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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2020
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The church building will be open 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.*

Opening Hymn (recorded service only) And now, O Father, mindful of the love

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

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
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 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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: Alberto Fenollosa, Frederick Kemp

Anniversaries of death this week: Diana Thorp (4th); Eileen Feltham (5th); Arthur Cooke (5th); Reg Catling (5th); Clifford Gower (5th); David Sawyer (6th); Leslie Yellop (7th); George Kennard (8th); Marion Rushworth (8th); Harry Rhodes (9th); Walter Binder (9th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – HARVEST FESTIVAL

Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Luke 12:16-30 *Related readings – Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

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.

Two Urgent Appeals for Harvest-tide

Those who attended the Eucharist last Thursday will recall the two appeals that I am making to the parish in this Harvest Season: next Sunday is our (low-key) Harvest Festival but I invite you to respond generously to God's gifts to us throughout the month.

Firstly, the **Whitehawk Foodbank**, to which parishioners already make generous donations, has been in touch with a real cry for help. We are only at the beginning of a significant period of financial instability and hardship: people are already losing their jobs and many others are waiting anxiously to know of their fate from the end of October. The Foodbank has more and more families and individuals approaching them in desperation. Please can we all respond to this emerging crisis on our doorstep with extra donations or financial gifts (made most easily online)?

Secondly, **St Margaret's CE Primary School**: as a Governor, I have been made aware of a worrying number of our children suffering with anxiety and mental/emotional issues as a direct result of the pandemic: change in routines/family circumstances at home, etc. The School is trying to offer extra support in terms of counselling/group work, but urgently needs funds to achieve this. Can we help? Donations online to St Margaret's PCC (with 'school' as the reference), or cheques payable to St Margaret's PCC (with 'school' on the back) or cash in an envelope marked 'school'. *Fr Anthony*

Meet our Development Project Manager

In last week's The Lookout it was announced that Michael Maddox, who sits ex-officio on the Parochial Church Council as our Deanery Synod Representative, has very generously come forward to serve as our Development Project Manager, helping us put together a plan for the combined futures of the church building and St Margaret's Cottage. Please pray for him in this significant undertaking. I asked Michael to write a brief biography so that everyone can be aware of and assured by his experience and gifts. Fr Anthony

Michael Maddox had a full and varied career in the Royal Navy, retiring in 2000 in the rank of Commander. A Naval Aviator, he had a number of command appointments and spent time 'flying a desk' in MOD Whitehall. His last appointment in uniform was Naval Attaché Cairo and Khartoum.

His 'second career' has been devoted to voluntary service. This included a spell as Chairman of 'Horizons – Plymouth' - a charity providing sailing for disadvantaged youngsters; for 25 years he was Trustee and Treasurer of a bridge building charity - 'British Arab Exchanges' (bringing undergraduates from the UK and Middle East together); and since 2019, Secretary of the Egyptian Diocese Association – supporting churches in Egypt and North Africa. Before joining St Margaret's, Rottingdean in 2015 he was a Director of Netherne Management Ltd. and Chair of the Residents' Association responsible for developing community facilities in 'Surreys newest village' – Netherne on the Hill.

Michael was PCC Treasurer at St Michael's Church, Belgravia in the 1990's (and involved with raising £1M for a reordering project), and in the period 2002-2012, he was Treasurer and then Churchwarden at St Margaret's Church, Chipstead, during which time the church undertook a £700k (underground!) extension project.

The plan will take into account our needs as a worshipping and serving community in the short term but also look to make us fit for purpose and a real practical resource – a hub - for the local community in the months and years to come, when need is likely to be great, especially after the pandemic and economic recession. It is a work of mission.

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: please ask for a form.

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 October by Linda Hudson in loving memory of her father-in-law Vernon George Hudson RIP.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is sponsored in the month of October by Gill Clarke.

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