



CHRIST THE KING
The Sunday Next Before Advent
Sunday, November 22nd 2020



Dear Friends,

One of the very difficult realities of our present situation is uncertainty. These uncertainties are both large and small. Clearly the most significant are the deep anxieties for those who contract the coronavirus, their families and loved ones. The painful symptoms of that uncertainty are revealed in isolation and the many ways we are having to adjust our lives, make sacrifices, to stay safe and protect the lives of others. The economic uncertainties are clearly very hard to bear also, especially for those whose businesses, livelihoods or homes are under threat because of the present lack of economic activity. There are clearly many, many more personal uncertainties for us all.

All these uncertainties are profoundly related to risk, and how we view risk. Constantly in our news channels discussions are presented about policy. Many of these oscillate around the questions of how we balance all these uncertainties and the risks that go with our present pandemic. Beneath the arguments and debates are usually differing attitudes towards uncertainty and risk. Some of these discussions, I believe, could feel less sterile if we were able to be more honest about how we have differing underlying views about such risks, rather than just engaging in a game where speakers only find and concentrate on those statistics which support their own pre-determined polemic. Risk is actually a part of our everyday lives, and we make decisions constantly to manage those risks. However, it is clear that the risks this pandemic poses both to individuals and the proper functioning of our lives are so high that we are rightly taking extraordinary steps to mitigate and contain them. At the same time, it is not unreasonable to ask at what point the symptoms of these mitigations become as costly as the virus itself both in the short and medium term.

As a Church we are presently in a deeply uncertain place on many levels, which parallels both our individual and corporate lives. In the immediate future this particularly relates to how we

are going to celebrate Christmas. We are in a position presently where it is not possible to make any definite decisions about the shape of our Christmas services. Much of this will depend upon the trajectory of the virus and the decisions our government makes about our present lockdown, and what mitigations will remain in place as Christmas approaches even if our general lockdown is lifted. The pivotal decision for us will be around the extent to which we will be able to return to our church buildings for corporate worship and the mitigations which will remain around this, especially in terms of numbers who can gather and what singing will be allowed.

At this stage all I can ask for is your patience. Clearly, as guidance emerges both from government and the church we will respond as speedily as we can. Presuming some form of physical, corporate worship in the Church building is allowed we will then release this information through this channel. Given that numbers are likely to be limited, I will then state clearly from what date people can request to attend a particular service. However, when those services will be, in what form, and how many people can attend, all remain deeply uncertain, and until a clear way forward emerges we can only wait patiently.

With my love and prayers

Fr. Philip

**Meetings with our Patron and Bishop Toby
Monday, November 23rd at 7.30pm**

As part of our preparation for the process of selecting a new parish priest for St Margaret's, the second meeting for all congregation members with our Patron and Bishop Toby will take place by Zoom on Monday, November 23rd at 7.30pm.

This meeting will set out the formal options and process for making a decision about whether to ask for a male-only priest and will reflect on what we heard at the first meeting. It will also raise the question of how to allow all who come to St Margaret's "to prosper, to thrive, to grow," whatever position is taken by the PCC.

Stephen Murdoch and Emma Halliwell will be invited back to speak, along with Fr Paul Cartwright, from Forward in Faith, and Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders from Wakefield Cathedral. The NEW details to join the meeting are as follows:

Topic: St Margaret's Ilkley meeting with Patron 2

Time: Nov 23, 2020 07:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86155284594?pwd=N3MzQ3NoTTIOfRqUnlRY0dkVStzZz09>

Meeting ID: 861 5528 4594

Passcode: 208426

To dial in by phone:
Dial by your location
0203 051 2874 United Kingdom
Meeting ID: 861 5528 4594
Passcode: 208426

Let Us Pray

God of hope,
in these times of change,
unite our church
and guide us with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future
in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Donations in memory of Fr George Darvill RIP and Anne Kilvington RIP

The retiring collection of £269.50 at the funeral of Fr George Darvill will be split between St Margaret's and St Gemma's Hospice. Fr George's sister has also made a generous donation to the Development Fund in his memory.

The retiring collection of £397.50 at the funeral of Anne Kilvington will be split between St Margaret's, The Leprosy Mission and Smile Train (a cleft lip charity).

Thank you to everyone who contributed to these collections.

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's **Organ Recital** which raised £146 for the Choir Fund.



ST. MARGARET'S
ILKLEY

Services on

Sunday 22nd November

CHRIST THE KING

(THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

Due to government restrictions on public worship there is no service in church on Sunday, November 22nd

Sunday 29th November

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

Due to government restrictions on public worship there is no service in church on Sunday, November 29th



With Vicar
Canon Philip Gray

Live Services available on Facebook and YouTube
Search for @StMargaretsChurchIlkley

Annual Parish Meetings

The APCM will take place on **Thursday, November 26th at 7.30pm** by Zoom only due to the lockdown restrictions. **See the separate sheet for the Zoom link and dial in by phone details to join the meeting.**

The APCM reports and accounts are now available to view on the church website, as well as the minutes of last year's APCM and the agenda for this year's meetings.

2 Churchwardens
5 Deanery Synod representatives
13 Parochial Church Council members

To date, I have received the following nominations:

Churchwarden

Nominee: Helen Buswell

Proposed by Steve Betts, Seconded by Tom Williams

Nominee: Alison Stretton

Proposed by Jane Sheldon, Seconded by Michelle Still

Deanery Synod

Nominee: Gwyneth Hartley

Proposed by Valerie Banks, Seconded by Jane Sheldon

Nominee: Judith Smith

Proposed by Jane Armstrong, Seconded by Marie Anson

PCC

Nominee: Catherine Cheater

Proposed by Tina Warnes, seconded by Geoff Cloke

Nominee: Bethany Harrison

Proposed by Marie Anson, seconded by Janet Kish

Nominee: Catherine Beaumont

Proposed by Tina Warnes, seconded by Alison Stretton

Nominee: Ros Beeson

Proposed by Val Smith, seconded by Andrea Rayner

Nominee: Sarah Williams

Proposed by Val Smith, seconded by Helen Buswell

Nominee: Tom Williams

Proposed by Tina Warnes, seconded by Norma Smith

Nominee: Michelle Still

Proposed by Carmel Ramage, seconded by Helen Buswell

Nominee: Helen Pilling

Proposed by Catherine Webster, seconded by Steve Betts

Nominee: Richard Smeaton

Nominated by Catherine Gibson, seconded by Catherine Beaumont

Nominations for all positions are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Margaret's and who satisfies the other requirements specified on the nomination forms. Churchwardens are elected annually and may stand for six consecutive periods of office. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years.

The existing Deanery Synod members will continue in position until 31st December 2020. From 1st January 2021 the structure of the Deanery Synod will change, whereby we can have 5 members from St Margaret's. Those elected, automatically become members of the PCC.

Please post your completed forms to Vickie Kemp, Parish Office, St Margaret's, Queen's Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL, drop them in the post box next to the choir vestry door or leave them in the safe at the back of church no later than Tuesday, November 24th. If you are unable to print the form, please call the Parish Administrator on 07740 410054 and Vickie will send a form to you. Alternatively, you can email the PCC Secretary at catherinewebster7@gmail.com with your name and address, stating which position you would like to apply for, confirming that you meet the legal requirements, and request that your proposer and seconder email me to confirm their support for your candidature, including their own name and address. There will be a meeting held immediately before the elections on that day where you will have a chance to hear from the candidates. Thank you. Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Thursday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's continues to be open for individual private prayer on Monday to Thursday mornings between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please also 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.

12 FACES OF HOPE



Join us for an exhibition of pictures and stories of 12 people from different backgrounds sharing their hopes for justice and peace in the Holy Land

**December 3rd to 18th at
Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley**
Entrance free. All welcome.

Opening times:
Tuesdays to Thursdays 10:30am - 2:30pm
Fridays 10:30am – 1:00pm

Half a century has passed since the six-day war when Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. Despite stalled peace processes and the sufferings entailed by the occupation, people still hope for a better future.

Browse and buy
a range of produce from
Palestine



**World Council
of Churches**

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. For more information go to <http://info@goodneighboursilkley.org.uk>

Ilkley Corona Response Group (ICRG) can be contacted via the Bradford Hub on 01274 431000, or use the online form at <https://bit.ly/ilkleycorona>

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.ilkeleychat.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

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