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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY 2018 THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT



'Allegory of Divine Wisdom' (1629–33) by Andrea Sacchi (1599–1661)

HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	306
Gradual	644
Offertory	554
Communion	341 & 614
Post-communion	416

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 Second Sunday before Lent

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth—
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race.

The Gospel Reading – John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Jan Francis, Jill Crossland, Mick Hughes, Peter Leigh, Irene Skinner, 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, Terry Murnane (priest), Pippa, Tracy, Margaret Yellop, Brian Parsons, Don, Helen, Margaret, Josephine, Arthur Collins, Jill Brice, Joy Huntley

The recently departed: Dudley Tee, Dilys Machan, Margaret Cadman

Anniversaries of death this week: Spencer Roberts (4th); Walter Simpson (4th); Kay Morvan-Toone (5th); Yvonne Lewis (5th); Elsie Goujon (6th); Arthur Monatgu (9th); Victoria Whatley (9th); John Rowe (10th)

Post-communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth

be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

2 Kings 2:1-12; Mark 9:2-9

(Related readings: Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)

Next Sunday - 11th February at 1800 - 'Tell Me The Truth About Love'

A reflection on Affairs of the Heart

through Musical Musings and Words of Wisdom as Valentine's Day approaches

Performed by our friends from London's West End. Cash bar.

Tickets £15 from madwaxcandles and in church on Sunday mornings

Friday 30th March (Good Friday) at 1800 - Pergolesi *Stabat Mater* & other works

Nic Houghton (organ), Ellie Blackshaw (violin), James Shenton (violin),

Raghad Haddad (viola), Paul Gregory ('cello), with singers from Trinity College of Music, London

Ash Wednesday is 14th February. Please come to the Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at 1900.

Diocesan Lent Course – 'Inspiring Vision' – Sundays in Lent at 1700

Please join us for 6 sessions of reflection on works of art, their meaning to the faith of others including the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Chichester and Dame Patricia Routledge, and to ourselves. We will meet in church for Evening Prayer at 1700 and then continue with the course. 18th & 25th February, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March. All welcome. Please sign the sheet in the porch to indicate your interest. Further details from Fr Anthony.

Children's Church - 11th March (Mothering Sunday) 25th March (Palm Sunday)

Whitehawk Foodbank

The Foodbank is very grateful for all your donations but they are currently awash with pasta, soup, baked beans, beans and pulses. At the moment they urgently need toiletries and other cleansing items (washing powder, washing-up liquid, men's deodorant, women's deodorant, shaving foam and shampoo).

Church Flowers

We are looking for new volunteers to join our splendid church flower team. Please be in touch with Bernie Baldock if you might be interested: hallinanb@hotmail.com or mobile 07800 938933 - please leave a message and Bernie will get back to you with more details.

A note from the PCC Treasurer

Our new accounting system went live in January and it is working very well indeed. We also moved to online banking with NatWest and, as you know, began to roll out the Parish Giving Scheme which will help us enormously, especially in the collection of GiftAid. The Scheme also greatly improves our cashflow with regular income to our account.

I know that some people have concerns (as it said in Fr Anthony's letter, please don't be afraid to come and ask!) and so here are some answers to the most frequently asked questions:

- Is St Margaret's asking everyone to give 10% of their income? No! Please think carefully and prayerfully about what you can realistically but generously give to the church.
- Am I losing control of my giving by cancelling my Standing Order and setting up a Direct Debit? No! You can amend or cancel your Direct Debit at any time.
- Do I have to agree to increase my giving automatically each year? No! If you would like your giving amount to remain the same each year, simply do not tick the box on the form which would allow for this. Please consider though that our costs will continue to rise even if donations do not, and we will be back where we started, with a deficit in our accounts.
- Why is the Diocese taking control of our donations? It isn't. The Parish Giving Scheme is a charitable company in itself, owned by participating Dioceses (it was originally developed for the Diocese of Gloucester). It is such a good and efficient scheme that the Diocese of Chichester has recommended it to us. It was the PCC which collectively and unanimously agreed to sign up with the Scheme, not me, nor the Vicar.

If you have any other questions, please do be in touch. I'm very happy to explain the Scheme as many times as needed to ensure that everyone is comfortable with it and reassured.

The whole new accounting package means that we can budget more efficiently and work more professionally. This means formalising a few things, such as the **booking of St Margaret's Cottage**. Organisations and individuals wishing to book the Cottage may do so through the office, but they will now receive a 14-day invoice or, if paying upfront in full, a receipt either by e-mail (preferred) or in the post. This enables our software to monitor our income and any monies owed to us. Once again, if this affects you and you are unsure about the system, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me. *Robert Macrowan, PCC Treasurer – treasurer@stmargaret.org.uk or 'phone 07957 111 291*

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th February SECOND BEFORE LENT	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	1000 Parish Eucharist
	1700 Evening Prayer	
Monday 5th	0830 Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
Tuesday 6th Accession of HM The Queen	0830 Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1030 'Singing Kettle'	(1115 Blind Veterans UK Communion)
	1800 Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 7th	0830 Morning Prayer	0900 Wednesday Worship <i>in School</i>
	1800 Evening Prayer	1830 Eucharist & Bible Study
	1930 Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>	
Thursday 8th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Friday 9th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 10th	1000 Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
Sunday 11th NEXT BEFORE LENT	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	1000 Parish Eucharist
	(1200 Gate Cottage Communion)	1700 Evening Prayer