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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 26TH APRIL 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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.**

**By 1000 each Sunday there will be a pre-recorded Service of the Word led by Fr Anthony and
Mthr Lucy on our website (www.stmargaret.org.uk). 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.**

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 New Testament – Acts 2:14a, 36- 41

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 24: 13- 25

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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: Pam Finch, Margaret Balmer, Marion Parson

Anniversaries of death this week: Vi Stenning (26th); An Fallon (26th); Henri Goujon (27th); John Christian (27th); Stanley Nicols (27th); Ann Couzens (29th); Alec Weeks (30th); Jack Brown (30th); Jean Walker (1st May); Harold Morgan (1st); Raymond Sparkes (1st)

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:

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2: 42- end; John 10: 1-10 *Related readings – Genesis 7; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2: 19- end.*

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

The hub for the community connecting volunteers and those who need help is up and running at <https://rottingdeancommunity.org.uk/> Please do take a look and sign up to volunteer or look at the help that is available should you need it.

This is now supported by a telephone line which is running 1000-1900, 7 days a week, particularly for those who are not online. **The number is 01273 036 783.**

Please do share this with neighbours who do not use the internet.

Hearing You

The Diocese of Chichester with Together in Sussex have launched Hearing You, a new pastoral phone line to enable the people of Sussex to feel connected and supported. It is a phonenumber provides pastoral support and a listening ear to the recently bereaved and people directly affected

by the COVID-19 outbreak. It is staffed by volunteers who are trained in pastoral care and listening skills: clergy and licensed lay ministers. The service will initially run from today to the end of May, Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 7.00pm. **The Hearing You number is: 01273 425047**

The diocese have also produced a statement which explicitly declares a person's Christian faith, and requests access to a Church of England chaplain while in hospital. A template for this statement is available on the Diocesan website and is attached [Here](#). We are all encouraged to have a note to this effect near our front door, and to take with us should we end up being admitted to hospital.

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.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week is NOT cancelled! This year's Christian Aid Week will undoubtedly be a very different experience and, as much as ever, our gifts, prayers and actions are desperately needed. So, while events such as house-to-house collections and Big Brekkies will not go ahead, Christian Aid Week is moving online and have some great ways to help you join in as part of a virtual CAW community this May. Please do check <https://www.christianaid.org.uk> to learn more about this year's campaign and to support it.

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 27th April- 3rd May

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->

or by downloading the Daily Prayer app.

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

OT= Old Testament, NT= New Testament.

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 27 th April	Psalm: 96, 97 OT: Exodus 19 NT: Luke 1: 1-1-25	Psalm: 61, 65 OT: Deuteronomy 5: 1- 22 NT: Ephesians 1: 1-14
Tuesday 28 th April	Psalm: 98, 99, 100 OT: Exodus 20: 1- 21 NT: Luke 1: 26- 38	Psalm: 71 OT: Deuteronomy 5: 22- end NT: Ephesians 1: 15- end
Wednesday 29 th April St Catherine of Siena	Psalms: 105 OT: Exodus 24 NT: Luke 1: 39-56	Psalms: 67, 72 OT: Deuteronomy 6 NT: Ephesians 2: 1- 10
Thursday 30 th April	Psalms: 136 OT: Exodus 25: 1- 22 NT: Luke 1: 57- end	Psalm: 73 OT: Deuteronomy 7: 1- 11 NT: Ephesians 2: 11- end
Friday 1st May Ss PHILIP AND JAMES	Psalm: 139, 146 OT: Proverbs 4: 10- 18 NT: James 1: 1- 12	Psalms: 149 OT: Job 23: 1- 12 NT: John 1: 43- end
Saturday 2 nd May St Athanasius	Psalm: 108, 110, 111 OT: Exodus 29: 1- 9 NT: Luke 2: 21- 40	Psalms: 23, 27 OT: Deuteronomy 8 NT: Ephesians 3: 14- end
Sunday 3rd May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Psalm: 106: 6- 24 OT: Nehemiah 9: 6- 15 NT: 1 Corinthians 10: 1- 13	Psalm: 29: 1- 10 OT: Ezra 3: 1- 13 NT: Ephesians 2: 11- end