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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2020 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th March	0800	Holy Communion
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 9th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1730	Evening Prayer
	1830	Lent Course on prayer <i>in church</i>
Tuesday 10th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1300	Funeral service of Mrs Hazel Drewek RIP
	1730	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 11th	0910	Morning Prayer
	(1000	School service)
	1730	Evening Prayer
	1930	Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 12th	0910	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1530	Lent course on prayer <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1730	Evening Prayer
Friday 13th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 14th	1000	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15th	0800	Holy Communion
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1600	Children's Church <i>in 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	92
GRADUAL	591
OFFERTORY	202 (T330)
COMMUNION	143 & 325
FINAL	683

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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 Old Testament – Genesis 12: 1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

The Gospel Reading – John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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, Lissy Mason, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Les Bower, Sheila Ball, Anne Prout,

Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes

The recently departed: Sheila Miles, John Coates, Stacy Cuthbert

Anniversaries of death this week: Ethel Faulkner (8th); Walter Parsons (8th); Bill Strutt (9th); Olive Oldham (10th); John Fogham (10th); Tony Brice (12th); Margaret Winter (12th); Frank Cooper (13th); Kenneth Dier (13th); Tudor Edwards (13th); Dennis Howard (13th); Sally Dore (14th)

Post-communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:1-7; John 4: 5-42; *Related readings – Psalm 95; Romans 5: 1-11*



Desperately needed this week: washing-up liquid, tinned potatoes, razors, shaving foam, tinned meat, cereal, tuna chunks, chicken curry, carbonara sauce, toilet roll). 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.

CORONAVIRUS – ACTING RESPONSIBLY – AN UPDATE

The Diocese of Chichester, along with other Dioceses in the Church of England, has issued formal advice in relation to our responsibilities to contain the spread of the deadly coronavirus. At the Eucharist, **do not shake hands at the Peace:** simply nod and smile at your neighbours and say 'Peace be with you'. **The clergy are required to use anti-bacterial handwash** when preparing the bread and wine to be consecrated. **We will be following the lead of other churches and not be administering the chalice at all until further notice. Communion will be received in one kind (the consecrated bread) only, as on Good Friday. Only the celebrating priest will consume from the chalice. The clergy are advised not to shake hands** with people as they leave the church building. We've been through all this before and, although some people will be unhappy, that's the way it needs to be for the time being. We pray for those who have contracted the virus, those treating them, those researching a vaccine, the families of those who have died, and for the repose of the souls of the virus' victims. Thank you for your understanding. *Fr Anthony*

Evening Prayer

Please note that Evening Prayer is now being said at 1730 Monday-Thursday and remains at 1700 on Sundays.

Lent Course 2020

This year during our Lent course we will explore 'prayer'. The course will run on Thursday 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April at 1530-1630 in St Margaret's Cottage. The same sessions will also run on Monday 9th in the church, 16th, 23rd, 30th March at 1830, in St Margaret's Cottage.

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will take place on Thursdays during Lent at 12noon at St Martha's Convent. All are welcome to come along.

Passiontide Quiet Day

On Saturday 4th April 1000-1530, Mthr Lucy will be leading a quiet day for the parish in St Dunstan's Chapel at Blind Veterans UK. The day will conclude the Lent course on prayer, however attendance at the weekly sessions is not compulsory for attending this day. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are interested in attending. There is no fee for the day however donations will be collected to help cover the cost of refreshments and to thank BVUK for their hospitality.

Deanery Confirmation 2020

The next Deanery Confirmation service will take place at St Paul's West Street on Friday 22nd May at 1930, led by the Bishop of Chichester. If you would like to be prepared for Confirmation please speak to Mthr Lucy.

Parish Pilgrimage to The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Thank you to all those who have expressed an interest in this pilgrimage. We now need to collect the deposit- this is £20 per person. Please hand this in, clearly marked with your name and "Walsingham Pilgrimage", to Jackie Williams or the church office, as soon as possible.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP for the flower festival in June.

1 A person/couple to organise **refreshments** for the three days

2 A person /couple to organise **some stalls** in the grounds of the church on the Saturday

Please can you let Duncan or Mother Lucy know if you can help, as these will bring in funds.

Donations, Sponsorship and Dedications – please sponsor or donate to this event. Dedications forms are available if you would like to remember a loved one or special anniversary. Please give generously.

Workshops - A sign up sheet for the workshops for the flower arrangers for advice and to build confidence will be placed on the noticeboard in the porch. Please sign up now.

Further details can be found on our website of 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.

Violet Simpson

Violet's published poetic works have led to a contribution now of £600 towards the church, which is really marvelous. Thank you to Chris and Roy Wales and all at Rottingdean Arts for making that possible.

Early May Bank Holiday 2020

Please note that the early May Bank Holiday has been moved from the first Monday of the month to Friday 8th May 2020 to coincide with the 75th anniversary of VE Day.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of March Elaine Bowden in loving memory of Iris Morgan.

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH AT 1930 - CONCERT FOR PASSION SUNDAY BY Ovingdean Choral Society

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

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

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL AT 1900 – CONCERT FOR HOLY WEEK

Ensemble Nova (Young singers from Oxford & Cambridge Universities)

'Lent to Easter: A Choral Sequence'

featuring MacMillan: Miserere and Victoria: Tenebrae Responses *Tickets will be £10*

This Music at St Margaret's concert is generously being sponsored by Roy and Christine Wales,

Peter and Margaret Hewetson-Brown, Margery Lees, Sally Phillips and Elizabeth Blackshaw

Saturday 16th May - Victory Party Tea Dance in the Village Hall

SATURDAY 23RD MAY AT 1600 – CONCERT BY THE (JUNIOR) GIRLS' CHOIR

OF ST CATHARINE'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE *Sponsorship is being sought for this event*

Friday 5th June at 1900 – Rottingdean Heritage Talk by Geoff Meade, Local Historian

Friday 12th – Sunday 14th June – Flower Festival in church

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