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'THE LOOKOUT'

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

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) We three kings of Orient are

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Feast of the Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 – Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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: Annie Brookes, Marjorie Metcalfe

Anniversaries of death this week: Spencer Roberts (4th); Walter Simpson (4th); Kay Morvan-Toone (5th); Yvonne Lewis (5th); Elsie Goujon (6th); Elizabeth (Mollie) Davidson (8th); Arthur Montagu (9th); Victoria Whatley (9th); Brian Doo (9th)

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11 *Related readings – Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29*

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.

Important - Public worship and private prayer

There are now cases of COVID-19 in the village and surrounding area. Some churches are considering closing for public worship and moving their services online. I am going to meet with the Churchwardens this week to discuss this matter and we will then consult with the PCC.

Please exercise great caution at this time and do think twice about taking the risk of being in contact with other people at church services. I never, *ever* thought I would have to say this, but my advice is to stay away and share in the recorded services which everyone can access either online, by Alexa or on the 'phone. The latter facility certainly puts us at an advantage and means that every member of the congregation can hear the recording.

After today, we will no longer be providing printed copies of **The Lookout** except to anyone who cannot access it online. If you need to have a copy delivered, please let me know.

I will not visit people in their homes unless in a real pastoral emergency, which I am permitted to do. Despite taking every possible precaution myself, I would not wish unwittingly to bring 'unwanted gifts' into your home.

Let us pray for one another and worship God in the new way that we discovered in the first national lockdown last year – it is still possible! *Fr Anthony*

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS-TIDE 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 January by Maureen Doo in loving memory of her husband Brian.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is being sponsored in the month of January by Rosemary Baigent in loving memory of her dear husband Kenneth who died 21 years ago on 2nd December.

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