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## 'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT



*'Transfiguration of Christ' by Michael Angelo Immenraet (1621-1683)  
in the Unionskirche, Idstein, Germany*

### HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	93
Gradual	434
Offertory	64
Communion	182 & 637
Post-communion	458

### 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 Sunday next before Lent**

Almighty Father,  
whose Son was revealed in majesty  
before he suffered death upon the cross:  
give us grace to perceive his glory,  
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
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 – 2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## **The Gospel Reading – Mark 9:2-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## 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

**Anniversaries of death around this time:** Keith Miller (4<sup>th</sup>); Angus McLarty (5<sup>th</sup>); Valerie Rayner (6<sup>th</sup>); Ellen Wilson (7<sup>th</sup>); Roger Jones (7<sup>th</sup>); Gwyn James (7<sup>th</sup>); John Jackaman (8<sup>th</sup>); Pamela Colclough (8<sup>th</sup>); Nigel Kitchen (9<sup>th</sup>); Julia Dyehouse (10<sup>th</sup>); Elizabeth Dacre (12<sup>th</sup>); Bill Figg (13<sup>th</sup>); Mary Pratt (13<sup>th</sup>); Doreen Cheshire (14<sup>th</sup>); Freddie Kemp (15<sup>th</sup>); Bernard Bale (16<sup>th</sup>); Norman Renaut (16<sup>th</sup>); Vincent Talbot (16<sup>th</sup>); Rose West (17<sup>th</sup>)

## Post-communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-17; Mark 1:9-15

*(Related readings: Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22)*

## CONCERTS IN CHURCH

**TODAY 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 in church this morning or at the door*

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> 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*

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1800**

**Vivace Choir in concert**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August (Evening, time to be confirmed)**

**The Hanover Band – Schubert Octet**

## Frying pans at the ready...

This Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras/Carnival. Pancakes will be tossed with varying degrees of aplomb at the Singing Kettle. Do come, for a laugh if nothing else...!

**Ash Wednesday** is this week, 14<sup>th</sup> February. 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. 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> March. All welcome. Please sign the sheet in the porch to indicate your interest. Further details from Fr Anthony.

**Thank you** from Off The Fence for our total Midnight Mass collection of £465.64. They write, “The winter is a long and desperate time and our Antifreeze team provide for immediate needs such as a life-saving sleeping bags, socks, food and toiletries but are also there to work with clients on a long-term basis to help them move on from their life on the streets. We are so grateful for your support. Without your generosity, this work could not exist and flourish. Thank you for bringing hope to the people we work with each day through your support.” If anyone wonders why we choose to give money away to support the homeless in the city and surrounding area while we also need to raise funds to support the life of St Margaret’s, please read the Gospels! We can and will do both.

**Curry Night** last Friday raised £521 for St Margaret’s as well as lots of smiles and goodwill. Thank you to all who cooked and served, and those who supported the evening.

**Floodlighting** this month is generously sponsored by Sally Phillips in memory of her father, Freddie Kemp. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a donation of £30 for the month.*

**Children’s Church** - 11<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday) 25<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Family Event at Chichester Cathedral**

‘Spring Has Sprung’ – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 1000-1500. Fun-filled family day. No need to book. Just turn up - £2.50 per child. See the Cathedral website for more details.

**St Margaret’s Women’s Group** meets on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 1930 in St Margaret’s Cottage, Lisa from Mrs B’s (on the High Street) will be speaking.

**Community Charity Lunch** in Ovingdean Village Hall – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 1245. Speaker: Jo-Anne Welsh (Director OASIS). To book, contact Shirley Ross 01273 301 075. All welcome.

**CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK**

<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>NEXT BEFORE LENT</b>	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	1000 Parish Eucharist
	(1200 Gate Cottage Communion)	1700 Evening Prayer
	1800 Concert – ‘Tell me the Truth about Love’	
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1030 ‘Singing Kettle’ & Pancakes	1800 Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> (Lent begins)	0830 Morning Prayer	1800 Evening Prayer
	<b>1900 Eucharist &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b>	
	1930 Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret’s Cottage</i>	
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1800 Evening Prayer	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No public services today</i>	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	1000 Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b> <b>FIRST OF LENT</b>	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	1000 Parish Eucharist
	<b>1700 Evening Prayer &amp; Lent Course</b>	