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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 2017 DEDICATION FESTIVAL



'Eliezer and Rebekah at the Well' (Genesis 24) by Nicolas Poussin (1594-1665)

Many thanks to Sue and Gordon Taylor who have kindly sponsored The Lookout this week in memory of their daughter Rebecca.

HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	86
Gradual	575
Offertory	402
Communion	361 & 362
Post-communion	701

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 Dedication Festival

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you,
and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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 – 1 Kings 8:22-30

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, 'O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, "There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me." Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

'But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Have regard to your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, "My name shall be there", that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive.

The Gospel Reading – Matthew 21:12-16

Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, 'It is written,
"My house shall be called a house of prayer" - but you are making it a den of robbers.'

The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they became angry and said to him, 'Do you hear what these are saying?' Jesus said to them, 'Yes; have you never read,
"Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself"?'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Jan Francis, Jill Crossland, Muriel Harrow, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, 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, Gill, Margaret Montagu, Carolyn Colpitts, Terry Murnane (priest), Geoffrey Redfern, Pippa, Tracy

The recently departed: Colin Edwards, Margaret Chiverton

Anniversaries of death this week: Grace Harrow (29th); Kevin Newstead (29th); Jack Morgan (29th); Colin Paxton (30th); Jean Jones (30th); Mary Weager (30th); Kenneth Stonebank (31st); Hilda Woodcock (1st); Mary Webb (1st); Sheila Head (1st); Christopher Deans (3rd); Pat Walker (4th)

Post-communion Prayer

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS (ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY)

Revelation 7:9-17; Matthew 5:1-12

(Related readings: Psalm 34:1-10; 1 John 3:1-3)

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today DEDICATION FESTIVAL	0800	Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
	0915	Choir Practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist & Baptism of Violet Britton
	1400	Interment of remains of Elizabeth Chamberlain-Webber RIP
Tuesday 31st	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1115	Communion Service <i>at Blind Veterans UK</i>
Wednesday 1st (ALL SAINTS' DAY)	0900	School Service
	1900	Eucharist & Discussion on the Gospel reading
	1930	Knit, Natter & Sew <i>St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 2nd ALL SOULS' DAY	1000	Eucharist (of Requiem)
Next Sunday 5th November ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY	0800	Holy Communion (Common Worship Order 2/BCP)
	0915	Choir Practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1100	Blessing of the Field and Hilder's Field Boys' Memorial
	1600	Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Lewes

Church Office

The office will be closed this Thursday, 2nd November, but open on Friday 3rd from 0900-1100. The normal pattern resumes next week.

Children's Church

12th November, 26th November, 10th December

Children and their parents are, of course, welcome at any of our services. The dates listed are for specific Children's Church activities in St Margaret's Cottage during the 1000 Parish Eucharist.

The Christmas Tree Festival needs your help!

This year's Christmas Tree Festival takes place on Friday 1st, Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December and we are, once again, inviting you to contribute to the Parish Tree. This year we will be handing out 'bells' for you to decorate however you like and perhaps write a dedication on the reverse. If you don't pick one up after today's services, we will be leaving a supply at the back of the church. Please return your decorated bells by Sunday 26th November. They will be displayed on the Parish Tree to represent the congregation to our visitors over the Festival weekend.

Also, please could you volunteer to help with stewarding or selling the entry tickets at the Festival? There will be a sheet on the church noticeboard in the porch and we would be very grateful if you could sign up to help. Thank you very much to those who have already volunteered. *Marian Myers and Henrietta Palmer*

Regular Sunday Readers – and call for volunteers

If you are on our rota of readers, please come into the church after coffee (c.1130) for a short but necessary update on Sunday 5th or Sunday 19th November. New volunteers are very welcome – especially mums and dads (or anyone youngish!!) Please let me know if you would like to be considered. Either 'phone me (302255) or come to one of the meetings. *Elaine Eardley*

Margaret Chiverton RIP

We have received news that Margaret Chiverton recently died peacefully on the Isle of Wight. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 1300 at Gatcombe, St Olave (IoW). May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

An evening with Thomas Hardy

On Friday 3rd November at 1930 in the candlelit setting of St Wulfran's Church, Ovingdean, the former BBC presenter Margaret Howard, with local singers and musicians, will celebrate the words and music of Thomas Hardy – exploring his struggles with religious belief and insights into the lives of others. No charge – donations welcome. Refreshments will be served.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday *(usual arrangements)*

Sunday 26th November – Gift Day: *fundraising lunch in the Cottage, drinks in church, donations!*

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

Wednesday 20th December 1900: 'In The Bleak Midwinter' *A low-key service especially for the bereaved, the sick, those who are worried, unemployed or who are simply struggling with life*

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