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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd	0800	Holy Communion
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST	1000	Parish Family Eucharist
IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 3rd	0910	Morning Prayer
St Anskar	1000	School Worship in Church
	1800	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 4th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1800	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 5th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1300	Funeral of Eileen Winchcombe RIP
	1800	Evening Prayer
	1930	Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 6th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1800	Evening Prayer
Friday 7th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 8th	1000	Morning Prayer
Sunday 9th	0800	Holy Communion
Third Sunday before Lent	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer

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	202 (T330)
GRADUAL	60
OFFERTORY	261
COMMUNION	600 & 575
FINAL	754

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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, Alison Mason, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Les Bower, Sheila Ball, Ann Prout, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges

The recently departed: Eileen Winchcombe, Violet Simpson, Nikki Redman, Daphne Hall, John Coates

Anniversaries of death this week: Millicent Marshall (2nd); Elvi Rhodes (3rd); Keith Miller (4th); Angus McLarty (5th); Valerie Rayner (6th); Mavis Sutton (6th); Ellen Wilson (7th); Roger Jones (7th); Gwyn James (7th); John Ernest Jackaman (8th); Pamela Colclough (8th)

Post-communion Prayer

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS –THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Isaiah 58.1-9a; Matthew 5:13-20; *Related readings – Psalm 112; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12*



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.

Mrs Violet Simpson RIP

Violet's funeral will take place in Church on Thursday 20th February at 2.00pm, followed by afternoon tea in the cottage. Violet asked that if they wish, mourners could wear a touch of violet. No flowers please. Donations for 'St Margaret's Church' or 'Roger's Wildlife Rescue' may be sent to Chris Stringer's office or made online via www.cpjfield.co.uk/christopher-stringer

Palm Crosses

Please return your palm crosses for burning in preparation for the Ash Wednesday liturgy at 1900 on the 26th February.

Lent Course 2020

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday the 26th February. This year during our Lent course we will explore prayer. The course will run on Thursday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April at 1530-1630 in the Cottage. If you are interested in this course but are unable to attend a day time session please speak to Mthr Lucy- if there is enough interest we will look into running the session twice a week to include an evening slot.

Parish Pilgrimage to The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Fr Anthony will be leading this pilgrimage that is being organised by Jackie Williams. Leaving Rottingdean on Friday 3rd July and return on Sunday 5th July 2020. Cost and further details available soon. A sign up sheet is now posted on the notice board for this pilgrimage for you to register your interest.

St Patrick's Shelter

Details of this shelter have been in the Lookout for the last few weeks. We have been asked to think about joining with local churches to support the shelter for one night a week.

The next two slots are:

30 March – 31 May (Sundays, Fridays)

1 June – 2 August (Mondays, Fridays)

What we would need is:

- 7-10 Volunteers (2 per church)
- 7.00pm – 10.30pm, once a week
- To cook dinner and spend time with those staying in the shelter.

If you are interested in volunteering please speak to either Fr Anthony or Mthr Lucy this week.

Flower Festival 2020 – ‘For All the Saints’ Friday 12, Saturday 13, Sunday 14 June 2020

We are starting the early preparations for the flower festival in June. Please can you let Duncan or Mother Lucy know if you can help with organizing refreshments for the three days, stalls in the grounds of the church on the Saturday, or if you are interested in arranging a display.

We will be organising some workshops for the arrangers to give advice and build confidence.

Further details can be found on our website - applications forms to display a floral arrangement and are available at the back of the church.

All funds raised will go to the upkeep and general maintenance of St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of February by Sally Phillips in loving memory of Freddie Kemp. And by Liz and Chris & Dawn Davidson in memory of Chris and Liz's parents.

SAVE THE DATE!

ASH WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY

The start to the Holy Season of Lent- Eucharist with imposition of ashes at 1900

Friday 28th February at 1900- Sing-a-long ‘GREASE’

Come in costume and be prepared to sing and dance!

Sunday 29th March at 1930- Ovingdean Choral Society- Concert for Passion Sunday

Mauder - Olivet to Calvary, Beethoven - ‘Hallelujah’ from Mount of Olives,

Vaughan Williams - O clap your hands, Stainer - I saw the Lord

Wednesday 8th April - Ensemble Nova (Oxford University) Concert for Holy Week

Ash Wednesday to Easter in one evening. Tickets will be £10

Sponsorship is sought for this event.

Saturday 16th May- Victory Party Tea Dance

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th June – Flower Festival

Friday 3rd July- Sunday 5th July- Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

More details to follow