



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY The Epiphany

8.00 am – Low Mass
Fr Alex

9.15 am – Godly Play
Catherine Gibson

10.45 am – Sung Mass
Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Solemn Evensong
with Benediction
Fr Alex



Flowers today are given by Val in memory of Terry

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 Neil Clark

YEARS' MIND

Sunday Martha Terry, Marilyn Carpenter, Robin Wood

Tuesday Sarah Hewitt, Margaret Elizabeth Armitage

Wednesday Jack King, Janet Aldred

Thursday Edna Wilkinson

Friday Mary Holdsworth, Frederick Singleton, Ashley Crawford, Peter Brook

Saturday Campbell Aird

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 *Harold Darke in E*

HYMN 47 *As with gladness men of old*

During the hymn the figures of the Magi are placed within the Crib and incense is offered

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him whom heaven and earth adore,
So may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluias to our King.

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory 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.**

READING **Isaiah 60. 1 – 6**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

8.00 am: PSALM 72 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

10.45 am: GRADUAL 48 *Bethlehem, of noblest cities*

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| 1. Bethlehem, of noblest cities None can once with thee compare; Thou alone the Lord from heaven Didst for us incarnate bear. | 3. By its lambent beauty guided See the eastern kings appear; See them bend, their gifts to offer, Gifts of incense, gold and myrrh. |
| 2. Fairer than the sun at morning Was the star that told his birth; To the lands their God announcing, Seen in fleshly form on earth. | 4. Solemn things of mystic meaning: Incense doth the God disclose, Gold a royal child proclaimeth, Myrrh a future tomb foreshows. |
| 5. Holy Jesu, in thy brightness To the Gentile world displayed, With the Father and the Spirit Endless praise to thee be paid. Amen. | |

ACCLAMATION

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 2. 1 – 12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The first Nowell the angel did say
 Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
 In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
 On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star,
 Shining in the east, beyond them far:
 And to the earth it gave great light,
 And so it continued both day and night:

And by the light of that same star,
 Three Wise Men came from country far;
 To seek for a king was their intent,
 And to follow the star wheresoever it went:

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
 O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
 And there it did both stop and stay
 Right over the place where Jesus lay:

Then entered in those Wise Men three,
 Full reverently upon their knee,
 And offered there in his presence
 Both gold and myrrh and frankincense:

Then let us all with one accord
 Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 That hath made heaven and earth of naught,
 And with his blood mankind hath bought:

MOTET

arr. Christopher Rathbone: We three kings

We three kings of Orient are;
 Bearing gifts we traverse afar
 Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 Following yonder star:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
 Star with royal beauty bright,
 Westward leading, still proceeding,
 Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
 Gold I bring to crown him again—
 King for ever, ceasing never
 Over us all to reign:

Frankincense to offer have I;
 Incense owns a deity nigh:
 Prayer and praising, all men raising,
 Worship him, God most high:

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
 Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
 Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
 Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:

Glorious now, behold him arise,
 King, and God, and sacrifice!
 Heav'n sings "Alleluia,"
 "Alleluia" the earth replies:

(J H Hopkins)

HYMN

49 (ii) *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the magi have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF CHALK

Let us pray. Creator of the heavens, who by the light of a star led the Magi to the feet of the Christ-child to worship him, the Word made flesh: so guide us in our journey through this year, that by our faithful travelling, Christ may be made known to all we meet; and that we may find our journey's end in him, who is the one true Light.

And so we ask you to bless this chalk, that those who see its sign on our church and our homes may know that these are places of welcome and peace, and of rest for the journey. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN52 *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
 Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
 With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
 Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
 High on his heart he will bear it for thee,
 Comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
 Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
 Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
 Truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
 These are the offerings to lay on his shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
 He will accept for the name that is dear;
 Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
 Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
 Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
 With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
 Kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

ORGAN*Dietrich Buxtehude: Fantasia on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*

*You are very welcome to take with you a piece of chalk and a blessing card,
 so you can pray the Epiphany blessing at the entrance to your own homes.*

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

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| Tuesday 7 | 6.00 pm | Contemplative Mass | Fr Alex |
| Thursday 9 | 11.00 am | Low Mass <i>with social time</i> | Fr Alex |
| | 2.30 pm | Communion at Glen Rosa | Fr Alex |
| Friday 10 | 9.30 am | Playtime | |
| | 1.00 pm | Outward Giving Group meeting | |
| | 6.30 pm | Junior singers rehearsal | |
| | 7.30 pm | Choir rehearsal | |

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| Sunday 12 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex |
| <i>Baptism of Christ</i> | 9.15 am | Family Mass | Fr Alex |
| | 10.45 am | Sung Mass | Fr Alex |
| | 6.30 pm | Epiphany Carol Service | Fr Alex |
| Tuesday 14 | 11.00 am | Funeral of Neil Clark | Fr Alex |
| | 6.00 pm | Contemplative Mass | Fr Alex |
| Thursday 16 | 11.00 am | Low Mass <i>with social time</i> | Fr Alex |
| | 12.30 pm | Lunch Club | |
| Friday 17 | 9.30 am | Playtime | |
| | 1.00 pm | Safeguarding meeting | |
| | 6.30 pm | Junior singers rehearsal | |
| | 7.30 pm | Choir rehearsal | |
| Sunday 19 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex |
| <i>Epiphany II</i> | 9.15 am | Family Mass | H: Catherine Beaumont |
| | 10.45 am | Sung Mass | Fr Alex |
| | 6.30 pm | Choral Evensong | H: Catherine Gibson |

CHURCH NOTICES

Holy Baptism

Please pray for Oscar Bentley who was baptised yesterday.

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.

Lunch Club

Thursday 16 January, 12.30 pm

Lunch club takes place on Thursday 16 January at 12.30 pm. The cost is £7.00 for the meal and £2.50 for a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale today, or people can call Sandy on 01943 603222 to book a place. Arrival from 12 noon.

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