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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



*Many thanks to Muriel Harrow for sponsoring this week's edition of The Lookout
in memory of Alan Harrow RIP*

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	202
GRADUAL	381
OFFERTORY	428
COMMUNION	67 & 495
FINAL	111

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Gospel Reading – John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: Jan Francis, Jill Crossland, Roy 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, Margaret Yellop, Don, Helen, Margaret, Josephine, Sylvia Davis, Timi, Norman Wallace-Metcalf

The recently departed: Lyris Moses-Tinsley

Anniversaries of death this week:

Ann Couzens (29th); Alec Weeks (30th); Jack Brown (30th); Jean Walker (1st May); Harold Morgan (1st); Raymond Sparkes (1st); Mabel Pougher (3rd); Rita Cadman (4th); Peggy Winser (5th); Frank Henbest (5th); Rivers Bruce Wallis (5th)

Post-communion Prayer

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:
grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Fr Anthony is extremely grateful to Fr David Ingledew who is officiating at the services today and who has been covering in the past week.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – EASTER 6

Acts 10:44-48; John 15:9-17 (Related readings: Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6)



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 – return of The Hanover Band

We are delighted to be welcoming The Hanover Band back to St Margaret's on 21st August and hope that we will enjoy a fruitful relationship with them for years to come. Tickets are now on sale for their concert of the Schubert Octet. See the Band's own website:

<http://thehanoverband.com/concert/schubert-octet-rottingdean-2018/>

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. Please book early – we have provisionally reserved 25 places, and they are filling fast!

Children's Church and Family Services

Children's Church will be running again on 13th May; 3rd June; 24th June; 8th July.

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.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of May by John and Jackie Blackman in memory of Ethel Matilda Faulkner-May. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting in future months, we suggest a donation of £30.*

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Sunday 29th
EASTER 5**

0800 Holy Communion
0915 Choir Practice
1000 Parish Eucharist

Monday 30th

No public services today

**Tuesday 1st May
Ss. PHILIP & JAMES
APOSTLES**

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
(1115 Communion Service at Blind Veterans UK)
1400 Funeral Service for Lyris Moses-Tinsley
1800 Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 2nd
St Athanasius**

0830 Morning Prayer
(0900 School Worship in School)
1800 Evening Prayer
1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion
1930 Knit & Natter

Thursday 3rd

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
1800 Evening Prayer

Friday 4th

No public services today

Saturday 5th

1000 Morning Prayer
1700 Evening Prayer

**Sunday 6th
EASTER 6**

0730 Morning Prayer
0800 Holy Communion
0915 Choir Practice
1000 Parish Eucharist
1400 Baptism of Thomas Lees
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