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‘THE LOOKOUT’

SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2020
THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING
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) Christ is the King

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Feast of Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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 – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-end

Jesus said to the disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me."

Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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: Gwen Lee, Elizabeth Sharpe-Nelson

Anniversaries of death this week: Peter Carnell (22nd); Marjorie Limpus (22nd); Hilda Shepherd (23rd); Simon Spalding (25th); Marguerite Sutton (26th); Martin Higley (27th); Joan Cornish (28th)

Funerals this week: Gwen Lee; Elizabeth Sharpe-Nelson

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ADVENT SUNDAY (YEAR B)

1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-end *Related readings – Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18*

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. **They have plenty of baked beans and tuna!**

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 with organ music at 1700

CHRISTMAS DAY

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

Monthly Ecumenical Prayer Group on Zoom – Monday 30th November at 2000 (40 minutes)

Everyone is welcome, especially members of local churches and anyone is welcome to lead the group if they want to - just let me know. It can include Ignatian Meditation, Lectio Divina, and any other ideas around prayer. This time the Rev'd Kate Lawson from St Nicholas' Church, Saltdean will be leading us in an Examen. If you would like to join us please email me for a Zoom link at tracy.stickland@gmail.com. Please feel free to join as and when you can, no commitment required.

Tracy Stickland is a member of the congregation at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

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. 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 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.