

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, September 13th 2020



Dear Friends

We will all be aware that the new “rule of six” is coming into force in our lands from Monday. Clearly, this is a significant cause for concern on a number of levels and most especially what it signals about the rising infection rates again of COVID-19. However, I am pleased to say that within these new regulations there are exemptions for places of worship. A message came on Thursday confirming this from the Chair of the Church of England’s Recovery Group. It included these words: ***“I welcome confirmation from the Prime Minister that places of worship can still hold more than six people in total, despite the new restrictions on gatherings, and the reassurance that public worship can continue.”***

What is equally important, I believe, is all the measures we have put in place around our Sunday morning Mass which ensure, as far as is reasonably possible, that our worship is “COVID secure”. I know many of us find these restrictions difficult, including me! However, the practice we have developed around safely administering holy communion, wearing masks, enabling physical distancing, and hand sanitizing, are empowering us to worship together safely in our extraordinary times. I have been very heartened by the many of you who have expressed how safe you feel in St Margaret’s on a Sunday morning. Alongside this, too, we continue to offer the “on-line Youtube Premiere Mass” each Sunday morning, recorded from the Chapel here in the Vicarage. I continue to understand fully that many of you must stay at home at this time and shield.

During this last week the ministers of all the churches in our town met over Zoom to discuss how each of us, as churches, are responding to our present situation in Ilkley. One particular matter we discussed is the forthcoming marking of Remembrance Sunday in November. It is clear that Acts of Remembrance in all places are going to have to be done differently this year as we cannot meet together in public places as we would normally. I have been asked by colleagues to be part of the group in Ilkley thinking this through in the next few weeks, representing Churches Together in Ilkley. I shall look forward to meeting with many representatives of different organisations across our town, including those from our Town Council and the Royal British Legion.

Can I please ask you to keep in your prayers in these coming days Fr George Darvill and his family? Sadly, Fr George is moving towards the final days of his earthly life and as I write he is awaiting admission into a hospice. We remember very fondly his faithful ministry at St Margaret's over many years, and his presence, with Jennifer, in our worshipping community. They have both been a life-long, faithful, servants of Christ and his Church. Jennifer passed away only last December. We pray that these final days are peaceful and comfortable, with his loving family gathered around him.

With love and prayers, Fr. Philip

Full details for public worship can be found here

https://mcusercontent.com/ba3ec307ede7e24cd60c47953/files/c6b4e0a3-5f95-4186-bfda-b7efdc7e4dad/Public_Worship_Prep_Doc_July_20_Pub2.pdf

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, September 13th for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: September 13th, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7586081733?pwd=bFVnZ1dpbzFPN3h5aVpVbmJmank4QT09>

Let Us Pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Thursday

9.30 am - 11.30 am

St Margaret's is open for individual private prayer on Monday to Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am. Stewards are no longer on duty and you do not need to book with the Parish Administrator.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please pick up one of the "Please clean me" notices on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

We wish to keep the church as a place of quiet. Any social conversations should take place away from the Church and its grounds. There will be no hymn books or prayer books or other cards available, so if you would like any prayer resources please bring those with you and take them away similarly.



Services on

Sunday 13th September

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10.00am Said Mass in Church

Booking is essential through the Parish Office

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

This service will NOT be live-streamed

10:30am YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

Sunday 20th September

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Said Mass in Church

Booking is essential through the Parish Office

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

This service will NOT be live-streamed

10:30am YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

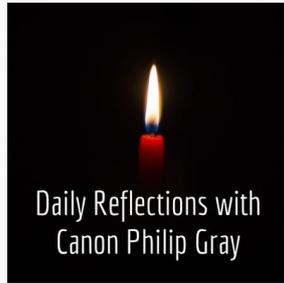


**With Vicar
Canon Philip Gray**

Live Services and Daily Reflections available on Facebook and YouTube.

Search for [@StMargaretsChurchIlkley](https://www.facebook.com/StMargaretsChurchIlkley).

Daily Reflection podcasts available on the Parish Website and all good podcast streaming platforms.



Fr Philip's reflections in his series of podcasts include considerations of selected Bible passages, as well as thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. Using the link below, you can post a message to Fr Philip with your thoughts. Simply click on the 'leave a message' button to record your message.

<https://anchor.fm/stmargaretsilkley/>

'Daily Reflections' is also available on your favourite podcast streaming apps including Google and Apple Podcasts, Spotify and many more. You can also access it on the Parish Website on the link below:

<https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/podcast-daily-reflections-canon-philip-gray>



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Queens Road, ILKLEY

**Wednesday September 16th
at 12.30pm**

**Grand Reopening
Organ Recital by
Christopher Rathbone**

BACH (arranged Rathbone)

Chaconne (from Violin Partita no 2)

MESSIAEN

L'Ascension (complete)

We are limited to 40 people, so please book at

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com

including your email or phone number.

At the recital wear a face mask and observe social distancing

Hooray! **The organ recitals are re-opening on Wednesday, September 16th.** I know many people have missed hearing the organ in full spate. We look forward to welcoming you back.

The October recital, on Thursday October 8th, will have a 150th anniversary tribute to one of my favourite composers, Louis Vierne, who was born in 1870. Do book in advance for both of these, as we are limited to 40 - and please wear a face-mask. Christopher



Cornerstone Bookshop has received donations of second hand Christian books for 20 years. Books that have not sold in the shop have gone to Christian charities, principally to Book Aid Charitable Trust. The Trust sends new and second hand books to bookshops in Africa, Asia and the Carribean.

Around the UK, people offer space in their homes or dry garages to receive donations for Book Aid. Donors contact the charity and are put in contact with those offering their homes as collection points. Book Aid collects the donations. Large quantities of quality books are sent abroad to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in poorer areas of the world.

Cornerstone has been the only collection point in West Yorkshire and Craven for several years. From October the nearest collection points will be York, Selby and Bolton.

Could you offer a small area of one room of your house or dry garage to be a collection point? In this way you would be helping the worldwide church. For more details contact Andrew Clayton-Stead on 07870403994 or claytonsteda@gmail.com. Also you can learn more about the Book Aid Charitable Trust at <https://book-aid.org/>

Practical Support and Help

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours provides a range of support and practical help during coronavirus to include shopping, a regular phone call, collecting prescriptions and other help needed. If you need help call 07375 803693 or fill in this online form <https://bit.ly/ilkleycorona> For more information go to <https://goodneighboursilkley.org.uk/>

Ilkley and Wharfedale Medical Practice request use of face coverings when attending an appointment at the medical centre. **Ilkley Library**. To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk 01943 436225

Ilkley Chat provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkleychat.co.uk/coronavirus> This link also provides details of **food delivery services** offered by supermarkets. Contact Alison Stretton on 01943 430024 or Vickie Kemp at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com for more information.

During this difficult time it is important to keep in touch with friends. Please do feel you can call a member of our church family who will be pleased to hear from you.

Fr Philip	01943 607210
Fr Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Helen Buswell	01943 608146
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144
Alison Stretton	01943 430024

Daily Hope, is a 24 hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer. Call 0800 804 8044.

You can link to St. Margaret's Facebook page, website and YouTube channel by clicking the icons below.

