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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2020

PALM SUNDAY

**ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
AND BY ORDER OF HM GOVERNMENT THE CHURCH IS CLOSED.**

Fr Anthony and Mthr Lucy will be saying prayers on behalf of the Parish at 0900 and 1700 each day.
Join us spiritually whether you are at home or at work.

On our website (www.stmargaret.org.uk) each Sunday by 1000 there will be a pre-recorded Service of the Word led by Fr Anthony and Mthr Lucy. This will include the week's readings, a homily and intercessions.

Do join us by listening at 1000 on Sundays or at some point in the week and encourage your friends and neighbours to listen too. And pray with us, as we pray for ourselves, each other and all those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Join us online for our Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday at 1900

Good Friday at 1400

Easter Eve at 2000

And Easter Day at 1000

Listen on www.stmargaret.org.uk

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 – Isaiah 50: 4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backwards.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

The Passion Gospel Reading – Matthew 27: 11-54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting

some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son." ' The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

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, Margaret Balmer

The recently departed: Muriel Harrow, Kathleen Hemsley, Terry Sheridan (Priest), David Robertson.

Anniversaries of death this week: Anne Smith (5th); Muriel Croll (5th); Peter Draper (5th); Winifred Hayes (6th); Jan Spry (7th); Bill Wood (10th); Jenny Allistone (11th).

Under current guidelines we are unable to gather with the family and friends of those from our community who have died to commend the departed to God's care and celebrate their lives at their funerals. We can, however, still pray from a distance for the departed and their loved ones as they gather to say their goodbyes. Each week we will list here the funerals that our clergy are taking.

Funerals this week: Monday 6th April at 1400 Kathleen Hemsley; Wednesday 8th April at 1200 Muriel Harrow.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER DAY

Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 Related readings – Jeremiah 31: 1-6; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24;
Colossians 3: 1-4

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. FINANCIAL DONATIONS THAT HELP SHOPPING TO BE DONE BY THE FOODBANK CAN BE MADE HERE <https://www.givey.com/whfoodbank>



Desperately needed this week: rice pudding, tea, tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, carbonara sauce, long-life juice, meatballs, curry sauce, tinned curry (chicken/ vegetable), 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.

COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE: COVID-19

5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community



Rottingdean Community Action Response: Covid-19

Please do take a look at the Rottingdean Parish Council website for up to date information on all that is being done to support the local community at this time. Including a list of all those local businesses now doing take-away and delivery services. The information can be found by clicking on this link www.rottingdean-pc.gov.uk/community-action-response-covid-19 and also in the most recent edition of the Rottingdean Village News.

Self Isolation

If you find yourself in any need while in self-isolation please don't hesitate to be in touch with the clergy. There are members of our community prepared to help all those in need and those who are at risk or fearful. Whether you need food items dropping in, prescriptions collecting or a friendly chat on the 'phone, please be in touch.

If you have access to the Internet our website provides resources for prayer and up to date information on church activities, as well as an extended recording of the readings, sermon and prayers each week.

Holy Week with Bishop Martin and the Chichester Cathedral Clergy

A series of services will be live streamed from the Bishops' chapel throughout Holy Week. More information can be found <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/worship/live-service> Starting with the Eucharist for Palm Sunday at 1030 on the 5th April.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of April by Linda Hudson in loving memory of her husband Tim Hudson.

The Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer 5th- 12th April

The Church of England order for Morning and Evening Prayer can be found online following this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/morning-and-evening#mm008e7g>

or by downloading the Daily Prayer app.

Pray with Fr Anthony and Mthr Lucy at 0900 and 1700 wherever you are.

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday of Holy Week 6th April	Psalm: 41 OT: Lamentations 1: 1-12a NT: Luke 22: 1- 23	Psalm: 25 OT: Lamentations 2: 8-19 NT: Colossians 1: 18-23
Tuesday of Holy Week 7th April	Psalm: 27 OT: Lamentations 3: 1-18 NT: Luke 22 [24-38] 39-53	Psalm: 55: 13-24 OT: Lamentations 3: 40-51 NT: Galatians 6: 11-end
Wednesday of Holy Week 8th April	Psalms: 102 OT: Wisdom 1: 16- 2: 1; 2: 12-22 NT: Luke 22: 54- end	Psalms: 88 OT: Isaiah 63: 1-9 NT: Revelation 14: 18- 15:4
MAUNDY THURSDAY 9th April	Psalms: 42, 43 OT: Leviticus 16: 2-24 NT: Luke 23: 1-25	Psalm: 39 OT: Exodus 11 NT: Ephesians 2: 11-18
GOOD FRIDAY 10th April	Psalm: 69 OT: Genesis 22: 1-18 <i>or</i> NT: Hebrews 10: 1-10	Psalms: 130, 143 OT: Lamentations 5: 15- end NT: Colossians 1: 18-23
Saturday of Holy Week/ EASTER EVE 11th April	Psalm: 142 OT: Hosea 6: 1-6 NT: John 2: 18- 22	Psalms: 116 OT: Job 19: 21-27 NT: 1 John 5: 5-12
Sunday 12th EASTER DAY	Psalm: 114, 117 OT: Exodus 14: 10-18, 26- 15: 2 NT: Revelation 15: 2-4	Psalm 105 OT: Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7 NT: Revelation 1: 12-18

OT= Old Testament, NT= New Testament.