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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

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) – do sing along to Jonathan’s accompaniment

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Conversion of St Paul

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul:
grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion
may follow him in bearing witness to your truth;
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 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.' So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord

Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, 'He is the Son of God.' All who heard him were amazed and said, 'Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?' Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 19:27-30

Then Peter said in reply, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Esmé von Habsburg, Andrew West, Jenny Edwards, 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: Margaret Montagu, Julia Phelan, John Leech

Anniversaries of death this week: Amelia Kenly (24th); Kathleen Catt (24th); Dilys Machan (24th); Carol Bowles (25th); Kim Swam (25th); Joan Snudden (25th); Hilda Prior (26th); Stanley Vinson (26th); Barbara Lawrie (26th); Alex Goggins (27th); Peggy Cray (29th); Lillian Roper (30th)

Funerals this week: John Leech

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

Hebrews 2:14-end; Luke 2:22-40

Related readings – Malachi 3:1-5; Psalm 84

Ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For those who have internet access, Fr Benny and I will be live-streaming a special service today, Sunday, at 1700 from Our Lady of Lourdes church. Do join us 'virtually' if you can. Please follow the link below to access the service.

Our Lady of Lourdes Queen of Peace, Rottingdean live stream on

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC4VXBr3EOa43nCxxzB-Edw>

The link is also available on the church website: <https://ololandstp.org/>

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.

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre - Treasurer needed

RWC is a thriving Community Centre in Rottingdean which, for over forty years, has been a meeting place for local groups, as well as offering rooms for hire and adult education courses on a wide range of subjects. In a normal year, during school terms, there are at least thirty courses running in the centre in art, history, archaeology, music, languages, current affairs and many other subjects. Turnover in 2020 has been reduced by about one third as a result of Covid19 and the closure of the Centre. We have offered courses mainly on Zoom for the last three terms.

RWC is a registered charity run by a Board of around twelve active trustees, all of whom are volunteers and unpaid. We have ten management committee meetings a year. We currently meet on the first Thursday of the month on Zoom. Our acting Treasurer is leaving because of family and work commitments, and we need a replacement to join our trustees in managing the finances of the Centre.

The role would be suitable for someone from accountancy, bookkeeping or finance generally, but anyone who is organised, computer literate (MS Excel) and not daunted by working with figures would find it rewarding. The role is voluntary and unpaid. You don't need to have been a trustee before - we offer support and guidance. This is an opportunity for anyone who wants to make a contribution to the village and give something back to it. For further details about this role, please contact Lynn Hutchinson: lynn@rwc.org.uk

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.