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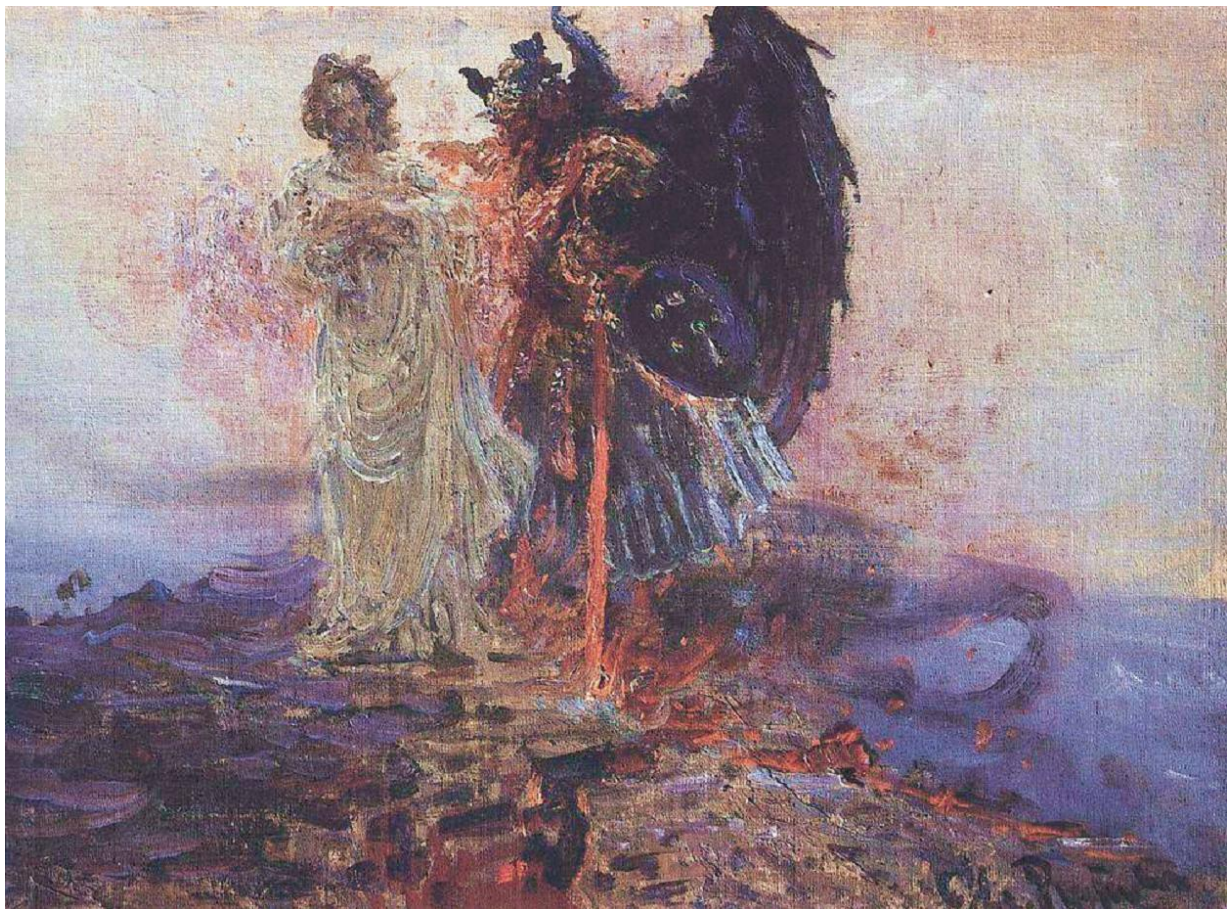
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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



'Get behind me, Satan' (1895) by Ilya Repin (1844-1930)

HYMNS THIS MORNING

Entrance	460
Gradual	319
Offertory	333
Communion	450 & 409
Post-communion	324

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 of Lent

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

The Gospel Reading – Mark 8:31-38

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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; Sylvia Davis

The recently departed: Mavis Sutton, Dudley Tee

Anniversaries of death this week: Jen Kendell (24th - 2014); Ronnie Harris (25th); Jack Hughes (28th); Norman Schooling (4th March); Paolo Gaudiere (4th)

Post-communion Prayer

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

(Related readings: Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

From the Lord Bishop of Chichester

There are two major Christian festivals in March. They celebrate people whose response to God was tentative, but consistent. The first commemorates Joseph of Nazareth, the husband of Mary. The second festival celebrates Mary's experience of the annunciation of the birth of Jesus. Christians of earlier generations found benefit in presenting the story of Easter as the culmination of Christmas when Joseph and Mary were so prominent. They did this through a cycle of mystery plays, the most famous of which are still performed in York, telling the Christian story from creation to judgement at the end of time. These plays were a bridge between ordinary daily life and the drama of heaven come to earth in the Church's liturgical worship.

This year, an early Easter places Holy Week between the festivals of Joseph and of the annunciation. It is one of those periodic occurrences when dates and timing become symbolic. Mary and Joseph are two ordinary people, from the same working town, who fall in love and get married. In the middle of all that something incredible happens, that transforms their lives. They become players in the divine drama of salvation.

Their festivals stand on either side of Holy Week and they, as it were, invite us to connect with that drama through our experience today of God's call and God's power.

In this Year of Prayer, my hope is that the drama of Holy Week will assume greater importance in your Christian life, and in your diary.

I hope that you, like Joseph and Mary, will allow the call of God to draw you into the drama of salvation: not as a spectator, but as a player, or agent, who will attract others to its reality, as you renew your commitment to know, love, follow Jesus. *+Martin*

Parish Visitor

Fr Anthony and the Parochial Church Council are very pleased to have appointed Marie Freeman as a Parish Visitor to assist in our work of pastoral care and ensuring that members of our congregation are visited. Marie will also undergo training to be a Lay Minister of Holy Communion.

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

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

Today (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.

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).

Services on Thursday 22nd March

Please note that there will be no Eucharist or Evening Prayer on Thursday 22nd March. Fr Anthony will be involved in interviewing candidates for the post of Headteacher at our school.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham – deadline extended

The concept of 'pilgrimage' or of visiting a shrine may be new to you, so please do ask Fr Anthony what it is all about! This year's pilgrimage to Walsingham is on **Friday 8th to Sunday 10th June 2018**. If you are interested in coming away for this lovely residential weekend of quiet, prayer, reflection and fun with your fellow parishioners please let Jackie Williams know: jackie97@live.co.uk. The final cost for the weekend will be confirmed when we have a price for the coach travel but, as a guide, last year's cost was £185. In the meantime a deposit of £20.00 per person is payable to St Margaret's PCC by **4th March** please, to secure your place. For further information please speak to Jackie or Fr Anthony.

Dudley Tee RIP Dudley's funeral will be held in church on Wednesday 28th February at 1300. The service will be followed by tea in St Margaret's Cottage. Family flowers only. Any donations to Cancer Research UK c/o Christopher Stringer, Funeral Director.

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.*

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th SECOND OF LENT	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	
	1000 Parish Eucharist	
	1400 Baptism of Joseph Malpass	
	1700 Evening Prayer & Lent Course	
Monday 26th	0830 Morning Prayer	
	1400 Funeral of Mavis Sutton RIP	
	1800 Evening Prayer	
Tuesday 27th George Herbert	0830 Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1030 'Singing Kettle' in St Margaret's Cottage	
	1800 Evening Prayer	
Wednesday 28th	0830 Morning Prayer	
	1300 Funeral of Dudley Tee RIP	
	1800 Evening Prayer	
	1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion	
	1930 Knit & Natter in St Margaret's Cottage	
Thursday 1st March St David of Menevia	0830 Morning Prayer	1000 Eucharist
	1800 Evening Prayer	
Friday 2nd St Chad of Lichfield	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 3rd	1000 Morning Prayer	1700 Evening Prayer
Sunday 4th THIRD OF LENT	0730 Morning Prayer	0800 Holy Communion
	0915 Choir Practice	
	1000 Parish Eucharist	
	1700 Evening Prayer & Lent Course	

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

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

Saturday 16th June at 1800 - Vivace Choir in concert

Tuesday 21st August (Evening, time to be confirmed) - The Hanover Band – Schubert Octet