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## **‘THE LOOKOUT’**

**SUNDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST 2020**  
**ELEVENTH 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](http://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

First time: **“Alexa, enable St Margaret's Church, Rottingdean”**

Thereafter: **“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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 51:1-6**

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.  
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.  
Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you;  
for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.  
For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places,  
and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.  
Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.  
I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

### **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

### **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, Geoff Blakey

***The recently departed:*** Diane Matthes

***Anniversaries of death this week:*** Pat Stone (23<sup>rd</sup>); Eileen Goding (24<sup>th</sup>); Lawrence Metcalfe (25<sup>th</sup>); Robert Hayes (25<sup>th</sup>); Paul Eardley (priest) (26<sup>th</sup>); Michael Pirrollo (27<sup>th</sup>); Rupert Webb (27<sup>th</sup>); David Edwards (29<sup>th</sup>); Patricia Barnes (29<sup>th</sup>)

***Funerals this week:***

## Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 17)

Jeremiah 15:15-21; Matthew 16:21-28

*Related reading – Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21*

## 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.

## Weekday Eucharist

Beginning this Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, I am reintroducing the Thursday morning Eucharist at 1000 for those who have been shielding and self-isolating but would not wish to attend on Sunday mornings. I am expecting the congregation to be small so that people can sit well apart from each other but still enjoy being back in the church building. Please remember to bring your facemask to wear in church and be prepared to follow the directions of the steward. *Fr Anthony*

## Congratulations...

to John and Jackie Blackman who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last weekend!

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. The PCC has over the past 3 years been working with our Inspecting Architect to develop an exciting and more ambitious project costing in the region of £700,000 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 whilst retaining its beauty and integrity as a place of worship.

## 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.*