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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019

ADVENT SUNDAY

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1st	0800	Holy Communion	
ADVENT SUNDAY	1000	Parish Family Eucharist	
	1700	Joint Advent Carol Service at Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church	
Monday 2nd	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1000	School Advent Service in church	
Tuesday 3rd	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1000	Eucharist	
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in</i> <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>	
Wednesday 4th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
			1930 Knit and Natter <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 5th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1000	Eucharist	
Friday 6th	<i>No public services today</i>		
St Nicholas	1100	Christmas Tree Festival open until 1800	
Saturday 7th	1000	Morning Prayer	
St Ambrose	1100	Christmas Tree Festival open until 1800	
Sunday 8th	0800	Holy Communion	
ADVENT 2	1000	Parish Eucharist	
	1200	Christmas Tree Festival open until 1600	
	1600	Sing-a-long carols and prize giving	

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	469
GRADUAL	59
OFFERTORY	117
COMMUNION	247 & 485
FINAL	399

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Advent Sunday

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 24:36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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:

Anniversaries of death this week: Harry Baker (2nd); Kenneth Baigent (2nd); Philip Wells (3rd); George Cheshier (4th); Jean Hilder (4th); Reg Grant (4th); Stephanie Patterson (4th); Diane Ingram (5th); Ronald Money (5th); Amy Longmore (5th); Wallace Ponsford (6th); Shirley Sheppard (7th)

Post-communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12 *Related readings – Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15: 4-13*



Desperately needed this week: washing-up liquid, tinned potatoes, razors, shaving foam, tinned meat, cereal, tuna chunks, chicken curry, nappies (size 3, 4,5 and 6). 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

The countdown is over, Advent is here- thank you to those who have been collecting for both the Whitehawk Foodbank and St Anne's Shelter, throughout November. We will be sending off our donations this week. If you have been collecting please do bring your offerings in as soon as possible.

Christmas Tree Festival Volunteers- Just one week to go!

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, 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 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. Information online www.chichester.anglican.org/living-faith/

Christmas Shoeboxes

A grand total of 187 shoeboxes and £546 were donated to the appeal this year. Thank you for your generous support.

Christmas Raffle

Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are on sale, with the draw taking place on Sunday 22nd. Pamela would be grateful if you could let her have any raffle prizes you would like to donate.

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.

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 December in by John and Jackie Blackman in memory of Richard and Ethel Faulkner, by Audrey Renault in loving memory of her husband Reg Renault RIP, and in memory of John Edwards by Josephine Caruana.

Church Flowers

For some time now, and after previous appeals in The Lookout, we have been trying to identify a volunteer to take over from Bernie Baldock as flower teams coordinator. Bernie, who has done a fantastic job for us for six years, is stepping down at the end of this year with our gratitude. Unfortunately, no-one has yet come forward to take over the role. It doesn't need to be done by a flower arranger, but someone who can organise the rotas and take responsibility for ordering fresh flowers. With great sadness, we have decided that if a volunteer cannot be found we will need to stop having flower arrangements in church from the New Year, and allow florists in to arrange for weddings. I sincerely hope that someone might be moved to come forward to take on this task. If you might be interested, please have a word with me or Bernie. *Fr Anthony*

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
Tickets available from Dawn Davidson and Ann-Marie after the Sunday 10am service.

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

Including poetry reading by local poet, Violet Simpson as her book is launched.

With mulled wine and mince pies

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 (BREMf) 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