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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2020
FOURTH 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

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) Come, thou long expected Jesus

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge;
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 – Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever! Amen.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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 Cuthbertson-Wheeler

Anniversaries of death this week: Alfred Arkell (20th); John Kuchmy (20th); Leslie Krtisti (20th); Dorothy Snudden (21st); Ivy Nichols (21st); Jean (Jill) Dogherty (22nd); Reg Renaut (22nd); Leslie Palmer (23rd); Peggy Evans (23rd); Ann Smith (24th); Ernest Wallace (24th); Muriel Mears (25th); Eileen Winchcombe (26th)

Post-Communion Prayer

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FEAST OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

1 John 1; John 21:19b-end

Related readings – Exodus 33:7-11a; Psalm 117

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

Quite understandably and wisely, given the rapid rise in the number of virus cases, a few people have cancelled their bookings for Christmas services. We'll go ahead as planned unless further restrictions on public worship are put in place by the Government. 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 with waiting list

CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Communion at 0800 (Book of Common Prayer)

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

Thank you...

to the thirteen volunteers who came last Wednesday to help clean the church ready for Christmas, to set up the Crib, decorate the tree and carry the Nativity figures from Fr Benny's garage on Steyning Road to the churchyard. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was especially good to have some of the newest members of our congregation helping out – a good sign for the future!

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 the tree for inside the church.



*The Archangel Gabriel had been a little unsteady on his feet,
so the priest and the vicar took him to see the doctor (Davidson)...*

Thanks to Stephanie Sheppard for the photo!