



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

NEWS SHEET

Sunday, November 11th 2018
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

TODAY

Young Persons' Breakfast at 8.15am.
All services at their usual times.
An Act of Remembrance will take place at the High Mass.

THIS WEEK

Monday, November 12th: The Open the Book team is in Ashlands School with the story of *The First Christmas*.

Monday, November 12th: The Funeral Service for Graeme Willson will be held in Church at 11.00am.

Tuesday, November 13th: The Parish Office is closed today.

Tuesday, November 13th: The Standing Committee meets at the Vicarage at 10.00am.

Thursday, November 15th: **St. Margaret's Luncheon Club.** The charge for the lunch, payable on the day, will be £6. Please obtain a ticket in advance of the lunch. To reserve a place please call Sandy (Tel. 603222) by Monday, November 12th.

Come and Sing: Vivaldi's Gloria **Saturday, November 17th at 7.30pm**

This is your chance to sing this wonderful work alongside members of Cantores Olicanae, at St Margaret's, accompanied by a chamber ensemble. Rehearsals on Tuesday, November 13th (7.30pm – 9.30pm) and Saturday, November 17th 2.00pm – 3.30pm). Previous experience of choral singing is not essential. To book your place go to cantoresolicanae.org.uk or call Helen on 07960 124484.

NEXT SUNDAY

The Great Escape! Mission Fund Cake Sale

St Margaret's Mission Fund Cake Sale takes place on Sunday, November 18th after the 9.15am and 10.45am services. All cakes welcomed. Please bring them to the Parish Hall from 8.30am next Sunday or ring Linda Whittaker on 601144.

Please pray for **Grace Isabella Harrison** who is to be baptised into God's church next Sunday. Please also pray for her parents and godparents.

The Junior Choir meeting takes place at the Vicarage at 4.00pm next Sunday.

NEXT WEEK

Monday, November 19th: Church Facilities Committee in Meeting Room at 6.30pm.

Thursday, November 22nd: Fr Philip leads Assembly at Moorfield at 8.50am.

Ilkley Christmas Tree Festival **Friday 23rd 11am-3pm and 5-7pm** **Saturday 24th November 10am-6pm**

Friday, 23rd: Fr Philip blesses the Christmas Tree Festival in Church at 11am.

A magical display of over 20 trees decorated by local charity or community groups.

Live Christmas music: **The Ilkley Singers, St Margaret's Choir, Steph and her Sax, The Rock Choir, Christopher Rathbone's Organ music, Rombalds Recorder Orchestra, Ilkley Choral Society.**

All proceeds will be divided equally amongst the participating groups and charities.

Come and share this experience, vote for your favourite tree and get Christmas off to a wonderful start by supporting a worthy cause!

Friday, November 23rd: **Revelation and Relaxation** for 11 – 21 year olds, **7.15pm – 7.45pm** in church. The next in a series of occasional **R&R workshops** for the young and inquisitive. The revelation will be followed by relaxation, in the form of board games, chit chat and refreshments in the Parish Hall.

NOTICES

Looking for an outlet for your creative side?

Why not join the Flower Team? It is suitable for men and women of any age and a lot of fun. No previous experience is necessary. You will work with another person and be asked to arrange flowers no more than five times a year. For more details see Philippa.

Coffee Rota I am about to draw up the new Coffee Rota and would very much welcome more help. Please contact me by November 12th if you can do this. Marie Anson, 01943 604152 or bryan.anson1@gmail.com

Financial Report

St Margaret's is a Stewardship Parish. Regular members of the congregation commit themselves to Planned Giving, either through Bank Standing Order or Weekly Numbered Envelopes. If you would be willing to join one of these schemes or for further information, contact our Stewardship Secretary, Bethany Harrison 07803 175080. The White Gift Aid envelopes to be found in the back of the seats are intended for the use of visitors. We very much appreciate receiving donations made in this way as we can reclaim a further 25% from the tax you have paid!

Our income from regular giving and collections in September came to £8,763 against our monthly budget of £10,167. The total giving to the end of September came to £88,071 against a budget of £91,500.

Thank you to all who give to enable St Margaret's to offer ministry and mission to our parish and beyond, to maintain the wonderful heritage of our church buildings and to finance the ministry of the church in materially poorer parts of West Yorkshire.

Confirmation and Enquirers' Courses 2019

There will be a **Confirmation Course for young people** who are Year 6 (aged 11 in that school year) and older from September 2018 beginning in February. The group will normally meet on **Sunday evenings at 5.45pm – 6.45pm** in the Parish Hall. For more details please speak to Fr Philip (607210) and/or sign up on the list at the back of Church. Secondly, there will be an **Adult Enquirers' Course** for those who would like to know more about the Christian faith and, in particular, explore and ask those questions about Christianity which may interest or trouble you. The Enquirers' Course will be particularly suitable for the parents who attend our Family Service or newer members of our congregations. The Enquirers' Course will begin in February too and meet initially for five weeks. If you would like to know more please speak to Fr Philip (607210) and/or sign up on the list at the back of Church. There are quite a number of adults around the Family Service too who have experienced the course in recent years and its cuisine. Ask one of them to find out how great they found it!

Christmas Treats for Needy Families

At Playtime we are collecting items to make Christmas parcels for twelve needy families. These include single men and women, families with young teenagers, primary children and one baby girl. If you would like to join in, please give your gifts to one of the Playtime team on Friday mornings at Playtime or at Sunday services. The closing date is Sunday, December 16th.

CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale today following the Sunday services. £4.00 for ten cards and envelopes. Proceeds to the Development Fund. Cheques payable to *St. Margaret's PCC*. Thank you. Liz White (603275) and Val Banks (608947).

The copper collection, which is passed to the Outward Giving group, has reached £50 once again. Thanks to those who still save their copper for the collecting tin which is always at the top of the stairs after Sunday 10.45 High Mass.

Food Contributions for Christingle Tea Party

On Sunday, December 2nd we will be following our afternoon Christingle service with a celebration tea party for the children in the Parish Hall. There will also be mince pies and mulled wine for the adults! It would be lovely if we could all invite along somebody new to church, to share in the hospitality that we all enjoy at St Margaret's. If you are able to contribute some party food would you please sign up on the sheets available in the hall, near the coffee, and by the entrance door in church. Any offers of help are very welcome and if you have some new ideas please do jot them on the list. My contact is bbcsmith@talk21.com if you can't catch Jane or me in church. Thank you in advance, Judith and Jane.

DIARY DATES

Christingles Making 2018

November 30th at 6.30pm

Could willing helpers please come and help us to make the Christingles? We will be gathering in the Meeting Room (while the Cant & Dec children sing) on **Friday, November 30th at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall Meeting Room**. This is always lots of fun (tea and biscuits provided) and all volunteers are most welcome. Many hands make light work! Many thanks. Michelle Still 430043.

The Advent Procession

Saturday, December 1st at 6.00pm

St Margaret's Annual Advent Service of Lessons and Carols which proceeds from darkness to light: the perfect way to begin the season of Advent!

The Christingle Service

Sunday, December 2nd at 4.00pm

The annual service of light for children and their families in aid of

The Children's Society

followed by a Children's Party in the Parish Hall

(There is therefore no Family Service at 9.15am on Sunday, December 2nd.)

Advent Retreat Day at The Briery

Friday 7th or Saturday 8th December (10.00am - 4.00pm)

Led by Fr Dennis Cassidy, The Advent Retreat Days, will explore some of the teachings of the various schools of Spirituality. The day is open to anyone who would like the opportunity for a quiet and reflective day during Advent. Please book with The Briery Retreat Centre at 01943 607287 or briery@btconnect.com