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**'THE LOOKOUT'**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020**

**SEVENTH 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](http://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 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 1: 6-14**

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## **The Gospel Reading – John 17: 1- 11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

## **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, Anne Prout, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry

***The recently departed:*** Beaumont Brandie (Priest)

***Anniversaries of death this week:*** Anthony Rhodes (24<sup>th</sup>); Ashley Ring (24<sup>th</sup>); John moore (26<sup>th</sup>); Bill Blackshaw (27<sup>th</sup>); Les Sullivan (29<sup>th</sup>); Colin Myers (30<sup>th</sup>); Brian Wilcockson (31<sup>st</sup>)

***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 – PENTECOST

Acts 2: 1- 21; John 20: 19- 23 *Related readings – Numbers 11: 24- 30; Psalm 104: 26- 36; 1 Corinthians 12: 3- 13.*

**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



#### Covid-19 Helpful Telephone numbers

<b>Rottingdean Community</b> Local network of volunteers and help (1000-1900, 7 days a week)	<b>01273 036 783</b>
<b>Hearing You</b> Diocese of Chichester bereavement and Covid-19 pastoral support 'phonenumber (0900-1900, Monday- Friday)	<b>01273 425 047</b> **Please note that this line will close on the 31 <sup>st</sup> May**
<b>St Margaret's Sunday Service 'phonenumber</b> A recording of the Sunday service for those who do not use the internet. (Please note this is the same service that appears on the website)	<b>03000 11 00 20</b>

#### 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.

## **St Margaret's Churchyard Commonwealth War Grave Tour**

Chris Davidson and Mike Laslett have prepared a leaflet tour of the Commonwealth War Graves in St Margaret's Churchyard. The leaflet will be available later this week in the lych gate- do pick one up as you pass on your exercise, to learn more about the men remembered from both the First and Second World Wars. Thank you to Sarah Lawrence for her work in designing the leaflet.

## **Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month**

*The church is being floodlit at night in the month of May by Marie Wilcockson in loving memory of her husband Brian, whose anniversary falls on 31<sup>st</sup> May.*

## **Service phonline- suggested donation £35.00 for a month**

*The Service phonline has been sponsored in the month of May by Joyce and Terry Bourne.*

*If you would like to sponsor the church floodlighting or the phonline please contact Fr Anthony or Mthr Lucy.*

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May) to Pentecost (Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May) for more people to come to know Jesus.

Since its start in May 2016, God has grown Thy Kingdom Come from a dream of possibility into a movement. In 2019 Christians from 172 countries took part in praying 'Come Holy Spirit', so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

This praying together has been across our diversity and differences as every person, household and church are encouraged to pray in their own way.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come, it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- *Deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ*
- *Pray for 5 friends or family to come to faith in Jesus*
- *Pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness*

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing.

Through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition. Over the past three and a half years more and more worshipping communities have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'. We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks.

It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him.

Whether you have joined in 'Thy Kingdom Come' before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 178 countries around the world.

*"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* Archbishop Justin Welby

The above is taken from the Thy Kingdom Come website [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)

## The Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer 25<sup>th</sup> May- 31<sup>st</sup> 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-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.

OT= Old Testament, NT= New Testament.

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May The Venerable Bede	Psalms: 93, 96, 97 OT: Numbers 27: 15- end NT: 1 Corinthians 3	Psalms: 18 OT: Deuteronomy 31: 1- 13 NT: 1 John 2: 18- end
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May St Augustine	Psalms: 98, 99, 100 OT: 1 Samuel 10: 1- 10 NT: 1 Corinthians 12: 1- 13	Psalm: 68 OT: Deuteronomy 31: 14- 29 NT: 1 John 3: 1- 10
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalms: 2, 29 OT: 1 Kings 19: 1- 18 NT: Matthew 3: 13- end	Psalms: 36, 46 OT: Deuteronomy 31:30- 32:14 NT: 1 john 3: 11- end
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalms: 24, 72 OT: Ezekiel 11: 14- 20 NT: Matthew 9: 35- 10: 20	Psalm: 139 OT: Deuteronomy 32: 15- 47 NT: 1 John 4: 1- 6
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Psalms: 28, 30 OT: Ezekiel 36: 22- 28 NT: Matthew 12: 22- 32	Psalm: 147 OT: Deuteronomy 33 NT: 1 John 4: 7- end
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> May Josephine Butler	Psalms: 42, 43 OT: Micah 3: 1- 8 NT: Ephesians 6: 10- 20	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EP of Pentecost</b> Psalm: 48 OT: Deuteronomy 16: 9- 15 NT: John 15: 26- 16: 5
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>PENTECOST</b>	Psalm: 87 OT: Genesis 11: 1- 9 NT: Acts 10: 34- 48	Psalms: 67, 133 OT: Joel 2: 21- end NT: Acts 2: 14- 21 [22- 38]