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'THE LOOKOUT'

FEAST OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

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) Of the Father's heart begotten

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Feast of St John

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:

that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth

that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;

through Jesus Christ your incarnate 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 – 1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

The Gospel Reading – John 21:19b-end

Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!' So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, 'If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?'

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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: David Bennett (27th); Lily Cumming (27th); Albert Hancock (27th); Eileen Myers (28th); William Blunt (28th); Audrey Lazarus (29th); Laurel Lloyd (30th); Matthew Gamba (30th); Naomi Cross (1st); Ted Smith (1st); William Grant (1st)

Funerals this week: Lavender Joy Cuthbertson-Wheeler

Post-Communion Prayer

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries, ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EPIPHANY (TRANSFERRED FROM THE 6TH)

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Related readings – Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:10-15

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!

Developing our church building

We hope soon to be able to share visual plans and artist's impressions of what our church building might look like in the future. The plans have been viewed and the site visited by the Church Buildings Department of the Diocese of Chichester, Brighton & Hove Planning and Historic England (formerly English Heritage): all have given very positive feedback and encouragement so we know we are on the right track at this stage. If you would like to talk with me or one of the Churchwardens directly in the meantime to get an understanding of the proposals, do be in touch. Quite a number of the congregation have already and conversations have largely been very positive. Please do not listen to rumours or, if you do, come to us for a fact-check! *Fr Anthony*

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!

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS DONATION TO HELP CHURCH FUNDS

Like many charities and businesses our income has dropped this year, largely through the cancellation of events and a drop in donations from visitors during the lockdowns, as well as venue hire and church fees. We have, at the same time, been able to reduce our running costs, so things are balancing out reasonably well. The Parish Giving Scheme has enabled donations to be made by direct debit and that has helped us enormously. Thank you for your continued support. We have, as a church in mission, given generously this year to the Whitehawk Foodbank, St Margaret's School, Voices in Exile (Brighton) as well as Christian Aid and the Shoebox Appeal. It would be good to top up our own piggy bank as we approach the financial year end. Cheques can be made payable to St Margaret's PCC and envelopes may be posted through my letterbox at The Vicarage on Steyning Road. Thank you.

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 'phonenumber - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

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

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