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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2019
SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

SECOND BEFORE ADVENT	0800	Holy Communion	1600	Children's Church
	1000	Parish Eucharist		
Monday 18th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800	Evening Prayer
St Elizabeth of Hungary	(1000)	School Worship)		
Tuesday 19th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800	Evening Prayer
St Hilda of Whitby	1000	Eucharist		
	1030	Singing Kettle		
		<i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>		
Wednesday 20th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800	Evening Prayer
St Edmund			1930	Knit and Natter in
				<i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 21st	0910	Morning Prayer	1800	Evening Prayer
	1000	Eucharist		
Friday 22nd	<i>No public services today</i>			
Saturday 23rd	1000	Morning Prayer		
St Clement of Rome				
Sunday 24th	0800	Holy Communion	1700	Healing Service
CHRIST THE KING	1000	Parish Eucharist		

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

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

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

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	665
GRADUAL	196
OFFERTORY	238
COMMUNION	382, 61 & 751
FINAL	740

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

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he 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 – Malachi 4:1-2

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. 'Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Barbara Webb, Beryl Scott, Elizabeth Perkis, Pippa, Jill Crossland, Susan Wiltshire, Ian Aslett, Michael Moore, Issam Geib, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Gwendoline Lee, Chloe Grenier, Sarah Neve, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Brian Doo, Alison Mason, Kate, Nikki Redman, Maureen Blakey, Martina Hallinan, Jill Brice

The recently departed: Heather Martin

Anniversaries of death this week: Joan Crowe (17th); Rita Thwaites (17th); Les Voak (19th); Tony Leake (19th); Vera Devlin (19th); Grace Grant (20th); Peter Benson (20th); Florence Higley (21st); Violet Jackman (21st); Peter Carnell (22nd); Hilda Shephard (23rd)

Post-communion Prayer

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – CHRIST THE KING

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43 *Related readings – Psalm 46; Colossians 1:11-20*



Desperately needed this week: FRUIT JUICE They've completely run out!

toothbrushes (adults & children), washing-up liquid, coffee, tinned potatoes, razors, shaving foam, tinned meat, long-life juice, cereal, long-life milk, male & female deodorants, shower gel, cat food. You can now make your donation through online supermarket shops. More details can be found here - <https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/2019/06/21/ordering-food-delivery-foodbank/>. 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.

Countdown to Advent

Please do consider using the 'Advent' calendar, available at the back of church, when doing your shopping during November- in support of the Whitehawk Foodbank and St Anne's Shelter. We will send off our gifts early in December for parcels to be made up and given out to those in need.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Many thanks to David Hunt for organizing the collection this year and to everyone who donated a goodie-filled shoebox or money to help with transporting our gifts to Eastern Europe. Some 156 boxes will be sent from the parish (plus a few extra from the school) and, together with Gift Aid, £378.40 was raised. A wonderful effort which will brighten the lives of people that we will never meet. (Donations of money or shoeboxes can be accepted for the next couple of weeks.)

Christmas Tree Festival Volunteers

The Christmas Tree Festival is fast approaching. Are you able to help in any of these three areas?

1. Baking for the Tea Room in St Margaret's Cottage
2. Stewarding at the Festival
3. Volunteering in the Cottage (Teas, coffees, serving cake)

Sign up sheets for all of these ways to help are on the board in the porch. Please do think about how you can help with this big fundraising event. Many thanks.

Decorations for the Parish Christmas tree

Templates for decorations are available from today, please do take one or two to decorate and return them by the 5th December so they can be used to decorate the Parish tree.

Living Faith- Diocesan discipleship course

Living Faith is a part-time course spread over three terms. It is designed to help people find and grow in the discipleship to which God is calling them. The course was developed in the Diocese of Chester and has been running successfully for many years. The 2020 course will run locally at the church of the Holy Cross, Woodingdean. Leaflets with more information are available at the back of church.

Open Morning

Christopher Stringer is holding an Open Morning on Saturday 30th November from 1000 to 1200 at his office in the High Street, with mulled wine, coffee and mince pies. All are welcome. There will be a raffle with all proceeds going to St Margaret's Church Repair & Development Fund. There will also be an opportunity to write a remembrance tag to be placed on the Memorial Christmas tree.

50th Anniversary Open Day at St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Woodingdean

We have received an invitation from our Roman Catholic friends to share in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the consecration of St Patrick's Church (Broad Green, BN2 6TB) on Saturday 7th December between 1030 and 1430. Refreshments and light lunches available.

Event at St Wulfran's, Ovingdean – Saturday 23rd November at 1945

'Rebuilding the Ruins' – talk by Samara Levy about her charity's work in Syria and new book. Refreshments: no need to book: no charge but donations welcomed: opportunity to buy a signed copy of Samara's book *Rebuilding the Ruins*. All are welcome!

Organ Recital at St George's, Kemp Town – Thursday 12th December at 1930

An invitation to hear a recital by Nigel Wilby on the organ recently restored in loving memory of Betty Virgo. (Rescheduled date after postponement). Tickets £10 on the door.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of November in loving memory of Vi and Bert Stenning from all of the family and by Fidelma Romer-Ormiston in loving memory of Michael RIP.

GIVING TO ST MARGARET'S

If you are new to our church and are planning to become a regular worshipper with us – **welcome!** Our members give generously of their time, their talents and their wealth. If you have a particular **skill or interest** that you might be able to offer, please speak with Fr Anthony. Please consider signing up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** of regular donations to support our day-to-day activities: 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. You might also be interested in **sponsoring a concert** in our [Music at St Margaret's](#) series – sponsorship covers the cost of performers' fees and expenses and ensures that all monies raised from ticket sales can support the life and upkeep of our church. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE!

ADVENT SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER AT 1700

**Churches Together in Rottingdean - ADVENT CAROL SERVICE
at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church - All are welcome!**

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th December – Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 13th December at 1930 - Ovingdean Choral Society Christmas Concert

**Saturday 21st December at 1900 - The Rottingdean Mummers Play
and ringing of the parish handbells by the Copper Family. Tickets now available - £10**

Sunday 22nd December at 1500 – FESTIVAL OF 9 LESSONS & CAROLS

Monday 23rd December at 1900 – 'IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER'
Quiet, low-key carol service especially for the bereaved and anyone who is feeling fed up

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24th December at 1700 – FAMILY CRIB SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24th December at 2330 – MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMASDAY - Wednesday 25th December at 1000 – FAMILY EUCHARIST

Sunday 5th January – Brighton Early Music Festival (BREM-F) Concert

Saturday 18th January at 1900 – 'Fount & Origin' Early Music Choir from Oxford University
This concert is generously sponsored by Sally Phillips and Jean Talbot

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th June – Flower Festival