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‘THE LOOKOUT’

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2020
HARVEST FESTIVAL

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) We plough the fields, and scatter

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Harvest Festival

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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 – Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 12:16-30

Jesus told a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

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: Irene Naylor, Alberto Fenollosa, Frederick Kemp

Anniversaries of death this week: Joan Darlow (11th); Millie Start (11th); Fergus Hanna (11th); Jean Jones (13th); Guy Elliott (14th); Sean Scourfield (14th); Yvonne Smith (14th); Eileen Gamba (14th); Charles Cuddeford (15th); James Wood (15th); Denis Christian (16th); Wilfred Float (priest) (16th); David Bishop (17th)

Funerals this week: Irene Naylor

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of the harvest,

with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation

and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us

and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FEAST OF ST LUKE

Isaiah 35:3-6; Luke 10:1-9 *Related readings – Psalm 147:1-7; 2 Timothy 4:5-17*

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

The **Whitehawk Foodbank** 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 consider making extra donations or financial gifts (made most easily online).

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. 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'. Thank you. *Fr Anthony*

Christmas Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal

Your response has been very encouraging. I already have 50 well-filled and wrapped boxes plus donations of £385 (which has been sent to Link to Hope). There are 4 weeks left before the deadline for receiving boxes is reached, so I hope that my 'phone line is 'hot' with calls asking for me to collect! *David Hunt – 01273 303 236*

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.