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## 'THE LOOKOUT'

**SUNDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



*Christ the Good Shepherd (mosaic) in the Mausoleo di Galla Placidia, Ravenna*

## **Opening Hymn (recorded service)**

The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction, grace bestoweth:  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

## **The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Reading from the New Testament – Acts 4:5-12**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

## **The Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18**

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

## **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:** Robert (Bob) Seddon, Kathleen Williams

**Anniversaries of death this week:** David Rivett (25<sup>th</sup>); Leslie Channer (25<sup>th</sup>); Vi Stenning (26<sup>th</sup>); Ann Fallon (26<sup>th</sup>); Henri Goujon (27<sup>th</sup>); John Christian (27<sup>th</sup>); Stanley Nicols (27<sup>th</sup>); Ann Couzens (29<sup>th</sup>); Alec Weeks (30<sup>th</sup>); Jack Brown (30<sup>th</sup>); Jean Walker (1<sup>st</sup>); Harold Morgan (1<sup>st</sup>); Raymond Sparkes (1<sup>st</sup>)

**Funerals this week:** Kathleen Williams, Robert (Bob) Seddon

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 8:26-40; John 15:1-8

*Related readings – 1 John 4:7-21; Psalm 22:24-30*

## **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**.

Our recorded audio services are still available on our website [www.stmargaret.org.uk](http://www.stmargaret.org.uk), on Alexa or on the 'phone by dialling 01273 92 12 32. Provision will change in late June: the church services will be recorded 'live' on Sundays and then Rowland will very kindly edit to include the readings, sermon and prayers, as now, ready to be heard from Mondays and throughout the week. We remain immensely grateful to Rowland for the hours and hours of work he puts in to ensuring a professionally produced service is available to those who wish to listen at home or in hospital.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **Can you help?**

A local family is in urgent need of rehousing, and they need a four-bedroomed house. If you know of anyone who might have one to rent, please be in touch with me. Thank you. *Fr Anthony*





## SUPPORTING THE WHITEHAWK FOODBANK

Please continue to bring what you can: **non-perishable food and toiletries for men, women and children, please.** Donations can be left 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.*

## NEW RECYCLING SCHEME(S)

### ***Recycle Your Ink Cartridges and support SPIN (Single Parent Information Network)***

Did you know that it is estimated that 55 million empty or used cartridges take a trip to the tip every year and they could take up to 1,000 years to decompose? Save our planet resources by taking them to your local collection point at St Margaret's Parish Church, Rottingdean.

By recycling your used printer ink cartridges you will raise money for local organisation SPIN (Single Parent Information Network) based in Rottingdean. SPIN, founded in 2005, provides information, support, advice and a network for other single parent families.

[www.facebook.com/groups/SPINsingleparents](http://www.facebook.com/groups/SPINsingleparents) Email: [spin@live.co.uk](mailto:spin@live.co.uk) Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/spin/>

To send your cartridges or start collecting use this link

<http://www.recycle4charity.co.uk/Register/C104929>

Cartridges can be dropped in the box in the church porch during opening hours.

We are also working on a recycling scheme for medicine blister packs – watch this space!

## 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.*