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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 26TH JULY 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**WE'RE PLEASED TO SAY THE PCC HAS AGREED UNANIMOUSLY
TO REOPEN THE CHURCH.**

**THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES FOR
PRIVATE PRAYER**

**MONDAY 1400-1500
WEDNESDAY 1400- 1500
THURSDAY 1400- 1500**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU.

Fr Anthony 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 Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 – 1 Kings 3: 5- 12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 13: 31- 33, 44- 52

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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:

Anniversaries of death this week: Timothy Evans (28th); John Woodcock (29th); David Round (29th); Evelyn George (29th)

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 – THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah 55: 1- 5; Matthew 14: 13- 21

Related reading – Psalm 145: 8-9, 15- end; Romans 9: 1- 5

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.

The Rev'd Gail Souppouris

The parish has been very well served and enriched by the ministry of Rev'd Gail for some years now, especially during the 2015/16 vacancy and during my time as Vicar of St Margaret's. Having used this time for prayerful reflection, she has, for personal reasons, requested that the Bishop of Chichester revoke her licence to officiate as a priest in the Diocese. Rev'd Gail has generously offered to support me personally in my own ministry and I am immensely grateful for her continued friendship. I am sure that everyone will want to join me in thanking her and wishing her well as she seeks to undertake voluntary work in the local community. *Fr Anthony*

Parish Giving Scheme

If you would like to find out more about making a regular donation to support the mission and ministry of the St Margaret's please speak to Fr Anthony who can give you details of the Parish Giving Scheme. Some information can be found here <https://www.paritygivingscheme.org.uk/>

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit at in the month of July by Elaine Bowden in loving memory of her husband Graham.

Service phonenumber- suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service phonenumber has been sponsored in the month of June by Mary Hanna and also by David Hunt.

If you would like to sponsor the church floodlighting or the phonenumber please contact Fr Anthony.

The Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer 27th July – 2nd August

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 at 0900 and 1700 wherever you are.

OT= Old Testament, NT= New Testament.

Day	Morning Prayer	Evening Prayer
Monday 27 th July	Psalms: 1, 2, 3 OT: 1 Samuel 10: 1- 16 NT: Luke 22: 24- 30	Psalms: 4, 7 OT: Ezekiel 14: 12- end NT: 2 Corinthians 11: 1- 15
Tuesday 28 st July	Psalms: 5, 6, (8) OT: 1 Samuel 10: 17- end NT: Luke 22: 31- 38	Psalms: 9, 10* OT: Ezekiel 18: 1- 20 NT: 2 Corinthians 11: 16- end
Wednesday 29 th July Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord	Psalms: 119: 1- 32 OT: 1 Samuel 11 NT: Luke 22: 39- 46	Psalms: 11, 12, 13 OT: Ezekiel 18: 21- 32 NT: 2 Corinthians 12
Thursday 30 th July William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson	Psalms: 14, 15, 16 OT: 1 Samuel 12 NT: Luke 22: 47- 62	Psalm: 18* OT: Ezekiel 20: 1- 20 NT: 2 Corinthians 13
Friday 31 st July	Psalms: 17, 19 OT: 1 Samuel 13: 5- 18 NT: Luke 22: 63- end	Psalm: 22 OT: Ezekiel 20: 21- 38 NT: James 1: 1- 11
Saturday 1 st August	Psalms: 20, 21, 23 OT: 1 Samuel 13: 19- 14: 15 NT: Luke 23: 1- 12	Psalms: 24, 25 OT: Ezekiel 24: 15- end NT: James 1: 12- end
Sunday 2nd August Eighth Sunday after Trinity	Psalm: 85 OT: Song of Solomon 5: 2-end NT: 2 Peter 1: 1- 15	Psalm: 80 OT: 1 Kings 10: 1- 13 NT: Acts 13: 1- 13