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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 31ST JANUARY

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

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

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| Thou, whose almighty word | Spirit of truth and love, |
| Chaos and darkness heard, | Life giving, holy dove, |
| And took their flight: | Speed on your flight! |
| Hear us, we humbly pray, | Move on the water's face |
| And where the gospel-day | Bearing the lamp of grace |
| Sheds not its glorious ray, | And, in earth's darkest place, |
| Let there be light! | Let there be light! |

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might!
Boundless as ocean's tide,
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825)

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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 – Hebrews 2:14-18

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

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

The recently departed: Margaret Montagu, Julia Phelan

Anniversaries of death this week: Betty Hoare (31st); Rudi De Souza (31st); Dudley Tee (31st); Ivy Hunt (1st); Millicent Marshall (2nd); Elvi Rhodes (3rd); Keith Miller (4th); Angus McLarty (5th); Valerie Rayner (6th); Mavis Sutton (6th)

Funerals this week: Julia Phelan

Post-Communion Prayer (for those who receive Communion)

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Colossians 1:15-20; John 1:1-14

Related readings – Proverbs 8:1, 22-31; Psalm 104:25-37

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



Thanks to Ann-Marie Newman for this photograph of the Holy House 2021

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 February by Sue Warner in memory of loved ones and Sally Phillips in loving memory of Freddie Kemp

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.