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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2019

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th	0800	Holy Communion	
ADVENT 2	1000	Parish Eucharist	
	1200	Christmas Tree Festival	
	1600	Sing-a-long carols and prize	
Monday 9th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 10th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1000	Eucharist	
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in</i> <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>	
Wednesday 11th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	(1000)	School worship)	1930 Knit and Natter <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 12th	0910	Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	1000	Eucharist	
Friday 13th	<i>No public services today</i>		
St Lucy	1930	Ovingdean Choral Society Concert	
Saturday 14th	1000	Morning Prayer	
St John of the Cross			
Sunday 15th	0800	Holy Communion	
ADVENT 3	1000	Parish Eucharist	
	1600	Children's Church in <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>	

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	428
GRADUAL	575
OFFERTORY	615
COMMUNION	315 & 619
FINAL	550

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

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Isaiah 11: 1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 3: 1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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. 'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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: Majorie Limpus

Anniversaries of death this week: Caroline Ellis (8th); Peter Hampton (8th); Arthur Renaut (10th); Frederick Fearman (11th); Harold Milne (11th); Eddie Bell (11th); Ronald Field (11th); Nellie Openshaw (12th); Gladys Green (13th); Jack Revett (13th); Wendy Francis (14th); Arthur Jones (Priest) (14th)

Post-communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11: 2-11 *Related readings – Psalm 146:4-10; James 5:7-10*



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

Thank you for your incredible generosity towards the Whitehawk Foodbank and the St Anne's Day Centre- we were able to send off two car loads full, as well as the weekly collections from the Foodbank basket.

Christmas Raffle

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

Christmas cleaning

To give our excellent weekly cleaners an extra hand I'm calling on the goodwill of any able bodied helpers to be in Church on Tuesday 17th December from 12.30pm for the annual pre-Christmas scrub & polish. Bring your marigolds & elbow grease. We will provide everything else. The more the merrier & the quicker we'll be done. Thank you *Joyce Bourne*

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.

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.

Carols by Candlelight at Blind Veterans UK

The Chaplain at Blind Veterans UK has invited us to join the Blind Veterans UK community for a service of Carols by Candlelight in St Dunstan's Chapel, Ovingdean on Monday 23rd December at 1600.

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!

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 Mummings 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 (BREMFF) Concert

The Feast of Fools

Community and family- friendly event suitable for children allowed to stay up a bit later

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