

# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

## Sunday 4 February: II before Lent

8.00 am – Low Mass  
*Fr Alex*

9.15 am – Godly Play *in the hall*

10.45 am – Sung Mass  
*Fr Alex*

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong  
*Fr Alex*



*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God..."*

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

**Pray for the sick:** Pauline Blake, Jasper Boyton, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Roy Clarke, Joyce Cross, Gwyneth Hartley, Anna Lickley, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Philip Rowbottom, Sheila Scott, Matthew Smith, Vasos Stavrou, Molly Sunderland, Alex Taylor, Shirley Thompson, Ben Whittaker

**Departed:** Shiona Dawson

**Years' Mind:**

Sunday	Suzanne Riddiough
Tuesday	Anne Woolmore
Wednesday	Nellie Wilson
Thursday	John Brooks, Pat Turner
Friday	James Hunt, Mary Scott
Saturday	Annie Cooke

*Please continue to pray for the people of Sudan, whose Church is linked with our Diocese of Leeds*

## 8.00 am and 10.45 am – MASS TODAY

**Mass Setting**                    *Joseph Haydyn: Little Organ Mass*

**Introit Hymn**                265    *Lord of beauty, thine the splendour*

### **Collect**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading**                **Colossians 1. 15 – 20**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

### **Gradual Psalm**                **Psalm 104. 26 – 37**



26    O Lord, how | manifold · are your | works!  
          In wisdom you have made them all; \* the | earth is | full of · your | creatures.  
27    There is the sea, spread | far and | wide,  
          and there move creatures beyond | number, · both | small and | great.  
28    There go the ships, and | there is · that Le-|viathan  
          which you have | made to · play | in the | deep.  
29    All of | these · look to | you  
          to | give them · their | food in · due | season.  
30    When you | give it · them, they | gather it;  
          you open your | hand and · they are | filled with | good.  
31    When you hide your | face they · are | troubled;  
          when you take away their breath, they die and re-|turn a-gain | to the | dust.



- 32 When you send forth your | spirit, · they are cre- | ated,  
and you re- | new the | face of · the | earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord en- | dure for | ever;  
may the | Lord re-joyce | in his | works;
- 34 He looks on the | earth and · it | trembles;  
he touches the | moun-tains | and they | smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as | long as · I | live;  
I will make music to my | God · while I | have my | being.
- 36 So shall my | song — | please him  
while | I re- | joyce in · the | Lord.
- 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked | be no | more.  
Bless the Lord, O my | soul. \* Al- | le-lu- | ia.

### Gospel Acclamation

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

### Gospel Reading            John 1. 1 – 14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**Homily**                            *Fr Alex*

**Offertory Hymn**            263    *All creatures of our God and King*

**Communion Motet**        *Joseph Haydn: The heavens are telling (from the Creation)*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of his work displays the firmament.*

Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. (*From Psalm 19*)

**Communion Hymn**      306    *Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands*

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**      377    *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

**Organ Postlude**      *Noel Rawsthorne: Line Dance (Dance Suite)*

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**6.30 pm – CHORAL EVENSONG**

**Hymns**                    54 (ii), 397, 392  
**Psalm**                    65  
**Setting**                  George Dyson in F  
**Anthem**                  Christopher Rathbone: Mercy—hymn-anthem (*based on hymn 469*)  
**Readings**                Genesis 2. 4b – end                    Luke 8. 22 – 35  
**Organ Postlude**      Dietrich Buxtehude: Fugue in C

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**CHURCH DIARY**

*Morning Prayer in church, Monday to Friday, at 9.00 am. All welcome.*

Tuesday 6	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel
Thursday 8	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Finance meeting <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Friday 9	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr David Hope
<i>Next before Lent</i>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	(H: Catherine G)
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	Fr David Hope
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	Revd Isobel
Tuesday 13	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex

<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> <i>with imposition of ashes</i>	Fr Alex
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>7.30 pm</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b> <i>with imposition of ashes</i>	Fr Alex (H: KC)
Thursday 15	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	12.30 pm	Lunch Club	
Friday 16	9.30 am	Playtime	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
<b>Sunday 18</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr Alex
<i>Lent I</i>	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Litany and Sung Mass</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>3.00 pm</b>	<b>Abbeyfield Service</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	H: Fr Kenneth

## NOTICES

### Holidays

Fr Alex is on retreat from Saturday 10 to Monday 12 February. Vickie is away, and the office is closed, between Monday 12 and Friday 16 February.

### Collection

Thank you to all who made a donation to the retiring collection at Irene Whittaker's funeral which raised £350 to be split between St Margaret's and the Salvation Army.

### Christmas attendance

Having recently submitted the statistics return to the Church of England, I'm very pleased to share with you details of our attendance figures for the principal services this Christmas just gone. Of course 'bums on seats' isn't the only indicator of a healthy church, but these figures reflect a large number of visitors who joined us for the first time, some of them returning for other services, and all receiving a warm welcome and an experience of our beautiful worship together here. Many thanks again to all who contributed to our services in any way – and indeed to all who carried out the crucial 'ministry of turning up!' Fr Alex.

Lessons and carols = 180 (2022: 101. 2021: 131)

Crib service = 290 (2022: 255. 2021: 254)

Midnight Mass = 100 (2022: 105. 2021: 96 (NB: these are the highest numbers since 2017))

Christmas morning = 95 (2022: 95. 2021: 65)

TOTAL = 665 (2022: 556. 2021: 537)

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Mindfulness Day**

**Wednesday 7 February, The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley**

Our friends at The Briery have asked us to advertise a quiet day of prayer and reflection, underpinned by mindfulness practices to help deepen awareness of God's presence and action in our daily lives. 'The spice of life – tasting God in all things' is led by Angela Rogerson, and costs £48. The day begins with tea/coffee on arrival at 10.00 am, includes a two-course hot lunch, and ends with afternoon tea at 3.30 pm (all refreshments included in the cost). For more information and booking please contact Amanda or Beth on 01943 607287 or [admin@briery.org.uk](mailto:admin@briery.org.uk)

### **Churches Together in Ilkley: quiet vigil for peace**

**Saturday 10 February, 4.30 pm, at the top of Brook Street**

Join members of CTI for a quiet vigil, standing together for peace in Gaza, Israel and the West Bank. It is unpolitical, and there will not be any flags or banners. The vigil will last about 30 minutes. Bring a candle in a jam jar if you can.

### **Heartfelt Cake Sale**

**Sunday 11 February**

St Margaret's Mission Fund Cake Sale takes place on Sunday 11 February after the Family Service and Sung Mass. All cakes welcome. Please bring cakes to the Parish Hall from 8.30 am on the day of the sale or ring Linda Whittaker on 601144.

### **Ash Wednesday**

**Wednesday 14 February**

The imposition of ashes will be offered at Low Mass at 11.00 am and the Sung Mass at 7.30 pm (with music from our choir and organist). Come and make a commitment to keeping a good and holy Lent. Keep an eye out for our Lent Booklet in the coming weeks, which gives details about all our services and events until Easter.

### **Lunch Club**

**Thursday 15 February, 12.30 pm**

We're looking forward to the next lunch club which takes place on Thursday 15 February at 12.30 pm. The cost is £7.00 for the meal and £2.00 for a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday, or people can call Sandy on 01943 603222 to book a place. Arrival from 12.00 pm with lunch served at 12.30 pm.

**Service at Abbeyfield**

**Sunday 18 February, 3.00 pm**

Members of the congregation are welcome to join the service at Abbeyfield on Sunday 18 February at 3.00 pm, as Fr Alex leads Evening Prayer with the community there.

**Lent Group**

**Tuesdays in Lent, 6.30 – 7.30 pm, in the meeting room**

Advance notice of our Lent group, which will begin on Tuesday 20 February – but we'll start reading from Ash Wednesday. The companion book to that which we shared in our Advent Book Club last year, *An Easter Book of Days* by Gregory K. Cameron introduces us afresh to the "characters of the cross and resurrection," with fascinating details from the ancient traditions of the Church, as well as thought-provoking reflections. We read one 'character' a day at home, starting on Ash Wednesday, and each Tuesday come together to reflect on the characters we have met in our reading over the week. Each day is only a few paragraphs long, and very accessible. You will need to buy the book before Ash Wednesday.

Tuesday 20 February: characters 1 – 7

Tuesday 27 February: characters 8 – 14

Tuesday 5 March: characters 15 – 21

Tuesday 12 March: characters 22 – 25

Tuesday 19 March: reflections on some of the art used in the book

**Organ Recital**

**Friday 1 March, 12.30 pm**

The organ recital in Lent, on Friday 1 March will feature four short works by the young J.S.Bach, interspersed by music by three of his most important forerunners, the Dutchman Jan Peeterszon Sweelinck, the South German Johann Pachelbel, and the Danish-born Diderik Buxtehude who was the famous organist of the Marienkirche at Lübeck in North Germany, where he was visited for months by the young Bach, overstaying his leave of absence from his job in Arnstadt. A bit of Baroque musical history brought to life in sound! Christopher.

**World Day of Prayer**

**Friday 1 March, 2.00 pm, at Christchurch, Ilkley**

The service today is prepared by the Christian women of Palestine on the theme, "I beg you, bear us with one another in love" based on Ephesians 4 and reflects on some of the issues facing us today. Refreshments follow the service.

## Leeds Guild of Singers Concert: 'Lament and adoration'

Saturday 2 March, 7.30 pm

We are pleased to welcome Leeds Guild of Singers to sing a concert: 'Lament and adoration—choral meditations on Lent from the Renaissance to now.' Music by Josquin, Palestrina, Tomkins, Schein, Schütz and more; and including two modern composers associated with the Guild, Graham Coatman and Matthew Oglesby. Tickets are £15, available on the door or from the Guild's website: [www.leedsguildofsingers.org.uk](http://www.leedsguildofsingers.org.uk) (students and under 18s free).

## GIVING

We rely on your generous donations to fund the work of our church, and to support the cost of ministry in the diocese. Please consider making a regular donation to St Margaret's. Thank you for your support.

**REGULAR GIVING** is via the Parish Giving Scheme: visit [www.parishgiving.org.uk](http://www.parishgiving.org.uk) and search for 'Ilkley St Margaret;' or by bank standing order. Please contact Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary: [astretton1@virginmedia.com](mailto:astretton1@virginmedia.com) or on 01943 430024 for more details.

**ONE-OFF DONATIONS** can also be made via the Parish Giving Scheme online, the card reader by the entrance to the church, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your mobile phone. Cash donations can be put in the large safe opposite the welcomers' table. Please use Gift Aid where possible to allow us to increase the value of your gift at no cost to you. **Thank you.**



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