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'THE LOOKOUT'

SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



Capernaum today, showing ruins of houses (see Gospel reading)

HYMNS THIS MORNING

ENTRANCE	92
GRADUAL	575
OFFERTORY	740
COMMUNION	143 & 341
FINAL	428

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 Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face;
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 – Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;
considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him,
because they are fit to belong to his company.
For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, 'Short and sorrowful is our life,
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades
'Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;
he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training.
He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord.
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us,
because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange.
We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean;
he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father.
Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;
for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him,
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.
Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is,
and make trial of his forbearance.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.'
Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them,
and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness,
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

The Gospel Reading – Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Prayers of Intercession

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

The recently departed: John Edwards, Irene Skinner, Alma Broxup

Anniversaries of death this week: Mary Moppett (24th); Trevor Mann (24th); Eddie Pyle (25th); Moya Waltman (25th); Robert Vane (25th); Jack Fernley (27th); John Bromley (27th); Chris Rice (28th); Arthur Stringer (29th).

Post-communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS – THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Mark 9:38-50 *Related readings: Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20*



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.

Church Flowers – volunteer co-ordinator required

Having served as the flower co-ordinator for over 5 years (and what a wonderful job she has done!), Bernie Baldock has decided to step down at the end of October. She will be staying on as a team leader, as there was a vacancy there. The task is more about rotas and contact lists than actually arranging flowers, so might suit someone who is happy simply to co-ordinate the teams. Please be in touch with Bernie for more information, or with me if you might be interested. *Fr Anthony*

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.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Your support this year would be appreciated by families and lonely elderly people in the poorest countries in Eastern Europe. Leaflets are at the back of church and I can supply empty shoeboxes. Please bring filled boxes to the Family Eucharist at 1000 on Sunday 4 November when they will be blessed before we send them on their journey. *David Hunt (01273 303 236)*

Vintage Tea Dance

Tickets are now available (£10) for the Tea Dance on Saturday 27th October from 1400-1700 in the Village Hall. Bar, bumper raffle and music by the fabulous Victory Sisters.

Tea & Poetry with Sarah Tobias and Anita Gilson

Poems and cakes in St Margaret's Cottage on Friday 5th October at 1500. Tickets will be £5.

Revised Notice/Dates from Christopher Stringer, Funeral Director

WEDNESDAY 10 OCTOBER

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Morning from 1000 to 1200 at our office. All welcome. If anyone from the Church would like to bake a cake or some small cakes please let Chris, Carol or Karen know in our office.

SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER

We are holding a Christmas Open Morning from 1000 to 1200 at our office, with Mulled Wine, coffee and mince pies. All welcome. We will hold a raffle with all proceeds going to St Margaret's.

Floodlighting

The church is being floodlit at night in the month of September by Carolyn Colpitts. 'Lights shining for Philip my husband and Philip Bernard (Pip) our son and only child. How I miss you, my family.' If you would like to sponsor the floodlighting, we suggest a minimum donation of £30 for a month.

SAVE THE DATE!

7th October - Harvest Festival - 1000 Family Parish Eucharist

2nd December - Advent Sunday - 1700 Advent Carol Service

ST MARGARET'S FIFTH GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 30th November, Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd December 2018

Sponsor the event We are seeking sponsors for this event. Proceeds from the event will go to St Margaret's Church funds. Please give generously, and mark your sponsorship "Christmas Tree Festival 2018", and please include any dedication e.g. 'In Memory of...'. etc.

Enter a tree Any individual, group, business or organisation can enter, guidelines and booking forms can be found on our church website, and from the Church Office. Go on have a go! Closing date for entries is Saturday 29th September 2018.

Festival brochure advertising If you know of any business or organisation that would like to advertise in the brochure, please let us know. Thank you. *Duncan Ward*

MUSIC AT ST MARGARET'S 2018

Friday 14th December at 1930 - Ovingdean Choral Society Christmas Concert

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd TRINITY 17	0730	Morning Prayer
	0800	Holy Communion
	0915	Choir Practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	1700	Evening Prayer
Monday 24th Lancelot Andrewes	0830	Morning Prayer
	1800	Evening Prayer
Tuesday 25th	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1030	Singing Kettle <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
	1830	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 26th	0830	Morning Prayer
	(0900	School Service in School)
	1800	Evening Prayer
	1830	Communion by extension & Bible Study
	1930	Knit & Natter <i>in St Margaret's Cottage</i>
Thursday 27th Vincent de Paul	0830	Morning Prayer
	1000	Eucharist
	1800	Evening Prayer
Friday 28th	<i>No public services today</i>	
Saturday 29th MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	<i>No public services today</i>	
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	0800	Holy Communion
	0915	Choir Practice
	1000	Parish Eucharist
	<i>No public Evening Prayer today</i>	