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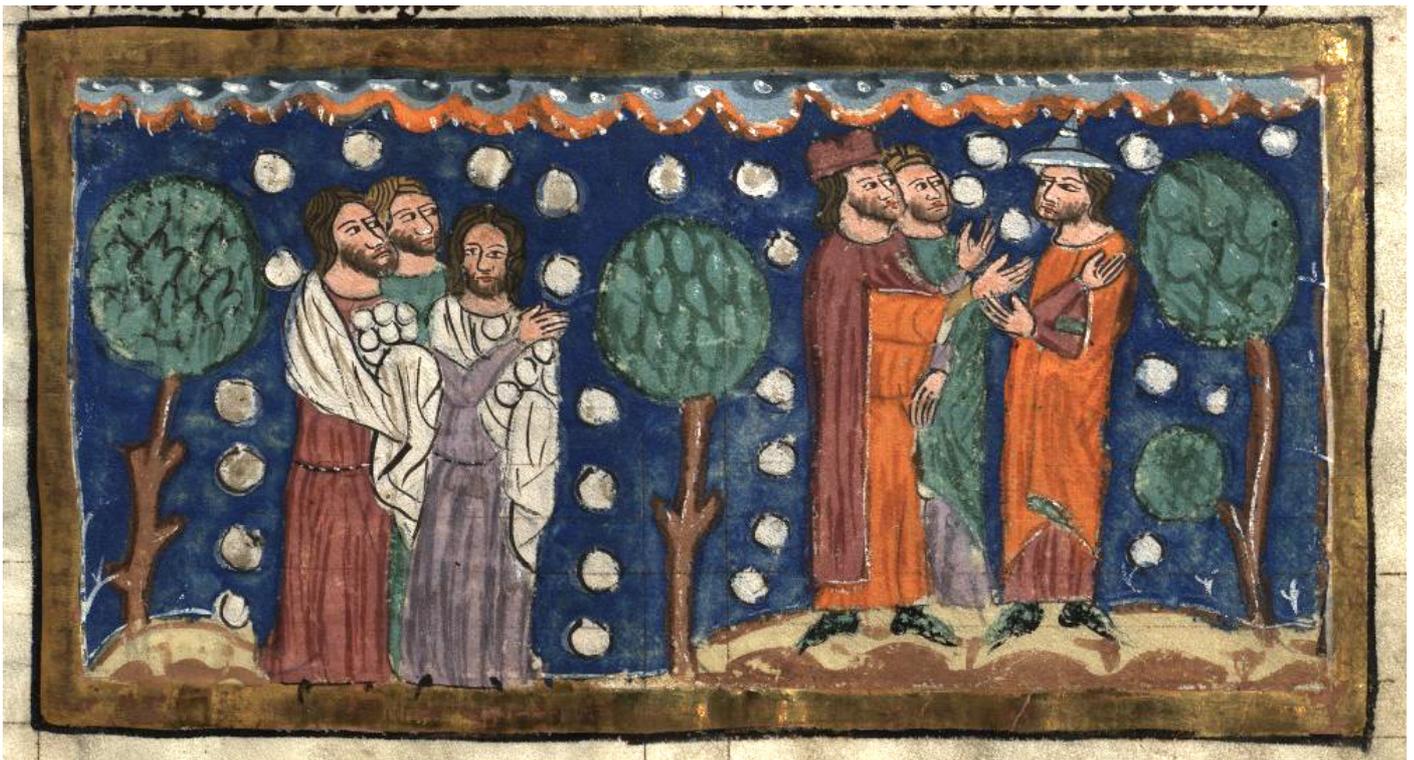
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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 26TH AUGUST 2018

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



The Bread from Heaven – from the Fulda Weltchronik by Rudolf von Ems, between 1350-75

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	673
GRADUAL	22
OFFERTORY	175
COMMUNION	54 & 495
FINAL	566

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 Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself; help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading from the Old Testament – Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The Gospel Reading – John 6:56-69

Jesus said to the crowd, 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Prayers of Intercession

The sick and those who care for them: John Leech, Brian West, Esmé von Habsburg, John Edwards, Margaret Montagu, Deirdre West, Wilson Broom, Rupert Webb, Barbara Webb, Martin Leaney, Elizabeth Perkis, Sarah Neve, Pippa, Jill Crossland

The recently departed: Anne Scudamore, Evelyn George, Des Smith

Anniversaries of death this week: Paul Eardley (priest) (26th); Michael Pirrolli (27th); David Edwards (29th); Geoff Baker (30th); Alice Hilton (30th); Norah Pitt (30th)

Post-communion Prayer

God our creator,

you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage

until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Related readings: Psalm 15; James 1:17-27



Urgently needed this week: UHT milk, tinned sweetcorn, rice pudding, shampoo, conditioner, women's deodorant. Many thanks for your ongoing support of the Foodbank. Please pray for its work, and for the increasing number of people who rely on its services and our donations.

Children's Church and Family Services

Our NEW program of Family Services and Children's Church begins on **Sunday 2nd September** at 1000 with a **Family Eucharist**; this style of service will run on the first Sunday of every month.

Are you interested in learning more about the NEW **Children's Church** programme? Perhaps you're keen to join our merry band of volunteers, or perhaps you're thinking of bringing your children/ grandchildren along to our first session of the term on **Sunday 16th September** at 1000 - either way you are very warmly invited to a gathering at Mthr Lucy's home on Thursday 6th September at 1900. For more information and to let us know that you hope to come please speak to Mthr Lucy or Helen Pantis. If you can't make this meeting but are interested in learning more, please do let us know. We'd love to see you! *Mthr Lucy*

Study Group: The Nicene Creed

Fr Anthony will be running a short course on The Nicene Creed, the great statement of faith that we recite each Sunday. Do come along on Sundays 21st and 28th October, and 4th and 11th November. The sessions will begin with Evening Prayer at 1700. All are welcome to all or any of the sessions – you don't need to commit to the whole thing!

St Margaret's Book Club

On Thursday 6th September at 1400 in St Margaret's Cottage we will be bringing a variety of short stories and poems to discuss over some bread, cheese and pate with a glass of wine thrown in (tea/coffee if preferred). Do come along and join in or just listen whilst having a bite and a drink. No pressure, just pleasure! On Thursday 4th October we will discuss *The English Patient* by Michael Ondaatje. On Thursday 1st November the book is *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie. Always the same time/same place. We look forward to seeing you! *Joyce Bourne*

Tea & Poetry with Sarah Tobias and Anita Gilson

Humorous autumnal poems and delectable homemade cakes in St Margaret's Cottage on Friday 5th October at 1500. Tickets will be £5.

Monthly Healing Service

We will begin in Lent on the third Sunday of each month (with occasional exceptions), with the first service on Sunday 17th February at 1700. There will be prayers, readings, music, the laying-on of hands and anointing with holy oil for those who desire that particular traditional ministry of the Church. Do please commit this new venture to prayer, and be telling other people about it. *Fr Anthony*

Mainz Cathedral Girls' Choir Concert

After some extra donations, for which thank you, the total raised was £1480.95. Wonderful!

The Ovingdean Singers

Open rehearsal on Monday 17th September 17 at 1930 in Ovingdean Village Hall. All voices are welcome for part one of 'Messiah' and other Christmas music. Do just turn up! *Greg Moore*

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of August by Frank and Esmé von Habsburg to celebrate their 12th wedding anniversary. *If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting in 2019, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.*

SAVE THE DATE!

7th October - Harvest Festival - 1000 Family Parish Eucharist

30th November- 2nd December - Christmas Tree Festival

2nd December - Advent Sunday - 1700 Advent Carol Service

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S 2018

Friday 14th December at 1930

Ovingdean Singers Christmas Concert

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 26th TRINITY 13	0730 0800 1000	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Parish Eucharist	0915	Choir Practice
		<i>No Evening Prayer today</i>		
Monday 27th – St Monica		<i>No public services today (Bank Holiday)</i>		
Tuesday 28th St Augustine of Hippo	0830 1000 1030 1800	Morning Prayer Eucharist Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i> Evening Prayer		
Wednesday 29th Beheading of John the Baptist	0830 1800 1830 1930	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Eucharist & Bible Study/Discussion Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>		
Thursday 30th John Bunyan	0830 1000 1430 1800	Morning Prayer Eucharist Funeral Service of Evelyn George RIP Evening Prayer		
Friday 31st – St Aidan		<i>No public services today</i>		
Saturday 1st September	1000 1700	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer		
Sunday 2nd TRINITY 14	0730 0800 1000	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Family Eucharist	0915	Choir Practice
		<i>No Evening Prayer today</i>		
Monday 3rd		<i>No public services today (Diocesan Clergy Conference)</i>		

