



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER Advent IV

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Christingle Service

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex (Homily: Catherine Gibson)

6.30 pm – Service of Lessons and Carols

Fr Alex



IN OUR PRAYERS

Colin Banyard, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Anne Clarke, Roy Clarke, Margaret Cooke, Joyce Cross, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Philip Rowbottom, Edward Stretton, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED John Adriaanse, Pamela Banks

YEARS' MIND

Sunday Jack Kidd, George Edwin Twigg, David Hartley, John Collins
Monday Hector Newton, Roy Walker, Richard Coakes, Norman Phillips
Tuesday John Fielding Lawson, Brenda Barrett
Wednesday John Bryan, Timothy Halton, Winifred Mary Johnstone, Arthur Marshall,
Geoffrey Newton
Thursday Annie Watchurst, Kathleen Partridge, Peter Allan
Friday Richard Kitching, Rita Newton
Saturday William Francis Molander, Charles Bainbridge

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

SETTING *Palestrina: Missa Aeterna Christi munera*

HYMN 10 *Long ago, prophets knew*

1. Long ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

2. God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

3. Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

4. Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
We will make him welcome!

COLLECT

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING **Micah 5. 2 – 5a**

A reading from the book of the prophet Micah.

The Lord says to his people: But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

8.00 am: PSALM 80. 1 – 8 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

10.45 am: GRADUAL (tune 387) *Virgin-born, we bow before thee*

1. Virgin-born, we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her child.

2. Blessèd was the breast that fed thee;
Blessèd was the hand that led thee;
Blessèd was the parent's eye
That watched thy slumbering infancy.

3. Blessèd she by all creation,
Who brought forth the world's Salvation;
Blessèd they, for ever blest,
Who love thee most and serve thee best.

4. Virgin-born, we bow before thee:
Blessèd was the womb that bore thee;
Mary, mother meek and mild,
Blessèd was she in her child.

(Reginald Heber)

ACCLAMATION

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 1. 39 – 55

Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

HYMN 11 *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.

3. O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.

5. O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.

6. O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.

7. O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

MOTET *Christopher Rathbone: Salve Regina*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. (Marian hymn at Compline in Ordinary Time)

HYMN 181 (ii) *The Lord whom earth and sea and sky*

1. The Lord whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Who o'er their threefold fabric reigns,
The Virgin's spotless womb contains.

3. How blest that Mother, in whose shrine
The very Word of God divine,
The maker of the earth and sky,
Was pleased in fleshly form to lie.

2. And he whose will is ever done
By moon and seas, by stars and sun,
Is borne upon a maiden's breast,
Whom God's foreseeing grace possessed.

4. Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-Desired of all the earth.

5. O Jesu, Virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit, evermore. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 9 *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

1. Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluia!
God appears, on earth to reign.

2. Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.

3. Those dear tokens of his passion
 Still his dazzling body bears,
 Cause of endless exultation
 To his ransomed worshippers:
 With what rapture
 Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4. Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
 High on thine eternal throne;
 Saviour, take the power and glory:
 Claim the kingdom for thine own:
 O come quickly!
 Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

ORGAN *Kenneth Leighton: Prelude on 'Helmsley'*

CHURCH DIARY

*There is no Morning Prayer on Christmas Day, Boxing Day, or the 27th.
 Morning Prayer resumes on Monday 30 December.*

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| Tuesday 24 | 3.00 pm | Crib Service | Fr Alex |
| | | <i>* No Mass at 6.00 pm today *</i> | |
| | 10.00 pm | 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass | Fr Alex |
| Wednesday 25 | 10.00 am | Mass of Christmas Day | Fr Alex |
| Thursday 26 | 11.00 am | Low Mass (<i>St Stephen</i>) | Fr Kenneth |
| Friday 27 | 6.00 pm | Contemplative Mass (<i>St John</i>) | Fr Alex |
| Saturday 28 | 11.00 am | Low Mass (<i>Holy Innocents</i>) | Fr Alex |
| Sunday 29 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex |
| <i>Christmas I</i> | 10.45 am | Sung Mass | Fr Alex |
| Tuesday 31 | 6.00 pm | Mass with prayers for the new year | Fr Alex |
| JANUARY | | | |
| Thursday 2 | 11.00 am | Low Mass <i>with social time</i> | Fr Kenneth |
| Friday 3 | 12.30 pm | Organ Recital | |
| | 7.30 pm | Choir rehearsal | |
| Sunday 5 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex |
| <i>The Epiphany</i> | 9.15 am | Godly Play | Catherine Gibson |
| | 10.45 am | Sung Mass | Fr Alex |
| | 6.30 pm | Choral Evensong and Benediction | Fr Alex |

CHURCH NOTICES

Service of Lessons and Carols – this evening at 6.30 pm

Don't forget to join us as we celebrate the traditional service of Lessons and Carols, with readings by representatives of local organisations, and wonderful music from our choir. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards. All are very welcome.

Christmas Cards

Local churches have received advice from the police to limit the amount of combustible material in the building for the time being. We are therefore asking, please, not to leave Christmas cards in church for people to pick up this year but rather hand them out personally. We are removing the majority of the paperwork from the church after each Sunday morning service. Thank you.

Parish Office – holidays

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday 27 and Monday 30 December.

Contemplative Mass on New Year's Eve

The Contemplative Mass on Tuesday 31 December at 6.00 pm will include some special prayers for the year to come.

Organ Recital

Friday 3 January 2025, 12.30 pm

This recital will be a performance of the 'Messe pour les Paroisses' by Couperin 'le Grand', published in 1690, full of vivid writing and magical French Baroque organ sounds from 330 years ago. A complete Organ Mass from the time of Louis XIV, 'le Roi soleil' – the Sun King. Christopher.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday 5 January

This year we are transferring the Feast of the Epiphany one day earlier to Sunday 5 January, with our full schedule of Sunday services. Join us as we celebrate this beautiful feast. Blessed chalk will be available to take home after all services, with which to mark the traditional Epiphany blessing upon your homes.

Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 12 January, 6.30 pm

Taking the place of Evensong, this is an opportunity to explore this rich season and the three-fold revelation of Christ, through carols, choral music and readings. Wine will be served afterwards. All are welcome.

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.

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