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‘THE LOOKOUT’

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2020
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**The church building will be open
at the following times for private prayer:**

MONDAY - SATURDAY 1400-1500

We look forward to welcoming you!

**IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT YOU MUST WEAR A FACEMASK
WHEN COMING TO CHURCH FOR PRIVATE PRAYER OR SERVICES**

Fr Anthony is saying prayers on behalf of the Parish at 0900 and 1700 each day.
Join him spiritually whether you are at home or at work.

By 1000 each Sunday there is a pre-recorded Service of the Word
on our website www.stmargaret.org.uk

This will include the week's readings, a homily and intercessions.

Do share with those who do not have internet access that they can listen to the service
on the 'phone by dialling **01273 92 12 32** at a standard call rate.

The service is also available on Alexa: **“Alexa, open St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean”**

*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 please pray for our church congregation, the wider community
and all those affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.*

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,

to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

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, Phil Gervait, Anne Smith, Sarah Neve, Gwendoline Lee, Chloe Grenier, Jean Talbot, Patrick Mills, Lissy Mason, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry

The recently departed: Peter Leigh

Anniversaries of death this week: Jen Fitzgerald (16th); Rita Doughty (16th); Amelia Henbest (17th); John Vickers (18th); Lin Bateman (18th); Margaret Braiden (19th); David Parnell (20th); Eileen Vane (20th); Roger Hughes (21st); Maurice Abrahams (22nd)

Funerals this week: Peter Leigh (in Scarborough – Monday 17th at 1245)

Post-Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you:
look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 16)

Isaiah 51:1-6; Matthew 16:13-20

Related reading – Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Leave your donation in the church porch during private prayer opening hours:

Monday – Saturday 1400-1500

Financial donations can be made here:

<https://thewhitehawk.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/>



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.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This year's APCM had to be postponed because of the Covid-19 lockdown. We have rescheduled the meeting, at which Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council are elected (where any vacancies have arisen), for Wednesday 23rd September at 7 p.m. Members of the church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote. If numbers exceed the limit required for safe 'social' distancing, we will hold the meeting in the churchyard and hope that the weather will be kind to us!

Fundraising

It was very good that we were able to raise the money for the urgent tower repairs relatively quickly. There are however quite a number of remaining repairs that were highlighted in the 2017 Quinquennial Inspection Report that will require our attention in the next couple of years: we may be spending a few more thousand pounds yet before we can sign off on that.

You may have noticed that the church clock has stopped? Other repair work is required to reseal the face to the wall (currently air and water are finding their way through the gaps) and, while that work is being done, it seems prudent to have the hour-hand repaired, the face repainted and the numbers and hands regilded. We have received an estimate for all that work – just under £3,000.

You will also remember that the Nave floor needs attention very soon: there is a serious problem with damp in the main body of the church and condensation/damp in and under the Nave platform. Tiles are coming loose and becoming potentially hazardous. This will be a very significant project. We also need to upgrade our toilet facilities (we have no accessible toilet or baby change facilities) and at this stage, we would be helped by a simple kitchenette. The cost of all this is likely to be in the region of £250,000 but even that would not make one accessible toilet that conforms to current legal requirements, and it would only give us one cubicle rather than the two we now have. We will need to look ahead to a more ambitious project to be able to upgrade all our facilities and make the building fit for purpose and the flexible community resource that we wish it to be.

GIVING TO ST MARGARET'S

If you are new to our church and are planning to become a regular worshipper with us – **welcome!** Our members give generously of their time, their talents and their wealth.

If you have a particular **skill or interest** that you might be able to offer, please speak with Fr Anthony.

Please consider signing up to the **Parish Giving Scheme** of regular donations to support our day-to-day activities: forms are available at the back of church.

Please also consider leaving a **legacy** to St Margaret's when writing your Will, and help to secure the building and our resources for future generations.

You might also be interested (when these things are possible again) in **sponsoring a concert** in our [Music at St Margaret's](#) series – sponsorship covers the cost of performers' fees and expenses and ensures that all monies raised from ticket sales can support the life and upkeep of our church.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

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

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline was 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 'phoneline please contact Fr Anthony.