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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 24TH JUNE 2018

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST



*Zechariah and Elizabeth, from the Schedelsche Weltchronik (Nuremberg Chronicles), 1493
Illustrators: Michael Wolgemut and Wilhelm Pleydenwuff*

*Marjorie Trowell, who has kindly sponsored this week's Lookout, would like to say thank you
for a lovely weekend at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham*

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	161 (vv.1, 2, 5 & 6)
GRADUAL	247
OFFERTORY	399
COMMUNION	436 & 540
FINAL	701

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 Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist

Almighty God,

by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born,
and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance:
lead us to repent according to his preaching and, after his example,
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice, and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;
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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term,

that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,

make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,

and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;

surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,

and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Gospel Reading – Luke 1:57-66, 80

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

Prayers of Intercession

We are having to refresh the intercessions list. Under the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation, we are no longer permitted to print or publish the names of individuals and the fact that they are ill unless we have their own consent. We deeply regret any distress that this will inevitably cause. Please let Fr Anthony know of anyone who needs prayer: he may keep his own private list.

The sick and those who care for them: Norman Wallace-Metcalf, John Leech, Brian West, Esmé von Habsburg, John Edwards

The recently departed: John Sedgwick

Anniversaries of death this week: Bart Sweetman (24th); Chris Bowles (24th); Graham Myers (24th); Bill Skinner (25th); Connie Stringer (25th); Dennis Metherell (26th); John Wells (27th); Ernest Winder (28th); Ro Smith (29th); Tom Green (30th)

Post-communion Prayer

Merciful Lord, whose prophet John the Baptist proclaimed your Son as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world: grant that we who in this sacrament have known your forgiveness and your life-giving love may ever tell of your mercy and your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – TRINITY 5

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24; Mark 5:21-43
(Related readings: Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15)



Urgently needed this week: tinned chilli con carne, tinned pies, tinned custard, tinned chicken curry, tinned hot dogs, tinned potatoes, rice pudding. Thanks for your continued support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work and the increasing number of people it feeds and supports.

Today! Study Course – The Lord's Prayer (session 2 of 3)

We begin with Evening Prayer at 1700 and should end around 1815, depending on the flow of discussion! Session 3 next Sunday, 1st July. All are welcome to dip in to any session.

Vivace! concert

Many thanks to those who supported the concert by the Vivace! choir on 16th June. After expenses, we raised a little over £300 which we will put towards the Tower fund.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – May 2019

More brochures and booking forms are available at the back of church. Please book your places as soon as possible, or speak with Fr Anthony for more details. Don't miss out!

Children's Church and Family Services

Our last Children's Church of this season will be on 8th July. From September this year, our Children's Church will meet regularly on the third Sunday of each month. Also from September, the 1000 service on the first Sunday of each month will be a Family Parish Eucharist.

Getting ready to welcome our Assistant Curate

Lucy Sullivan will be ordained as a Deacon by the Bishop of Chichester on Saturday 30th June at 1500 in Chichester Cathedral, and will join us for the first time on Sunday 1st July. There will be a welcome reception of wine, juice and nibbles after the Parish Eucharist. Do please come and support Lucy as she begins her ordained ministry with us. In terms of how to address her, 'Mother Lucy' or simply 'Lucy' will be fine! In writing, 'The Rev'd Lucy Sullivan'. Her parish e-mail address will be mthr.lucy@stmargaret.org.uk. Most especially, please hold her in your prayers at this significant time in her life and ours.

St Margaret's Day – Our Patronal Festival

St Margaret's Day is on Friday 20th July. We will 'keep the Feast' on Sunday 22nd July, and Fr Martin Morgan will be preaching at 1000. We will also celebrate our Patron Saint with a lunch in St Margaret's Cottage on Saturday 21st July. Save the date!

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of June by John and Jackie Blackman 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.*

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S

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 24th

THE BIRTH

OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

0730 Morning Prayer

0800 Holy Communion

0915 Choir Practice

1000 Parish Eucharist & Children's Church

1700 Evening Prayer & Study Group (Session 2)

Monday 25th

0830 Morning Prayer

1800 Evening Prayer

Tuesday 26th

0830 Morning Prayer

1000 Eucharist

1030 Singing Kettle *in St Margaret's Cottage*

(1115 Communion Service at Blind Veterans UK)

1800 Evening Prayer

Wednesday 27th

0830 Morning Prayer

(0900 School worship in school)

1800 Evening Prayer

1830 Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion

1930 Knit & Natter *in St Margaret's Cottage*

Thursday 28th

St Irenaeus

0830 Morning Prayer

1000 Eucharist

1800 Evening Prayer

Friday 29th Ss PETER & PAUL *No public services today*

Saturday 30th

1000 Morning Prayer

(1500 The Ordination of Deacons in Chichester Cathedral)

No Evening Prayer today

Sunday 1st July

TRINITY 5

0730 Morning Prayer

0800 Holy Communion

0915 Choir Practice

1000 Parish Eucharist & Welcome Reception for Lucy Sullivan

1700 Evening Prayer & Study Group (Session 3)