

## **Sunday 10 March:** **Fourth Sunday of Lent** ***Mothering Sunday***

**8.00 am – Low Mass**

*Fr Alex*

**10.00 am – Parish Mass**

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**6.30 pm – Choral Evensong**

*Homily: The Revd Isobel Rathbone*



*"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

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### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Pamela Banks, Colin Banyard, Pauline Blake, Jasper Boyton, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Anne Clarke, Roy Clarke, Joyce Cross, Gwyneth Hartley, Anna Lickley, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Philip Rowbottom, Matthew Smith, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Oliver

**Recently Departed**   Ron Haworth

### **Years' Mind**

<b>Sunday</b>	Robert Gardner, Walter Parkinson, Sarah Powell, Margaret Stefanuti, Michael Taylor
<b>Monday</b>	Brian Wilson
<b>Tuesday</b>	Geoffrey Brook, Joseph Cullingworth
<b>Wednesday</b>	John Heap, Pat Proctor
<b>Thursday</b>	Anthony Basil Carter (pr), Clifford Garlick, Mary Ann Hardy
<b>Friday</b>	John Cuthbert Rawnsley, Dora Storr, Trevor Hearnshaw
<b>Saturday</b>	John Wormald

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

## **8.00 am – LOW MASS**

### **Collect**

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **First Reading                      Numbers 21. 4 – 9**

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

The Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### **Gradual Psalm                      Psalm 107. 1 – 3, 17 – 22**

- 1     O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,  
         for his steadfast love endures for ever.
- 2     Let the redeemed of the Lord say this,  
         those he redeemed from the hand of the enemy,
- 3     And gathered out of the lands from the east and from the west,  
         from the north and from the south.
- 17   Some were foolish and took a rebellious way,  
         and were plagued because of their wrongdoing.
- 18   Their soul abhorred all manner of food  
         and drew near to the gates of death.
- 19   Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
         and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20   He sent forth his word and healed them,  
         and saved them from destruction.
- 21   Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness  
         and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22   Let them offer him sacrifices of thanksgiving  
         and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

## Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## Gospel Reading                      John 3. 14 – 21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'

## Homily

*Fr Alex*

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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## 6.30 pm – CHORAL EVENSONG

<b>Hymns</b>	61, 77, 72
<b>Psalms</b>	13, 14
<b>Setting</b>	William Byrd: Fauxbourdons
<b>Anthem</b>	Edward Elgar: Ave Maria

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and in the hour of our death. Amen. (The Angelic Salutation)*

<b>Readings</b>	Exodus 6. 2 – 13	Romans 5. 1 – 11
<b>Organ Postlude</b>	Johann Sebastian Bach: Nun danket ('18') BWV 657 (Now thank we all our God)	



**'Art of the Passion' – 'Agnus Dei: The Scapegoat' (James Tissot, late 19<sup>th</sup> C)**



## CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 12	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Lent Group IV <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Thursday 14	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	1.00 pm	CTI Lent Lunch IV <i>at Ilkley Baptist</i>	
Friday 15	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross <i>at Sacred Heart</i>	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
<b>Sunday 17</b> <i>Lent V</i>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr Kenneth
	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Family Mass</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Litany and Sung Mass</b>	Fr Alex (H: KC)
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Tenebrae</b>	
Tuesday 19	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Lent Group V <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Thursday 21	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	12.30 pm	Lunch Club	
	1.00 pm	CTI Lent Lunch V <i>at Ilkley Baptist</i>	
	7.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting	
Friday 22	9.30 am	Playtime	
	2.30 pm	Stations of the Cross <i>at Middleton Lodge Calvary</i>	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 23	10.00 am	Church Cleaning	
	6.00 pm	Holy Week Film Night	
<b>Sunday 24</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>	<b>8.00 am</b>	<b>Low Mass</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>9.15 am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>10.45 am</b>	<b>Procession and Sung Mass</b>	Fr Alex
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>	Fr Alex

*Please see the Lent Booklet or posters around church for our full Holy Week programme*

## **NOTICES**

### **Organ Recital**

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £160.50 for St Margaret's Music Fund.

### **Electoral Roll Revision**

The 2024 electoral roll revision will take place from 19 March to 2 April. If your name has been added to the roll since 2019, you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the electoral roll, please consider adding your name this year. Joining the electoral roll means you can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and you are eligible to stand for PCC and other church committees. It is also a way of demonstrating your ongoing commitment to the life and work of St Margaret's. Application forms are available at the back of church—please complete and leave in the box provided.

### **St Margaret's Big Spring Clean!**

**Saturday 23 March, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm**

Once a year we like to give our beautiful church a really good spring clean, so it is looking resplendent and sparkling for Holy Week and our Easter celebrations. Last year we had a magnificent turn out of volunteers and it really was a case of 'many hands make light work!' We will have a silver cleaning table for those of you who prefer to do your cleaning sitting down. There will be tea, coffee and delicious cakes on the menu. It is a nice friendly occasion so please do plan to come along with your dusters.

To help me with planning I'd be really grateful if you could sign up on the list at the back of the church, so at least I will know how many cakes to buy! Many thanks, Anne.

### **Stewardship – Gift Aid**

Gift Aid is an important source of income to St Margaret's. In 2023 we were able to claim over £22,000. As we are about to move into the new tax year, I would be grateful if all our donors could consider their eligibility for us to claim Gift Aid. If you are not currently a Gift Aid donor, has that situation changed? If you are currently, are we still able to claim? Gift Aid donors should remember that the following statement applies to their combined donations to all organisations: "I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference." We are grateful to all our donors, whatever their Gift Aid status. If you have any queries or need to make any changes, please speak to me in church or contact me by phone (01943 430024) or email ([astretton1@virginmedia.com](mailto:astretton1@virginmedia.com)). Thank you. Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary.

### **Palm Sunday 10.45 am notice**

We're structuring things slightly differently this Palm Sunday (24 March) to enable everyone to participate in the liturgy as fully as possible. We will all gather outside the entrance to the parish hall at 10.45 am for the Liturgy of the Palms, then process around to the church entrance. Those who are unable to join the procession may simply move back into church via the hall entrance. Please join us outside if you can.

### **Annual Parish Meeting and Vacancies**

#### **Sunday 28 April, after the 10.00 am Parish Mass**

Our annual meeting this year will be held on Sunday 28 April. As in previous years we will celebrate our Mass at 10.00 am so as not to take up too much of everyone's afternoon. The meeting will start at about 11.30 am and last around an hour.

Please do come along – the meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the church's activities over the last year, and all that makes up our shared life here.

There are also some important elections that need to take place. There will be a small number of vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC), **and a vacancy for a churchwarden.**

If you would like to consider being a member of the PCC or a churchwarden, please have a conversation with Anne Eaton or Fr Alex. There are some exciting projects in the pipeline and lots of good things to be involved with.

## **DIARY DATES**

### **Tenebrae**

#### **Sunday 17 March, 6.30 pm**

On Passion Sunday, in place of Evensong, we will hold a service inspired by the tradition of Tenebrae (Latin for 'darkness'). This is a highly symbolic service reflecting on themes of darkness and light, and as we hear poems and readings of the passion, alongside beautiful music from the choir, the church gradually falls into darkness. The poems this year have been selected by Fr Kenneth Crawford, and include T S Eliot, Paul Claudell and others. *Please note, this is the same service that has traditionally been held here on the Wednesday of Holy Week.*

### **Lunch Club**

#### **Thursday 21 March, 12.30 pm**

We're looking forward to the next lunch club which takes place on Thursday 21 March 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.



**Stations of the Cross at Middleton Calvary**

**Friday 22 March, 2.30 pm**

Join us for our final walk of the stations of the cross, this time at the Calvary at Middleton Lodge (if the weather is really bad we'll meet at St Margaret's instead).

**Holy Week Film Night**

**Saturday 23 March, 6.00 pm**

We will be screening *Into Great Silence*, an intimate portrayal of the everyday lives of Carthusian monks of the Grande Chartreuse, a monastery high in the French Alps.

The director proposed the idea of the film to the monks in 1984, but they said they wanted time to think about it. They responded to him 16 years later to say they were willing to go ahead. The director came alone to live in the monastery for six months in 2002 and 2003, filming and recording the entire thing himself. Editing the film took a further two and a half years.

There is no spoken commentary or sound effects, and it is filmed without artificial light, depicting only the sights and sounds of the rhythm of monastic life. "The viewer is invited to watch the film as part of a meditative experience where the film becomes the monastery rather than depicting one."

**Organ Recital**

**Friday 5 April, 12.30 pm**

The recital on Friday 5 April is an all-English affair, culminating in the first movement of Basil Harwood's splendid youthful Sonata In C sharp minor (1886) – a sort of amalgam of Rheinberger and Elgar. The rest of the programme consists of chorale preludes by Leighton and Ridout (both 1977), two short pieces by Noel Rawsthorne (both c. 1999), and a Canzona (1957) by Herbert Sumsion, long organist of Gloucester Cathedral whose lovely music is often sung by our church choir. A gorgeous Barcarolle by William Lloyd Webber and a fanfare Sir Arthur Bliss complete the line-up.

**Annunciation 'come and sing' Mass**

**Monday 8 April, from 5.00 pm (Mass at 7.00 pm)**

The Feast of the Annunciation falls this year on Monday of Holy Week, so it is necessarily transferred to the first day after Easter Week, which is Monday 8 April. Join us for something a little different, as we welcome Fr Peter Allan CR from the Community of the Resurrection, a leading expert in the use of plainchant. Fr Peter will give us a talk on the history and significance of plainchant and teach us a simple Mass setting. After some refreshments, we will all sing the Mass together. 5.00 - 6.30 pm workshop; 7.00 pm Mass. There is no charge, and those not attending the workshop are of course welcome to attend the Mass!



## 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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