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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 17TH JANUARY
SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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) O, for a thousand tongues to sing

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Second Sunday of Epiphany

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:

transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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 – Revelation 5:1-10

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;
you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.'

The Gospel Reading – John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

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, John Richardson

Anniversaries of death this week: Ernest Higley (17th); Emma Ames (21st); Diane Lees (21st); Pauline Spry (21st); Gwenda Channer (22nd); Bessie Cruse (23rd); Diana Caffin (23rd); Ethel Hales (23rd); James Harrow (23rd); Sally Peatfield (23rd); Violet Simpson (23rd)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

Acts 9:1-22; Matthew 19:27-30

Related readings – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 67

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.

PUBLIC WORSHIP AND PRIVATE PRAYER

A repeat of the notice from last week. All public worship (services in church) is currently suspended. 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** until we receive further guidance from the Government and Diocese. 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

Bored....?!

You might find this of interest: A History of the Bible by John Barton, read by Hugh Bonneville on Radio 4, and available to 'catch-up'. It's really fascinating. Many thanks to Graham Sheppard for alerting us to it. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/search?q=history+of+the+bible>

Update on the church clock

Those of you who have been out and about for your daily walk may have noticed the splendidly restored clock face gleaming in the sunshine (when it's not raining). Unfortunately, a further problem was discovered: the chiming hammer is faulty which is why we are not hearing the clock striking the hours. If anyone would like to help top up the clock fund to cover this additional cost (I'm still awaiting the estimate, but it will be hundreds of pounds), please do be in touch. Many thanks again to Sally Phillips, Mary Hanna, Joy and Harold De Souza and Michael and Susan Greenslade for their generous donations which covered the cost of the original repair.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A SPECIAL EPIPHANY-TIDE DONATION TO HELP CHURCH FUNDS

Like many charities and businesses our income has dropped in the past year, largely through the cancellation of events and a decrease 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*

REGULAR 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.