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‘THE LOOKOUT’

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2020
DEDICATION 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**

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) Come down, O love divine

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Dedication Festival

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to 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 – 1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. 'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:12-16

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written,
"My house shall be called a house of prayer"; but you are making it a den of robbers.'
The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read,
"Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, 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, Kate, Martina Hallinan, Jean Hughes, Terry Bourne, Anne Prout, David Crofts, Jim Heath, Kathleen Williams, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry

The recently departed: Alan Stockley, Edward Haviland (priest), Audrey Cunningham

Anniversaries of death this week: Honor Smith (25th); Margaret Flanagan (25th); Helena Kings (26th); Rebecca Taylor (28th); Grace Harrow (29th); Kevin Newstead (29th); Jack Morgan (29th); Colin Paxton (30th); Jean Jones (30th); Mary Weager (30th); Kenneth Stonebank (31st)

Post-Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ALL SAINTS' DAY

Revelation 7:9-end; Matthew 5:1-12 *Related readings – Psalm 34:1-10; 1 John 3:1-3*

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 a couple of 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*

Service Times

We will continue to hold Sunday services at 1000 and 1130, and on Thursdays at 1000.

If numbers drop on Sundays (people have been feeling the cold, but we are obliged to keep the doors open to allow for ventilation during the pandemic), we will revert to one service at 1000. Please keep an eye out for announcements in The Lookout, or listen for verbal notices in the recorded audio service.

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.