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## **'THE LOOKOUT'**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SUNDAY EUCHARISTS AT 1000 AND 1130**  
**EUCCHARIST ON THURSDAYS AT 1000**

**The church building is open for private prayer:**  
**MONDAY - SATURDAY 1400 – 1500**

**Our Lady of Lourdes R. C. Church is open for private prayer:**  
**MONDAY 0830 - 1000      TUESDAY 0830 - 1100**  
**WEDNESDAY 1830 - 2000      FRIDAY 0830 - 1000**

**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)** Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

**The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Advent**

O Lord Jesus Christ,

who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:

grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way

by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world

we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;

for you are alive and reign with the Father

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Reading from the New Testament – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

**The Gospel Reading – John 1:6-8, 19-28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

**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, Betty Zachariah

***The recently departed:*** Lavender Joy Wheeler

***Anniversaries of death this week:*** Gladys Green (13<sup>th</sup>); Jack Revett (13<sup>th</sup>); Wendy Francis (14<sup>th</sup>); Arthur Jones, *priest* (14<sup>th</sup>); Doreen Rowe (15<sup>th</sup>); Sheila Elliott (15<sup>th</sup>); George Shepherd (16<sup>th</sup>); Reginald Hewson (16<sup>th</sup>); Vicki Kristi (16<sup>th</sup>); Bernard Darlow (17<sup>th</sup>); Doris Cordy (17<sup>th</sup>); Marjorie Woollard (18<sup>th</sup>); Bill Izzard (19<sup>th</sup>); Dennis Johnson (19<sup>th</sup>); Peter Stringer (19<sup>th</sup>); Wilson Broom (19<sup>th</sup>)

## Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;  
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit  
that when your Christ comes again  
we may shine as lights before his face;  
who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – ADVENT 4

Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

*Related readings – 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26*

## SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK – UPDATED SHOPPING LIST

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:** tinned vegetables (mixed, potatoes, carrots, peas); breakfast cereal, tinned meatballs, biscuits, tinned curry and chilli, Fray Bentos pies, toilet roll, tinned hot dogs, coffee, soup. You can 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/>. Please pray for the Foodbank and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services.

## Christmas Services – booking up quickly!

Please contact Heather Butler, Churchwarden, to book your place. Services are open to regular congregation and local residents alike. *Fr Anthony*

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Eucharist with organ music at 1700 – fully booked**

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Holy Communion at 0800 (Book of Common Prayer)**

**Eucharists with organ music at 1000 (almost full) and 1130**

## Call for volunteers – this Wednesday!

It would be good to have the church looking its best for our Christmas services. We invite volunteer cleaners, sweepers, brass polishers (and a tea/coffee maker!) to join us, please, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 1030. Please let me know if you can help. *Dawn Davidson*

## Thank you...

... to Bernie Baldock for making our beautiful Advent wreath; to Audrey Renaut for giving us a Christmas tree for outside the church; and to Deveson's Greengrocers for the gift of a tree for inside the church – this will be decorated this week.

# DEVELOPING OUR PARISH CHURCH

## Meet the architect

John Bailey was appointed by me and the then Churchwardens as our Inspecting Architect in 2017. It was he who quickly discovered the significant problem with the church tower and he oversaw what has turned out to be a wonderful job. We have every confidence in him and his ideas, having come to us extremely highly recommended. He is also a pleasure to work with.

John joined the PCC for an 'away day' to Chichester in early 2018, when some of our original thinking started to take shape. Some of you will remember his talk in church on the changing *use* of the building over the centuries: John Cumming gave a separate lecture on the changing *shape* of the building throughout its history, and the sacking of Rottingdean in 1377. All of this has contributed to our engagement and consultation with the community: at our Open Evening in 2018, members of the congregation and local residents stated in questionnaires handed out at the event that they welcomed the idea of the church being 'a place of worship at the heart of the community; a resource to the wider community offering flexible space for meetings and events; a place of education, learning and fun activities; a safe space for parents and toddlers; a safe space for the elderly; a quiet place to go during the week; a safe space for those seeking companionship; and a space in which to celebrate the arts.' *Fr Anthony*

John writes, 'The PCC of St Margaret's church has been working with Thomas Ford & Partners for some time looking at developing an exciting and sustainable future for this much loved and very important historic church building. St Margaret's church has stood for almost 1000 years and throughout that time it has evolved and developed to meet the needs of the people of Rottingdean and ensure it remains relevant. The PCC is excited at the possibility of providing St Margaret's with desperately needed facilities such as upgraded and accessible toilets, a kitchen and meeting rooms to allow the building to remain at the heart of Rottingdean and develop both mission and secular use for all.

Our initial ideas have been welcomed by those from whom permissions such as Planning Permission and a Faculty need to be obtained, and we look forward to developing these ideas into a project all can be proud of. Because St Margaret's church has been so important for the people of Rottingdean for a millennium we are of course acutely aware of the need to be respectful of the church, churchyard and develop any proposals that minimise harm to what is so special and important. To that end, archaeological investigations will establish, early in 2021, whether there are any significant barriers we will need to overcome, and this will be undertaken in as respectful a way as possible. The hope is that the proposed changes at St Margaret's will enliven and enhance this very special place ensuring it remains the beating heart of the community.'

*John Bailey BA, BArch, AABC, RIBA*

John Bailey is a Partner with the architectural practice Thomas Ford & Partners who have specialised in the care and enhancement of our historic and public buildings for almost 100 years. John is a former chairman of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and President of the Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association. He cares for a number of significant churches in the Diocese of Chichester as well as churches in other Dioceses and a number of Cathedrals and other buildings. He has also been the recipient of the King of Prussia's Gold Medal (awarded for the best church repair and conservation architecture) on three occasions. John is passionate about conserving our historic churches but also recognises that for them to survive into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond they need to adapt and progress forward to meet the needs of today.