

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ROTTINGDEAN ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

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## 'THE LOOKOUT'

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 – Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)**



Our splendid team who created some very beautiful posies for Mothering Sunday.  
*Thank you to Sarah Neve who very kindly sponsored The Lookout this week  
for her mum, Marie Wilcockson's birthday.*

**BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST – Quiet, please, from 0925 (a bell will be rung)**

### **HYMNS THIS MORNING**

Introit	389 (omit * verses)
Gradual (before the Gospel)	595
Offertory	554
During Communion	648 & 467
Post Communion	210

## **READINGS THIS MORNING**

### **From the Old Testament (The Hebrew Scriptures): Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

### **The Gospel (in the New Testament): John 11:1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and

Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**The sick and those who care for them:** Betty Binder, David Cook, Jill Crossland, Muriel Harrow, Mick Hughes, Gwen Lee, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, Anne Smith, Rosemary & Dudley Tee, Rupert Webb, Deirdre West, Amin, Beryl, Lily Windham, Patricia.

**The recently departed:** John Forgham

**Anniversaries of death this week:** Catherine Heath (2<sup>nd</sup>), Rose Leeming (3<sup>rd</sup>), Tim Hudson (4<sup>th</sup>), Anne Smith (5<sup>th</sup>), Muriel Croll (5<sup>th</sup>), Peter Draper (5<sup>th</sup>), Winifred Hayes (6<sup>th</sup>), Jan Spry (7<sup>th</sup>)

*Please keep us informed if names are to be placed on the prayer list and, equally importantly, please tell us when their names should be removed.*

## **WHITEHAWK FOODBANK**

The Foodbank currently needs tomato and simple pasta sauces, washing powder, dog and cat food. They no longer need any more donations of sugar, pasta, cereal, porridge, lentils, baked beans, and tea. Thank you for your continued support. Please pray for the work of the Foodbank.

## CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle (Cottage)
	1900	Lent Discussion Group (final session)
<b>Wednesday</b>	0900	School Easter Service
	1900	Eucharist (especially for those who work or study in the day)
	1930	Knit & Natter (Cottage)
<b>Thursday</b>	1000	Eucharist
	1500	Funeral of John Forgham RIP
<b>Next Sunday</b>	0800	Holy Communion (BCP)
	0930	Parish Eucharist

## SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

### **Palm Sunday – 9 April**

0800 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

0930 Family Liturgy of Palm Sunday

### **Tuesday of Holy Week – 11 April**

1000 Eucharist

### **Wednesday of Holy Week – 12 April**

1900 Eucharist

### **Maundy Thursday – 13 April**

*No Eucharist at 1000*

1900 Liturgy of Maundy Thursday & Vigil Watch (*please add your name to list in the porch*)

### **Good Friday – 14 April**

1200-1400 Quiet Time & Reflections (*feel free to come and go, as quietly as possible*)

1400 Liturgy of Good Friday

### **Holy Saturday (Easter Eve) – 15 April**

2000 Easter Vigil and party (*bring friends!*)

### **Easter Day – 16 April**

0800 Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

0930 Family Parish Eucharist

### **Easter Champagne Raffle to support St Margaret's Church**

Please buy your raffle tickets from Pamela Wright in The Cottage. The draw will take place in The Cottage on Easter Sunday. Generously donated prizes include champagne, sherry, port, wine, chocolate and other goodies. £225 raised so far – let's double it!

### **“Pssst! Wanna buy a plant...?”**

Please sign the list in the church porch if you are able to volunteer to help with our plant sale.

### **Stewarding the stamens...**

Please sign the list in the church porch if you are able to serve as a Flower Festival Steward.

### **The Singing Kettle**

Every Tuesday at 10.30am in St Margaret's Cottage. Come and join us for coffee and chat.

### **Junior Church – Sunday School Dates 2017**

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday – in Church

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Joseph sold by his brothers

### **Book Club**

6<sup>th</sup> April Where my Heart used to beat by Sebastian Faulkes - Joyce is leading

4<sup>th</sup> May Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry - Gail is leading

Notice/info for next week's [lookout@stmargaret.org.uk](mailto:lookout@stmargaret.org.uk) by Thursday at 10 noon please