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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2021
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

PUBLIC WORSHIP IS CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

If you 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 brief prayers with Fr Anthony and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament.

The church building is open for private prayer:
MONDAY - SATURDAY 1400 – 1500

**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)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand.
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descending
comes, our homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
streams before him on the way,
as the Light of light descending
from the realms of endless day
comes, that pow'rs of hell may vanish,
as the shadows pass away.

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

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 – Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel Reading – Mark 8:31-38

Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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, Mary Wallace, Mervyn Peatfield, Gianpaolo Danieletto

The recently departed: Roger Thorp

Anniversaries of death this week: Sir Jack Hughes (28th); Norman Schooling (4th March); Paolo Gaudiere (4th); Derek Oldham (5th); Michael Couzens (5th); Philip Colpitts (6th)

Funerals this week:

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

Related readings – Exodus 20:1-17, 15-16; Psalm 19

Bringing the community together – can you help?

The Home Services Administrator at Highbury House Residential Care Home has been in touch to ask if we might set up a 'pen pal' scheme between members of the congregation and residents of the home. There are currently 24 residents, some of whom are bed bound and, at the time of writing, visiting is severely restricted. If you would like to be involved by giving a little time to read a letter from a resident and writing a reply probably once a month, please do let me know. Although none of us has a lot of news to share just now, residents might like to share stories about their lives and their former work.

I will work with the home on the logistics of safely getting the letters back and forth, probably by putting them into a few days of 'quarantine' at each stage, to avoid transmission of COVID-19. Thank you to the four people who have so far come forward. It would be good to have more volunteers, please!

Fr Anthony

Rottingdean Whiteway Centre - Treasurer still needed!

RWC is a thriving Community Centre in Rottingdean and 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

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

SUPPORTING THE FOODBANK – SHOPPING LIST



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.

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 March by Elaine Bowden in loving memory of Iris Morgan RIP whose anniversary falls on 7th March.

Service 'phoneline - suggested donation £35.00 for a month

The Service 'phoneline was 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.