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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2017 THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



*Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
Part of our Parish Pilgrimage, 8-10 September*

HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	622
Gradual	41
Offertory	360
Communion	274 & 165
Post-communion	465

BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST

Quiet, please, from 0955 (*a bell will be rung*)

"Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards"

A special welcome to Leander Carter Lindemann who is to be baptised this morning,
and to his parents, Klaus and Julia, his Godparents and other supporters.

The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 Old Testament – Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

Prayers of Intercession (*updates, please, to Fr Anthony*)

The sick and those who care for them: David Cook, Jill Crossland, Muriel Harrow, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, Anne Smith, Rosemary & Dudley Tee, Rupert Webb, Deirdre West, Amin, Beryl, Lily Windham, Brian West, Tim Juniper, Andy Chapman, Lisa, Judith Sweet-Escott, Katy Ross, Glenn Moon, Margaret Connery, Rachel, Fergus Hanna, Gill, Margaret Montagu

The recently departed: Marie Parkinson

Anniversaries of death this week: Dorothy Wright (17th); Brian Ely (18th); Daphne Figg (22nd); Bill Norwood (22nd)

Post-communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today	0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
	0915 Choir Practice
	1000 Parish Eucharist & Baptism of Leander Lindemann
Tuesday 19th	1000 Eucharist
	1030 Singing Kettle <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1115 Communion Service <i>at Blind Veterans UK</i>
Wednesday 20th	0900 School Service
John Coleridge Patteson	1900 Eucharist & Discussion on the Gospel reading
	1930 Knit, Natter & Sew
Thursday 21st	1000 Eucharist
ST MATTHEW	1430 Burial of Marie Parkinson RIP
Next Sunday 24th	0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
TRINITY 15	0915 Choir Practice
	1000 Parish Eucharist

Acorns to Oaks – a note from the PCC Treasurer

We have recently heard the excellent news that we are to have an Assistant Curate from next summer. What a wonderful endorsement by the Bishop of Chichester of our Parish and of our relatively new Vicar! This appointment will bring many benefits to us, I am sure, but there will be some additional expenditure. While the Diocese is responsible for providing accommodation for Lucy, we will need to cover costs such as Council Tax, water rates and working expenses. Once again, we must give some serious thought to how we increase our income, maximize our estate in order to meet our needs and get full value from our assets. Please commit this to prayer and perhaps now would be a good time to begin thinking of reviewing your financial giving to St Margaret's, ideally by Standing Order, if possible. We are getting busier, and we will need extra resources from all our members, as well as our friends, visitors and occasional worshippers, in order to fulfill our obligations and expand our mission. *Robert Macrowan*

Children's Church – dates for the diary

24th September - members to bring something they love or about them to show at Children's Church
There will be a social - date and activity to be confirmed.

8th October - collection of items to place into the Christmas shoe boxes

Half term - no Children's Church in the holiday. 12th November, 26th November, 10th December

Christmas Tree Festival – Friday 1, Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December 2017

It's never too early to get inspired for Christmas! Whether you've taken part in previous years or always been tempted, now is the time to enter this year's Christmas Tree Festival. You can enter as an individual or as a group, organisation or business and the design for your tree is...completely up to you! You can download an entry form and guidelines from the Church website or collect one from the back of the Church. Entries close on Thursday 12 October. We look forward to hearing from you. *Marian Myers and Henrietta Palmer*

Our Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Despite the rather wet start to our pilgrimage, the weather had improved slightly by the time we arrived in Walsingham. After supper on Friday, we enjoyed a social evening where members of the group could get to know each other better and relax in each other's company.

Saturday was bright and dry for Stations of the Cross in the Shrine grounds - a very spiritual experience. The whole weekend was at times emotional and reflective particularly during our time of Intercessions in the Holy House. Everyone was supportive of one another and new friendships were formed, opening up awareness and shared beliefs. We also had times of quiet if needed to gather our thoughts and offer personal prayers.

The weather was kind for the outdoor Procession of Our Lady and Benediction. A very moving service followed by a torchlight procession which is an amazing and humbling experience and a real feeling of togetherness with our own group and other pilgrims. Our Sunday Eucharist mirrored your service at home enabling us to feel close to our own church family.

On Sunday afternoon we attended the Sprinkling at the Well and the Laying on of Hands - a comforting healing service for those who wished to take part. The last service in the Holy House was at 4pm with the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament around the grounds (a picture of which you will see on the front of the Lookout today). All in all a very successful weekend for all concerned although spiritually and emotionally quite exhausting but in a good way! *Sue Leaney*

Our Walsingham Pilgrimage for 2018 is booked for 8-10 June. Please put the dates in your diary now and let Jackie Williams know if you would like to go – we have 25 places reserved. Also, Fr Anthony was pleased to accept an invitation to become a Priest Associate of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham: our Eucharist on the first Tuesday of each month will be offered for God's blessing on its hospitality, mission and witness.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - UPDATED

Sunday 8th October – Harvest Festival

1000 Parish Eucharist & Parade Service

1800 Light Supper & Fundraising Concert given by the Copper Family (*in church*)

Saturday 21st October 1000-1600: Working Party to redecorate The Cottage – lunch provided!

Saturday 28th October 1830 for 1900: Quiz Night (*Village Hall*)

Sunday 5th November 1600: Confirmation Service *Please come to support our candidates*

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday (usual arrangements)

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December: Christmas Tree Festival

Advent Sunday 3rd December 1700: Advent Carol Service

Friday 8th December 1930: Ovingdean Singers Christmas Concert (*in church*)

Saturday 16th December 1700: Sing-along 'The Sound of Music' (*in church - come in costume!*)

Sunday 17th December 1500: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Usual morning services for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

1700: Family Crib Service

2330: First Eucharist of Christmas (Midnight Mass) (*offertory collection to 'Off the Fence'*)

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

0900 Christmas Service *at Blind Veterans UK*

1000 Parish Eucharist

Notices for the next 3 editions of The Lookout to Fr Anthony by Wednesday 20th, please.