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## **‘THE LOOKOUT’**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**  
**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](http://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)** Thou, whose almighty word

**The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Second Sunday before Advent**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:

grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory

we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;

where he 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 – Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end**

Be silent before the Lord God!

For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs,

those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;

because they have sinned against the Lord,

their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath;

in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

**The Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:14-30**

Jesus told this parable to the disciples: 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

### **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, Marie Freeman

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

**Anniversaries of death this week:** Vicki Hockley (15<sup>th</sup>); David Adkin (16<sup>th</sup>); Joan Crowe (17<sup>th</sup>); Rita Thwaites (17<sup>th</sup>); Ben Blackshaw (19<sup>th</sup>); Les Voak (19<sup>th</sup>); Tony Leake (19<sup>th</sup>); Vera Devlin (19<sup>th</sup>); Grace Grant (20<sup>th</sup>); Peter Benson (20<sup>th</sup>); Florence Higley (21<sup>st</sup>); Violet Jackman (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Funerals this week:** Caroline Nottage

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – CHRIST THE KING**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Matthew 25:31-end    *Related readings – Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23*

## **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.

### **Christmas Services**

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: please contact Heather Butler, Churchwarden, to book your place. *Fr Anthony*

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Eucharist at 1700

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

Holy Communion at 0800 (Book of Common Prayer); Eucharists at 1000 and 1130

### **A message from the Headteacher of St Margaret's School**

Dear Parishioners, I am writing to thank you so much for the overwhelming kindness and generosity you have shown to the school in recent weeks, with your donations to the appeal that Fr Anthony issued. Your donations mean that we are able to increase our counselling support for children in school by more than 5 hours a week for the foreseeable future, thus allowing many more of our pupils to be supported with their emotional needs at these difficult times. We are ALL so very grateful to you all, THANK YOU, and best wishes to all of you. *Rachel Kershaw, Headteacher*

*Donations from the congregation totalled £1,800 and the Parochial Church Council has donated an additional £1,000. Many thanks too for the generous donations of food and toiletries to the Whitehawk Foodbank, for online donations and for cash and cheques totalling £280. A wonderful response to our Harvest-tide Appeal!*

### **Rottingdean Community is working in lockdown!**

The Rottingdean Community website is up and running: [www.rottingdeancommunity.org.uk](http://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.*



## **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.*