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'THE LOOKOUT'

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



*The Easter Garden
at Canterbury Cathedral*

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to Duncan Ward
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this week's edition
of The Lookout*

HYMN NUMBERS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	357
GRADUAL	516
OFFERTORY	652
COMMUNION	59
	77
FINAL	683

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 Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ 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 New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Gospel Reading – John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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, Pippa, Tracy, Margaret Yellop, Don, Helen, Margaret, Josephine, Jill Brice, Joy Huntley, Sylvia Davis

The recently departed: Lili Blackman, Jean Broom

Anniversaries of death this week:

Bill Wood (10th); Jenny Allistone (11th); Lee Whyte (13th); Pat Vonesch (13th); Catherin Webb (14th); Lily McCallum (14th); Reginald Whatley (14th)

Post-communion Prayer

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER 3

Acts 3:12-19; Luke 24:36-48 (*Related readings: Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7*)



Current shopping list: Pasta/Rice (250g and 500g packs); tinned meatballs; tinned hot dog sausages; tinned meat pies; tinned chicken curry; tinned chilli con carne; tinned ham; pasta sauce; curry sauce; tinned new potatoes; tinned vegetables; tinned sweetcorn; mayonnaise; tinned tuna; tinned soup; cereal; long life milk; long life juice; tea/coffee

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM (the parish equivalent of an AGM) will be held immediately after the 1000 Parish Eucharist on Sunday 22nd April. Coffee will be served in church that day. We'll try to keep things brief so people can get home to their lunch, but do please stay if you can.

Children's Church dates

22nd April; 13th May; 3rd June; 24th June; 8th July. Newcomers are always welcome. Watch this space for news of our future Children's Church model and monthly Family Services. If you would like to help with the running of our Children's Church, please speak with Fr Anthony.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Brochures are now available at the back of church for our exciting pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2019. Fr Anthony, who spent two months studying in Jerusalem and has subsequently led three 10-day pilgrimages, will lead the group through Bethlehem, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, Galilee, Nazareth, and more, celebrating services and unfolding the Scriptures. We will have a professional guide and move about by coach; there will be a certain amount of walking and there are steps to climb – please ask Fr Anthony if you are uncertain. Please book early – we have provisionally reserved 25 places. If they are not filled from the parish, we will open up the pilgrimage to the Group and the Deanery.

Victorious dancing! Save the date!

Maureen Blakey is very kindly organizing a Tea Dance with a return visit from the Victory Sisters on Saturday 27th October from 1400-1700 in the Village Hall. Catering by Bourne & Wilcockson, Purveyors of Fine Cakes and Dainties. Please put the date in your diary now. As well as raising money for the church, the event forms part of the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I in 1918.

Activity Bags for children

We have started providing activity sheets for children in different age groups on Sundays when there is no formal Children's Church. Many thanks to Janet Leech who has produced fifteen bags and to others who have donated soft toys and books.

St. Margaret's Women's Group

Next meeting on Monday, 9th April in St Margaret's Cottage at 1930. Linda Hood of Neighbourhood Watch will be speaking. All welcome.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of April in memory of Michael Topping thanks to the generosity of Norman Wallace-Metcalf. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting in future months, we suggest a donation of £30.*

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 8th
EASTER 2**

0730 Morning Prayer
0800 Holy Communion
0915 Choir Practice
1000 Parish Eucharist
(1200 Communion Service at Gate Cottage)
1700 Evening Prayer

**Monday 9th
THE ANNUNCIATION
OF OUR LORD TO
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

0830 Morning Prayer
1800 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 10th

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
1030 'Singing Kettle'
1800 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 11th

0830 Morning Prayer
(1400 Communion Service at Rottingdean Nursing Home)
1800 Evening Prayer
1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion
1930 Knit & Natter

Thursday 12th

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
1800 Evening Prayer

Friday 13th

No public services today

Saturday 14th

1000 Morning Prayer
1700 Evening Prayer

**Sunday 15th
EASTER 3**

0730 Morning Prayer
0800 Holy Communion
0915 Choir Practice
1000 Parish Eucharist
1700 Evening Prayer

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

Saturday 16th June at 1800
"Songs for Summer" - Vivace Choir

Friday 3rd August at 1900
The Girls' Choir of Mainz Cathedral, Germany

Tuesday 21st August at 1930
The Hanover Band - Schubert Octet

Friday 14th December (time TBC)
Ovingdean Singers Christmas Concert