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'THE LOOKOUT'

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020

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) O come, all ye faithful

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for Christmas Day

Almighty God,

you have given us your only-begotten Son

to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace,
may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 – Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving-kindness of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:1-20

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

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, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges

The recently departed: Marjorie Metcalfe, 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

God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the 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.

Thank you...

... to Duncan Ward for the beautiful flower arrangement standing next to the Crib; to all who cleaned and prepared the church ready for Christmas; to Bernie Baldock for making our wonderful Advent wreath; to Audrey Renaut for giving us a Christmas tree for outside the church; to Deveson's Greengrocers for the gift of the tree for inside the church; to Frank Wenstrom for wrestling in the wind to put the tree up outdoors; to Fr Benny and our friends at Our Lady of Lourdes church for the loan of the outdoor Nativity figures; to our readers and intercessors who have contributed to our worship, both in church and on our recorded services; to Elaine Eardley for co-ordinating readers; to Paul Shelley for returning to play for us on Christmas Eve; to Jonathan Hodgson, our Director of Music, for reminding us what Advent and Christmas carols sound like, even if we can't sing them; to members of the Parochial Church Council for their time and dedication in negotiating the red-tape of Church law and ensuring that our life together flourishes; to Dawn Davidson and Heather Butler, our Churchwardens, for all their hard work behind the scenes and keeping the Vicar sane; to Rowland Myers who has since the middle of March given hours of his time to produce the recorded audio services that have kept our church community together this year; and to everyone who contributes to our life and witness at St Margaret's and makes it the special place and community that it is. Thank you!

Welcome...

... to the newest members of our congregation. Please make yourselves known to me and the Churchwardens and, in the weeks to come, let us know your contact details so that we might keep in touch. We do have some forms that you can fill in which acknowledge that your personal details will be kept securely, as required by GDPR legislation.

It is so encouraging that the number of people engaging with St Margaret's both online and in person in church has grown. It has astonished me! As an example, two Sundays ago, we saw 46 people in church in total, and 60 'devices' (computers, Alexas and 'phones) were tuned in – in many cases, more than one person is listening to a device at the same time. So we can confidently say that we had well over 106 people worshipping with us on 20th December.

Thanks be to God!

Fr Anthony

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: forms are available on request.

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.

Floodlighting – suggested donation £32.50 for a month

The church is being floodlit in the month of December by Paul Gravett and his mother in memory of Liam and Raymond Gravett.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is being sponsored in the month of December by Ann Connolly.

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