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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020
THIRD BEFORE ADVENT / REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
IN THE KINGDOM SEASON

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) O God our help in ages past

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday before Advent

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

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 New Testament – Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,

and she is easily discerned by those who love her,

and is found by those who seek her.

She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.

One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,

for she will be found sitting at the gate.

To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,

and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,

and she graciously appears to them in their paths,

and meets them in every thought.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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, 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, Anthony Matthews

The recently departed: Gwendoline Lee, Caroline Nottage, Elizabeth Sharpe-Nelson

Anniversaries of death this week: Bruce Avis (8th); Margaret Scannell (8th); Christopher White (8th); Heather Martin (8th); Kenneth Ward (10th); Joyce Stacey (11th); Maureen Collins (11th); Kingsley Lee (11th); Pat Davey (12th); David Stacey (13th); Kenneth Rowe (14th)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end; Matthew 25:14-30

Related readings – Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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.

Rottingdean Community is working in lockdown!

The Rottingdean Community website is up and running: www.rottingdeancommunity.org.uk.

The Village Helpline has been reinstated: **01273 036 783**. This time we're running a voicemail system - users may leave a message which will be responded to within 48 hours. We know that many people got organised during the previous lockdown but we're keen to make sure no-one slips through the gaps.

If you think someone who doesn't use the internet might like to have the number, please drop a note through their door.

Keep safe and stay positive - we've done it all before!

Rottingdean Community is a project jointly run by St Margaret's Church, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, the Queen Victoria pub and local volunteers. It has been supported by Rottingdean Parish Council.



Christmas Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal – 'Link to Hope'

On Monday 2nd November I delivered 94 boxes to the warehouse at Worthing in readiness for the long journey to Eastern Europe. donations towards the cost of transport amounted to £582 – added to which the Charity will be able to reclaim tax of £49 under Gift Aid. A very sincere thank you for your support of the Appeal in the most difficult times that we are going through. *David Hunt* (And a huge thank you to David for all his efforts and enthusiasm in encouraging us to support this wonderful project. Well done, David!)

Christmas Services

It is very difficult to plan ahead at the moment but the Churchwardens and I felt it right that we should decide on a pattern of services for Christmas, assuming that the lockdown will not have continued. All being well, we will offer 4 celebrations of the Eucharist to allow for 120 people to attend church and receive Holy Communion over Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will not celebrate a Midnight Mass this year. We will ask you to book places in advance for one of the following services. *Fr Anthony*

CHRISTMAS EVE

Eucharist at 1700

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 0800 (Book of Common Prayer)

Eucharists at 1000 and 1130

Burials and interments of ashes in our churchyard

It has come to my attention that there has been some recent misunderstanding about our churchyard policy. It is set out below and is in line with the Church of England's national guidance and the Regulations of the Diocese of Chichester. Please do feel free to consult with me in person when you are making arrangements with a funeral director. This policy was effected around 3 years ago and so is not a very recent development. *Fr Anthony*

'We have a beautiful Churchyard. Burial of a body is permitted for a resident of the ecclesiastical Parish of Rottingdean (the boundaries of which are not the same as the village of Rottingdean) or a member of the Parish Church's Electoral Roll (usually a worshipping member of the congregation). There are some plots available in the Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes, again for a resident of the ecclesiastical parish of Rottingdean or a member of the Parish Church's Electoral Roll (usually a worshipping member of the congregation). Exceptions to this policy may be made at the pastoral discretion of the Vicar. (Please note that the Lawn of the Garden of Remembrance is now closed for all interments following legal advice from the Registry of the Diocese of Chichester.)'

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 November by Fidelma Ormiston in loving memory of her husband Michael whose anniversary falls on 27th November.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is sponsored in the month of November Mary Hanna, in loving memory of her brother Fergus

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