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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2017 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



The Lord is my shepherd...

Thank you to Ann Hayes for sponsoring The Lookout this week

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle (<i>Cottage</i>)
Wednesday	0900	School Service
	1900	Eucharist (<i>especially for those who work or study in the day</i>)
	1930	Knit & Natter (<i>Cottage</i>)
Thursday	1000	Eucharist
Next Sunday	0800	Holy Communion (BCP)
	0930	Parish Eucharist
	1100	Baptism of Infants Little

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

HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	330
Gradual	432
Offertory	634
Communion	282 & 600
Post-communion	238

READINGS THIS MORNING

The Reading from the New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Gospel Reading – John 10:1-10

Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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, Brian West, May Gilmour, Jane

The recently departed: Barbara Lawrie

Anniversaries of death this week: Frankie Henbest (8th), Victoria Edwards (8th), Geoffrey Atkinson (9th), Glyn Coble (10th), Robbie Feld (10th), George Watts (11th), Jonathan Clements (11th), Dennis Thwaites (12th), Margaret Rowe (12th), Nick Denney (12th), Connie Wright (13th), Glenn Coleman (13th)

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.

Reminder!

From Sunday 4 June the Parish Eucharist (and Children's Church when running) will begin at the slightly later time of 1000. We hope this will make it a little easier for people to attend.

Children's Church – *please pray for Kirsten and the development of the scheme*

We are still looking for leaders to join our team. Please e-mail Kirsten if you would be interested in running the occasional Children's Church session: kirstenjones@hotmail.co.uk

Dates for diaries:



Monkey Business Children's Church Social

We would like to invite you and your family
to St. Margaret's Children's Church Social.

When: 13th May 2017

Time: 9am

Where: Unit 27, Cliff industrial Estate,
Lewes, BN8 6JL.

Free entry for all

14 May – Children's Church – making our Flower Festival entries.

28 May – No Children's Church (*school half term*)

Thinking of being confirmed?

A meeting will be held in church for anyone (children over 9, and adults) thinking of being confirmed on Saturday 27 May at 1400. It would be helpful if you could please register interest to Fr Anthony in writing/by e-mail beforehand, please.

Daily Office Group Meeting

Many thanks to those who have expressed an interest in forming a rota group to say Morning and Evening Prayer. A meeting will be held in church to discuss a way forward on Saturday 27 May at 1100. Please see Fr Anthony to express interest or for more details.

Sing to the Lord a new song...

Fr Anthony and Paul Shelley, our organist, would like to meet with members of the choir, those who might be interested in joining and also instrumental players from our congregation for a discussion about the music within the liturgy of the church on Sunday 21 May at 1115 after coffee. Do spread the word!

Plant Sale

At the time of writing, a very splendid total of £715 has been raised. Thank you to everyone involved in organizing the sale and all who spent so generously.

There was a garden at the place...

We are extremely grateful to Jan Sherrill for the many hours she has given to help maintain our garden. She now needs to hand on responsibility for this work to someone else. If you might be interested in giving time to do some weeding and tidying, please be in touch with Joyce Bourne.

Gift Aid envelopes

A reminder, please, that it is necessary to fill in your name, address and signature on the yellow Gift Aid envelopes. Without this information, the extra 25% to your donation cannot be claimed.

Whitehawk Foodbank

The Foodbank currently needs tinned tomatoes, simple pasta sauces, UHT Milk, long life juice, tuna, coffee, tinned veg (new potatoes, sweetcorn, etc.), and tinned meat. They have plenty of tea, sugar, pasta, cereal, porridge, lentils, and baked beans. Thank you for your continued support. Please pray for the work of the Foodbank.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

Fr Anthony is very pleased to be leading our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham from Friday 8th – Sunday 10th September. Cost including coach travel is £185 per person. A deposit of £20 is required to secure your booking. Please be in touch with Jackie Williams as soon as possible if you would like to join the group.

Singing in the ... shade?

Fr Anthony and Simon Hateley, Headteacher of our school, are seeking sponsorship of £500 to buy umbrellas that can be used as parasols for the children. We are going to celebrate St Margaret's Day (20th July) with a special service for the whole school on the beach. If you can help, in any small way, please be in touch with Fr Anthony. Thank you to those who have already made generous donations. We have a way to go...

Wintershall Passion Play

Please be in touch with Joyce Bourne if you would like to join the group going to the Wintershall Passion Play on Wednesday 21st June during the day. A poster is on display in the porch.

Stewards still required...

...for the Flower Festival. Please sign the sheet in the porch.

Light up the Fire! Ovingdean Campfire Service

We are invited to the annual informal ecumenical campfire service in Daphne's Field (the new extension to the churchyard in Ovingdean) on Sunday 14 May at 1630. The service is followed by shared food. Donations welcome, please. Open to all – young, old, dogs, etc.!

FLOWER FESTIVAL 2017 – ‘THE MUSICALS’

Friday 9, Saturday 10, Sunday 11 June 2017

Flower Festival Stalls

Please be sorting through your shelves, attics and cupboards for books, good quality clothing, unwanted gifts and, especially, children's clothes and toys. Cake-bakers, you will be called upon in due course! Jams and preserves would also be very welcome. Please see Jan McFadyen.

Flower Festival Concert – Saturday 10 June at 1930

‘Everything's Coming Up Roses!’

A 'blooming' good night of songs from the shows
including Kiss me, Kate, Chicago, Gypsy, Les Mis, The Sound of Music
Performed by professionals from London's West End

Tickets £12 (including a glass of wine) are available in the Church Office

Notices/info for next week's lookout@stmargaret.org.uk by Thursday at 12 noon, please.