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‘THE LOOKOUT’

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020
FOURTEENTH 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

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 Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in 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 Old Testament – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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:

Anniversaries of death this week: Frank Snudden (15th); Jonathan Servaty (15th); John Edwards (16th); John Floyd Matthews (16th); Alma Broxup (17th); Dorothy Wright (17th); Irene Skinner (18th); Brian Ely (18th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 20)

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Matthew 20:1-16

Related readings – Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30

SUPPORT FOR THE FOODBANK IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Leave your donation in the porch on Sunday mornings or 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.

Welcome to our new Director of Music

It is very good to welcome Jonathan Hodgson as our Director of Music. He is already known to the choir and some of the congregation because he covered for Paul Shelley a few times – in fact, he played for the last services before the lockdown in March. To begin with he will play the organ before, during and at the end of our services. In future, as these things become possible again, he will direct the choir (with an 0900 rehearsal!) and we hope to establish a youth choir and develop the musical life of the church more widely.

Christmas Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal

Yes, the Shoebox Appeal is taking place this year, although the number of boxes sent is likely to be substantially fewer than in previous years, and we are modifying procedures for obvious reasons. I am willing to deliver leaflets, provide shoeboxes and collect them when ready, which must be by 31st October. So please, as individuals, support the Appeal. If you prefer to donate cash instead of goods for the boxes or donate by cheque (payable to Link to Hope), I am also willing to collect, maintaining physical distancing, of course. Thank you. *David Hunt*

Sunday Eucharist – we're getting too full!

It is good that more people are feeling confident about returning to church, but please do remember that numbers must be restricted. We originally said we could seat 30 people, and we should try to work to that number. So far, we have not had to turn anybody away but I'm afraid that we will have to if numbers are exceeding the safe limit. Please do not be offended! We are still operating on a first come, first seated basis, so please arrive in good time. If demand increases dramatically I will happily hold a second repeat service at 1130. Thank you for your understanding. *Fr Anthony*

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 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 is being floodlit in the month of September by Elaine Eardley in loving memory of her husband, Paul, a priest, whose anniversary fell on 26th August.

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.