (4th-16th June), which has attracted over 20 stained glass artists from all over the country, there will be some lectures in St Margaret's to celebrate the glorious windows that Burne-Jones created for the Church. Martin Knott will be focussing in more detail on the windows themselves, and Caroline Swash, one of the artists, whose grandfather knew Burne-Jones personally, will be reflecting on Burne-Jones influence on the Arts & Crafts Stained Glass as a whole. Refreshments will be provided.

Village Fair – Saturday 3rd August

Prizes are need, please, for the Children's Tombola. Please see Joyce Bourne or Marie Wilcockson.

Open Garden

The beautiful gardens of Challoners, The Green, Rottingdean will again be opened on Sunday 7th July from 1130-1600. Admission will be by donation to Martlets Hospice. There will be a plant sale, refreshments, portrait drawing and light Columbian music at 1400.

The Great Harvest Village Show

Schedules are now available at the back of the Church and in Rottingdean Library, The Whiteway Centre & Café Dean on Marine Drive at the cost of £1 each (or on our website). Please encourage friends, relatives, neighbours and 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.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of May by Joyce Bourne in memory of her brother Brian and sister Christine. If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £32.50 for a month to cover the cost of electricity.

GIVING TO ST MARGARET'S

If you are new to our church – welcome! Please consider signing up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** – a means of donating regularly by Direct Debit with automatic Gift Aid claims, adding 25% to the value of your gift at no extra cost to you. Forms are available at the back of church. Please also consider leaving a **legacy** to St Margaret's when writing your Will, and help to secure the building and our resources for future generations. *Thank you*.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday 16th June at 1430 – Mthr Lucy's Priestly Ordination at All Saints', Hove No ticket required. Please make your own transport/car share arrangements

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 at 1900 – Piano Recital by Dan Phelps *Tickets £8* Saturday 3rd August – Village Fair

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

Friday 20th – Saturday 21st September – The Great Harvest Village Show

Saturday 19th October at 1900 – English Music for Two Violas Music by Dowland, Bridge and Rubbra Peter Mallinson and Matthias Wiesner, both from the BBC Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 9th November – Quiz Night at the Village Hall

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

| Sunday 26 th EASTER 6 | 0730 0800 1000 1700 | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer |
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| Monday 27 th | No public services today | |
| Tuesday 28 th St Lanfranc | 0910 1000 1030 1800 | Morning Prayer Eucharist Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i> Evening Prayer |
| Wednesday 29 th | 0910 1800 1930 | Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i> |
| Thursday 30 th ASCENSION DAY | 0910 1000 1800 | Morning Prayer Eucharist Evening Prayer |
| Friday 31 st No public services todayTHE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH | | |
| Saturday 1 st June St Justin | 1000 1200 | Morning Prayer Marriage of Edward Gregory & Luciana Tavares da Silva |
| Sunday 2 nd EASTER 7 | 0730 0800 1000 1700 | Morning Prayer Holy Communion Parish Eucharist Evening Prayer |