

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ROTTINGDEAN ST MARGARET OF ANTIOCH

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## 'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2018

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



*'St Peter preaching in the presence of St Mark' (c. 1433)  
by Fra Angelico (c. 1395-1455)*

### HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	146
GRADUAL	9
OFFERTORY	325
COMMUNION	141 & 238
FINAL	653

### 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 Third Sunday of Easter**

Almighty Father,  
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life  
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;  
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 New Testament – Acts of the Apostles 3:12-19**

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.’

## **The Gospel Reading – Luke 24:36-48**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.’

## **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, Joy Huntley, Sylvia Davis, Brenda Bryan, Timi, Norman Wallace-Metcalf

***The recently departed:*** Lyris Moses-Tinsley, Lili Blackman, Jean Broom

## ***Anniversaries of death this week:***

Dorothy Montagu (16<sup>th</sup>); Eric Cowell (19<sup>th</sup>); Roger Bates (19<sup>th</sup>); Olga Franklin (20<sup>th</sup>); John Hewson (21<sup>st</sup>); Lilian Lewis (21<sup>st</sup>); Reg Greenwood (21<sup>st</sup>); Harold Evans (21<sup>st</sup>)

## Post-communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER 4

Acts 4:5-12; John 10:11-18 (*Related readings: Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24*)



**Current shopping list:** long-life fruit juice, mayonnaise, UHT milk, carbonara sauce, men's and women's deodorant, baby wipes, cereal, tinned potatoes, washing-up liquid, tinned ham, tinned sweetcorn, tinned vegetables, rice pudding, washing tablets.

## Music at St Margaret's - fundraising news

Thank you to all who supported the Good Friday Concert and the wonderful performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*. After fees and expenses, the evening raised £841 for the church.

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting – next Sunday

The APCM (the parish equivalent of an AGM) will be held immediately after the 1000 Parish Eucharist next Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 and Family Services

Children's Church will be running on 22<sup>nd</sup> April; 13<sup>th</sup> May; 3<sup>rd</sup> June; 24<sup>th</sup> June; 8<sup>th</sup> July.

We are pleased to announce that from September this year, the 1000 service on the first Sunday of each month will be a Family Parish Eucharist, following the format that we experimented with on Mothering Sunday and Easter Day. Also, from September, our Children's Church will meet regularly on the third Sunday of each month. Helen Pantis will be leading the next five sessions, and, when she joins us as our Assistant Curate, Lucy Sullivan will be taking a leadership role. We do need additional 'helpers' for our monthly Children's Church – please be in touch with Fr Anthony for more information about how we are developing our plans.

## Pastoral Care and Parish Visiting – Communication is the key!

We are concerned that all members of our congregation and others within the parish are properly cared for pastorally. Fr Anthony, Joyce Bourne and others within the congregation make regular visits to those who are sick and housebound, and Joyce is now licensed by the Bishop to be a Eucharistic Minister, taking Holy Communion to people at home or in hospital. Our Parish Visitor, Marie Freeman, is also available to visit and is training to be a Eucharistic Minister.

If you know of anyone who would welcome a visit, either one-off or more regularly, please contact Marie on 01273 273 951, or be in touch with Fr Anthony or Joyce. Communication is essential – we can't visit people if we don't know that they wish to be or might need to be visited. Please let's work together as a community to ensure that all are well looked after, prayed for, and able to maintain their relationship with their parish church. It may be that you would welcome a visit yourself: please do not hesitate or be embarrassed to ask.

## 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.

## **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**

<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>EASTER 3</b>	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Holy Communion 0915 Choir Practice <b>1000 Parish Eucharist</b> 1700 Evening Prayer
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer 1800 Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer 1000 Eucharist 1030 'Singing Kettle' (1115 Communion Service at Blind Veterans UK) 1800 Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	0830 Morning Prayer (0900 School Worship in School) 1800 Evening Prayer 1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion 1930 Knit & Natter
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b> St Alphege	0830 Morning Prayer 1000 Eucharist 1130 Funeral of Liliás Blackman RIP 1500 Funeral of Jean Broom RIP 1800 Evening Prayer
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<i>No public services today</i>
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b> St Anselm	1000 Morning Prayer 1700 Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>EASTER 4</b>	0730 Morning Prayer 0800 Holy Communion 0915 Choir Practice <b>1000 Parish Eucharist &amp; Children's Church</b> <b>followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting</b> 1700 Evening Prayer

## **MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 1800 - "Songs for Summer" - Vivace Choir**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 1900 - The Girls' Choir of Mainz Cathedral, Germany**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 1930 - The Hanover Band - Schubert Octet**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December (time TBC) - Ovingdean Singers Christmas Concert**