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'THE LOOKOUT' SUNDAY 27TH MAY 2018 TRINITY SUNDAY



*The Singing Kettle members go to the Royal Wedding! (Photo courtesy of Joyce Bourne)
Many thanks to Marie Wilcockson for sponsoring this week's Lookout
in memory of her husband, and Sarah's father, Brian*

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	273
GRADUAL	444
OFFERTORY	36
COMMUNION	150 & 445
FINAL	373

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 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you have given us your servants grace,
by the confession of a true faith,
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:
keep us steadfast in this faith,
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;
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 Old Testament – Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

The Gospel Reading – John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them:

The recently departed:

Anniversaries of death this week:

Under the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, we are no longer permitted to print or publish the names of individuals unless we have their own consent, ideally in writing. We deeply regret any distress that this may cause.

Post-communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – TRINITY 1

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-3:6 (*Related readings: Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12*)



Urgently needed: mayonnaise, carbonara sauce, Prince's tinned ham, tinned chill con carne, tinned pies, tinned custard. Thanks for your continued support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work and the increasing number of people it feeds and supports.

Study Course – The Lord's Prayer

Fr Anthony will be running a short, three-week study course on the Lord's Prayer on Sundays 17th June, 24th June and 1st July. The sessions will begin with Evening Prayer at 1700 and should end around 1815 each week, depending on the flow of discussion! All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – May 2019

Now that it has been announced that the Eurovision Song Contest, won by Israel this year, is likely to be taking place in Jerusalem while we are there (!), please book your places as soon as possible. Flights and hotels will be extremely busy. Don't miss out!

From the PCC Treasurer

Thank you for your continued support of the Parish Giving Scheme. It has received a good take-up and has enabled us to have better cash flow for budget purposes and has reduced the pressure on our administration. I know that some of you are still a little unsure of a few things, so for the sake of clarity: the completed PGS form should be returned to PGS (not to your bank) at the Gloucester address given on the form. You will however need to contact your bank to cancel any pre-existing Standing Order. You can use PGS whether you are a tax payer or not and we would strongly encourage more of you to take it up. For those of you that still wish to give via the collection plate, you do not need to use a numbered envelope if you are not a taxpayer: can I ask, please, that you put your donation directly into the plate or in an unmarked envelope. A donation number is only required for tax purposes and each numbered envelope needs to be recorded separately which, in turn, increases our administrative workload. Thank you for your continued generosity which helps make St Margaret's the special place it is. *Robert Macrowan*

St Margaret's Book Club

The Book Club meets on the first Thursday of each month. On 7th June, the discussion will be on *The Woman in White* by Wilkie Collins. On 5th July we will discuss *The Chalkman* by C. J. Tudor. Do feel free to join our informal group at any meeting. Tea and biscuits provide. *Joyce Bourne*

Children's Church and Family Services

Children's Church will be running next on 3rd June; 24th June and 8th July. From September this year, our Children's Church will meet regularly on the third Sunday of each month. From September, the 1000 service on the first Sunday of each month will be a Family Parish Eucharist.

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

Saturday 16th June at 1800 - "Songs for Summer" - Vivace Choir
Tickets £10 (under-12s free) now on sale from www.ticketsource.co.uk,
from **Café Dean** on Marine Drive, or in church on Sunday mornings

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

Tuesday 21st August at 1930 - The Hanover Band - Schubert Octet
Tickets available from <http://thehanoverband.com/concert/schubert-octet-rottingdean-2018/>

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

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th
TRINITY SUNDAY

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

Monday 28th

No public services today. Office closed for Bank Holiday.

Tuesday 29th

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
1030 Singing Kettle *in St Margaret's Cottage*
(1115 Communion Service & Memorial at Blind Veterans UK)
1800 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 30th
Josephine Butler

0830 Morning Prayer
1500 Funeral Service for Rosemary Pontin RIP
1800 Evening Prayer
1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion
1930 Knit & Natter *in St Margaret's Cottage*

Thursday 31st
Corpus Christi

0830 Morning Prayer
1000 Eucharist
1800 Evening Prayer

Friday 1st June
St Justin

No public services today

Saturday 2nd

1000 Morning Prayer
1700 Evening Prayer

Sunday 3rd
TRINITY 1

0730 Morning Prayer
0800 Holy Communion
0915 Choir Practice
1000 Parish Eucharist
No Evening Prayer today

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, then in June in memory of John's father, John Clifford Blackman who died in 2009. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting in 2019, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month. All remaining months in 2018 have been designated. Please contact Fr Anthony.*