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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL 2021
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Risen Christ Appearing To His Disciples (1514)

Luca Signorelli (1450-1523)

Opening Hymn (recorded service)

Jesus lives! thy terrors now	Jesus lives! for us He died;
Can, O Death, no more appall us;	Then alone to Jesus living,
Jesus lives! by this we know	Pure in heart may we abide,
Thou, O Grave, canst not enthrall us. Alleluia!	Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to Him the Throne
Over all the world is given;
May we go where he is gone
Rest and reign with Him in heaven. Alleluia!

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and 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 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.'

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Gospel Reading – Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

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, Ann Hayes, Giles Henry, Anthony Matthews, Betty Zachariah, Maureen Georges, Daniella Georges, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieleto, Damian Leaney, Patricia Fiddler

The recently departed: Bob Seddon, Kathleen Williams, Caroline Jukes

Anniversaries of death this week: Eric Cowell (19th); Roger Bates (19th); Yvonne Goddard (20th); Olga Franklin (20th); John Hewson (21st); Lilian Lewis (21st); Reg Greenwood (21st); Sir Harold Evans (21st); Richard Crossland (22nd); Ron Bristow (24th); Alice Stone (24th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18

Related readings – 1 3:16-24; Psalm 23

CONTINUING PUBLIC WORSHIP

Numbers will continue be limited to around 30, depending on bubble groups. We will try until June without a booking system but please, each Sunday that you come, indicate which service you will attend the following week, to avoid too many people turning up for one service. Please also arrive in good time to help the Churchwardens organise the seating arrangements.

There are now two **Sunday Eucharists at 1000 and 1130** and a **Thursday Eucharist at 1000.**

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

It seems like only yesterday when we held our last meeting in September, postponed from the Spring 2020 because of the pandemic. We are required to hold another by the end of May: ours will be on Wednesday 12th May at 1900 in church (with restricted numbers, as on Sundays). We will try to keep the meeting brief, electing/re-electing Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council. There are 3 PCC vacancies – one is for a PCC Secretary, another for a Deputy Safeguarding Officer and a third 'general' vacancy for which we have already received one nomination. Any questions, please do be in touch with me or the Churchwardens. *Fr Anthony*

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK



The shopping list on the Foodbank website hasn't been updated for a few weeks but please continue to bring what you can: **non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please.** 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/>

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.

OUR GREAT MEDIEVAL MONASTERY – LEWES PRIORY

Looking back 900 years - new insights

Lewes Priory Trust's season of 16 short talks in four evening symposia **Online on Zoom.**

Free of charge. All at 1930 - 2100 approx, including question time.

Symposium 1 Tuesday 4th May WHAT DID THE CLUNIACS EVER DO FOR US?

Symposium 2 Friday 7th May THE DESTRUCTION AND REDISCOVERY OF THE PRIORY

Symposium 3 Tuesday 11th May CARING FOR A HERITAGE SITE INTO THE FUTURE

Symposium 4 Friday 14th May WHAT THE LATEST RESEARCH IS TELLING US

Rounded off on Saturday 15th May with A GUIDED TOUR OF THE PRIORY REMAINS

Tour *not* via Zoom. £5 cash donation requested at assembly point:

gathering at Mountfield Road car park at 1430. Booking for tour opens 8th March.

To receive an invitation in April to register for the talks via Zoom, and/or to book the tour, email

enquiries@lewespriory.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 April by Giles Henry in celebration of Rosemary's significant birthday and many April family birthdays of people past and present.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline is being sponsored in the month of April by Mary Hanna in thanksgiving for her membership of St Margaret's Church.

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