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'THE LOOKOUT'

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

PUBLIC WORSHIP IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

If you really wish to receive Holy Communion, please listen to the recorded service at 1000 on Sundays then come to the church between 1100 and 1230. You will be admitted by yourself, or as a couple, for a brief prayer with Fr Anthony and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

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"**

Opening Hymn (recorded service) Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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 – Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Gospel Reading – Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: 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: John Leech, Annie Brookes, Marjorie Metcalfe

Anniversaries of death this week: John Rowe (10th); Joan Yellop (12th); Phyllis Whitehill (12th); Deborah Mitten (13th); Gertrude Brown (13th); Gwen Cuddeford (13th); Ethel O'Connor (14th); James Hillson-Mitchell (14th); John Poulter (14th); Freddie Dyehouse (15th); Alfred Garrett, priest (15th); Edward Bowles (15th); Ron Lane (15th); Tom Jones (15th)

Funerals this week: Marjorie Metcalfe

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Lord of all time and eternity,

you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:
by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EPIPHANY 2

Revelation 5:1-10; John 1:43-51

Related readings – 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

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

A repeat of the notice on the front cover. Following news from the Government last night and having listened carefully to advice from medical professionals working locally, we have decided to suspend public worship in church with immediate effect, including today. Please listen to the recorded audio service at 1000 on Sundays and, if you really want to receive Holy Communion, come to church (on Sundays) between 1100 and 1230. You will be admitted alone (or as a couple) for a brief prayer with me and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. **There will be no celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays or Thursdays.** The Bishop of Chichester has given permission for his priests to celebrate the Eucharist alone: I will do that in order to replenish the Reserved Sacrament.

The church building will remain open for **private prayer** Monday to Saturday from 1400-1500.

We will no longer 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: 'religious staff' are listed as Government Keyworkers.

Let us pray for one another and worship God in the new way that we discovered in the first national lockdown last year. **Please take the greatest care of yourselves. May God bless us all.**

Fr Anthony

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL EPIPHANY-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. 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 to those of you who have already responded so generously.

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.