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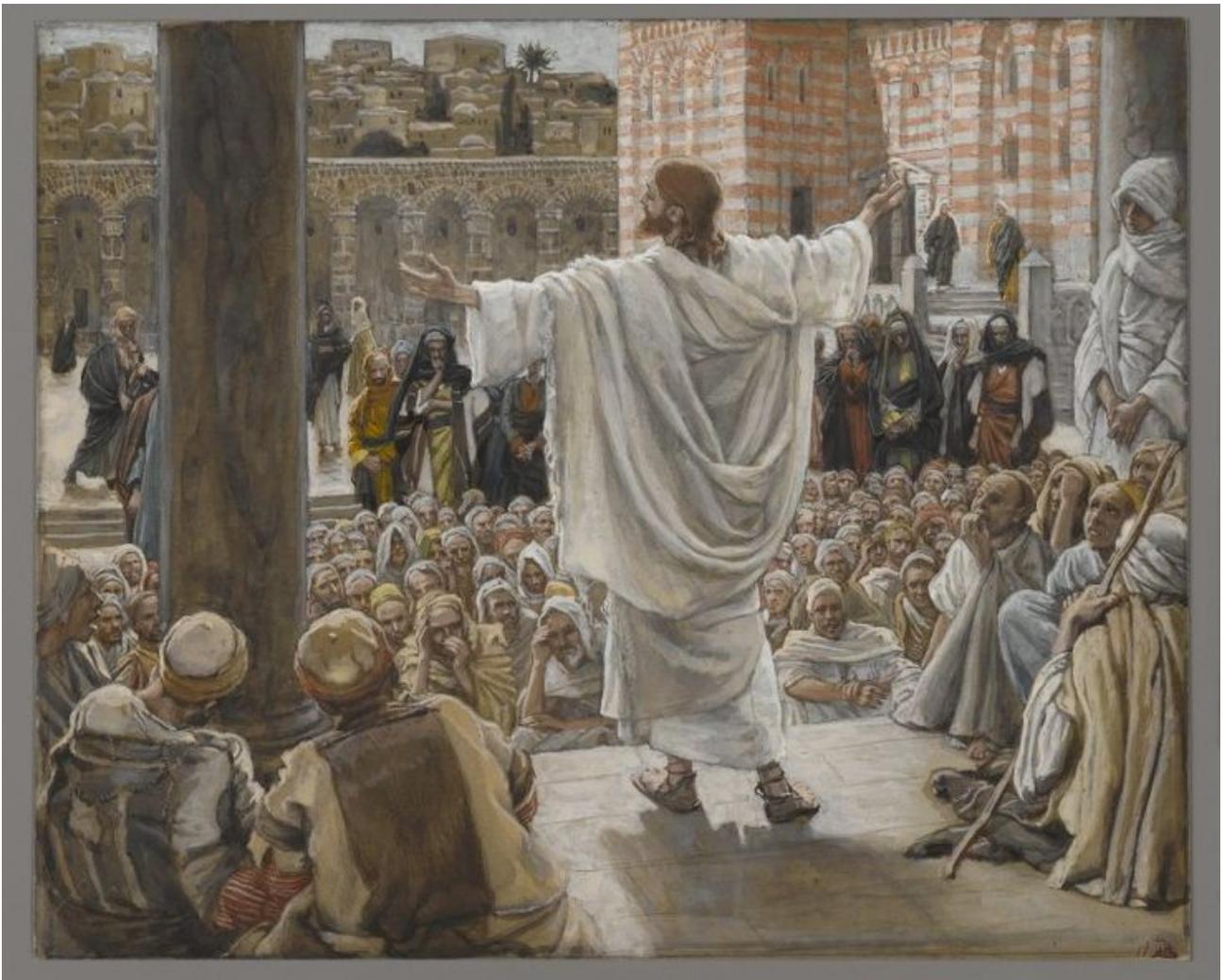
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## 'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



*Jesus teaching in the Temple*  
*"Jerusalem, Jerusalem" by James Tissot (French, 1836-1902)*

### HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	680
Gradual	41
Offertory	261
Communion	34 & 24
Post-communion	515

**BEFORE THE PARISH EUCHARIST**

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

*“Talk to God before the service, and to one another afterwards”*

**The Collect (Opening Prayer) for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is unfair.’ O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**The Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:23-32**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came

to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'

### Prayers of Intercession

**The sick and those who care for them:** Jill Crossland, Muriel Harrow, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, Anne Smith, Dudley Tee, Rupert Webb, Deirdre West, 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, Terry Murnane (priest)

### **The recently departed:**

**Anniversaries of death this week:** Pam Sullivan (1<sup>st</sup>); Mary Leigh (2<sup>nd</sup>); Diana Thorp (4<sup>th</sup>); Arthur Cooke (5<sup>th</sup>); Reg Catling (5<sup>th</sup>); Leslie Yellop (7<sup>th</sup>)

### Post-communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Fr Anthony is extremely grateful to Fr David Ingledew for officiating at the 0800 Holy Communion today and at services during the coming week, and to Mthr Mary Samuel for officiating at the 1000 Parish Eucharist today.*

### CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

<b>Today</b>	0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
	0915 Choir Practice
	1000 Parish Eucharist
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	1000 Eucharist
	1030 Singing Kettle <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1115 Communion Service <i>at Blind Veterans UK</i>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	0900 School Service
<b>St Francis of Assisi</b>	1900 Eucharist & Discussion on the Gospel reading
	1930 Knit, Natter & Sew <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	1000 Eucharist
<b>Next Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>	0800 Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
<b>HARVEST FESTIVAL</b>	0915 Choir Practice
	1000 Parish Eucharist & Church Parade
	1800 The Copper Family in concert ( <i>see back page</i> )

### Children's Church – dates for the diary

*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*

## **St Margaret's School Governors**

The Governors of our School are seeking to appoint a Clerk, a part-time role and work can be done at home. For more details, please contact the School: 01273 303 109 or e-mail [admin.stmargarets.brighton-hove.sch.uk](mailto:admin.stmargarets.brighton-hove.sch.uk). Thank you. *Lindsey Delow, Chair of Governors*

## **Pound coins**

A reminder that the old pound coin will very soon cease to be legal tender. What better place to put them than in the church donation box?!

## **Walsingham Pilgrimage 2018**

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.

## **SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - UPDATED**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Festival**

1000 Parish Eucharist & Church Parade

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

**Please buy your tickets in advance!**

**£15 to include a light supper. Cash bar.**

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

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 1830 for 1900: Quiz Night (*Village Hall*) – *sign up sheet in the porch*

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1600: Confirmation Service *Please come to support our candidates*

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Sunday** (*usual arrangements*)

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December: Christmas Tree Festival**

**Advent Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** 1700: Advent Carol Service

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1930: Ovingdean Singers Christmas Concert (*in church*)

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

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1500: Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day**

0900 Christmas Service *at Blind Veterans UK*

1000 Parish Eucharist