



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 7 April
Easter II

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr David Hope

10.45 – Sung Mass

Fr David Hope

We are grateful to Fr David for celebrating today's Masses while Fr Alex and family are on leave



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Recently Departed Maureen Mawer, Bill Turner

Years' Mind

Sunday	Dennis Lightband, John Williamson, Gerald Hodges
Monday	Margaret Cairns, Ronald Johnson, Harold Terry
Tuesday	Dorothy Barugh, Hilda South
Wednesday	Basil Thorpe, Winifred Yeadon, Tony Proctor, Elizabeth Horn
Thursday	Leslie Glover
Friday	Annie Forbes

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

David Thorne: Mass of St Thomas
(printed from 18 of the Order of Mass booklets)

The Sung Mass in Eastertide begins at the font. At the sound of the bell, please stand and turn to face the font.

Opening Hymn

105 (ii) *Christ the Lord is risen again!*

Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 4. 32 – 35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

8.00 am: Psalm 133

(printed in the back of the black Common Worship book)

10.45 am Gradual Hymn

102 *A brighter dawn is breaking*

Gospel Acclamation

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Gospel Reading

John 20. 19 – 31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Homily *Fr David Hope*

Offertory Hymn 173 *Blessed Thomas, doubt no longer*

Communion Motet *arr. Charles Wood: This joyful Eastertide (see NEH 121)*

Communion Hymn 282 *Faithful Shepherd, feed me*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 124 *Ye choirs of new Jerusalem*

Organ Postlude *Johann Sebastian Bach: Christ ist erstanden (3 verses)
(Orgelbüchlein) BWV 627*

Annunciation 'come and sing' Mass

TOMORROW, from 5.00 pm (Mass at 7.00 pm)

We welcome Fr Peter Allan CR from the Community of the Resurrection, a leading expert in the use of plainchant, to 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!

CHURCH DIARY

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

Monday 8	5.00 pm	Plainchant workshop	
<i>Annunciation</i>	7.00 pm	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
Tuesday 9	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 10	3.00 pm	Straven Home Communion	Fr Alex
	4.00 pm	Abbeydale Home Communion	Fr Alex
Thursday 11	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 12	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.15 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 14	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Kenneth
<i>Easter III</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play in the hall	Catherine G
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex (H: KC)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex
Tuesday 16	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 18	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	12.30 pm	Lunch Club	
Friday 19	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Fabric Committee meeting <i>in the meeting room</i>	
	6.15 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 21	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter IV</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Revd Isobel (H: AC)
	3.00 pm	Abbeyfield Communion	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	H: Catherine G

NOTICES

Holy Week – thank you!

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all who contributed to our celebration of Holy Week and Easter in any way. An enormous amount of preparation goes on behind the scenes to enable everything to happen, and I couldn't possibly record everyone's names here. Music, flowers, refreshments, cleaning, welcoming, setting up, reading, praying, serving, and everything else: all of it is deeply appreciated. We had higher attendances at all our major liturgies this year, but I noticed most of all a great sense of devotion through the week, and a deep encounter with the crucified and risen Christ. Our thanks especially to Fr Andrew Wagstaff for guiding us so beautifully through the week with his homilies – we'll find a time to thank him properly once everyone is back from holidays. *Fr Alex.*

This is what one member of the congregation felt about their first experience of the Easter Liturgy on the Saturday evening:

I came not knowing what to expect but I, like many there, was staggered, totally unprepared for what followed.

"Alleluia, Christ is risen" was thundered out by Father Alex as the great Reredos opened out from side to side revealing, to all there, its full glory. And in one voice all in the large choir and congregation responded with a cacophony of instruments and the organ in full volume.

We started in the garden outside, in darkness, when the new fire was kindled and the **Paschal Candle** lit. All then moved into the parish hall to hear the stories of three of God's saving deeds from the Old Testament: Jonah and the whale, the saving from fire of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and the Exodus of Moses and the Israelites from Egypt. The Procession of the Paschal Candle followed, the priest leading choir and congregation from the parish hall through almost total darkness, carrying their hand candles. As these were lit from the paschal candle Father Alex moved to the pulpit to sing the ancient **Exultet** *"Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels..."*

Then followed the singing of the **Gospel** reading of the discovery of the empty tomb, from Mark 16, followed by the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows** with all gathered around the font as the priest dipped the paschal candle three times into the water. After the people had been sprinkled with baptismal water the paschal candle led the procession eastwards and all returned to their seats for the **Liturgy of the Sacrament**.

Finally, Handel's great hymn *Thine be the glory* was followed by the thundering organ voluntary *Incantation pour un Jour Saint* by Jean Langlais.

All who were there were left sitting in wonder, hardly able to believe what had been witnessed and heard in our parish church.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Sunday 28 April 2024, 11.30 am

This year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Sunday 28 April in the Parish Hall at 11.30 am immediately following the Parish Mass which begins at 10.00 am. The annual meeting is a major date in the Church's calendar when the Parish receives reports on changes to the electoral roll, general parish activities and financial matters. The annual meeting also elects Churchwardens, new members to the PCC and to Deanery Synod when there are vacancies.

Reports

An Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31 2023 has been produced which includes the usual reports together with more information about life at St Margaret's alongside our financial statements. Copies are available from the back of church [or it can be read online here](#)

Nominations

Churchwardens - At the meeting there will be the election of the two Churchwardens. Nominations for the vacancy of Churchwarden are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Margaret's and who satisfies the other requirements specified on the nomination form. Churchwardens are elected annually and may stand for six consecutive periods of office.

PCC Members - There are currently vacancies for Parochial Church Council members. [Nomination form link](#)

Deanery Synod Lay representatives – We are able to appoint four Deanery Synod lay representatives. There are currently two vacancies. [Nomination form link](#)

Nomination forms for Churchwarden, PCC member or Deanery Synod lay representative are available at the back of church or by clicking the links above. On completion, the nomination form should be returned to either myself or Fr Alex. They can also be left in the safe at the back of church.

If you have any questions about the roles and/or are interested in applying please speak to one of the current Churchwardens, Anne Eaton and Trevor Moore.

Thank you,
Helen Pilling, Secretary to PCC

Congregational Consultation – live-streaming services

The PCC would like to explore developing an online presence for our church by live-streaming some of our services. We would like to know what members of the congregation think about the project. We have produced a brief consultation document which is available to pick up at the back of church. As part of this project, we plan to enhance our sound system in church with additional speakers. If you have any comments or queries, please speak to Fr Alex by the end of April.

DIARY DATES

Care Home Easter Communions

Fr Alex and Catherine Gibson will be going into our local care homes to celebrate communion with the residents and tell the Easter story with images and hymns. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

Please note the changed date

Wednesday 10 April

3.00 pm – Straven

4.00 pm – Abbeydale

Lunch Club

Thursday 18 April, 12.30 pm

Lunch club takes place on Thursday 18 April 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.

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 and search for 'Ilkley St Margaret;' or by bank standing order. Please contact Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary: 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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