



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 11th 2021

Letter from A Reader

A theme running through this Sunday's readings is the importance of *community*. The passage from the Acts of the Apostles describes the harmony of the infant Church following the gift of the Spirit; Psalm 133 extols the blessings of living together in unity; and John's Gospel recounts how Thomas missed Jesus' Easter evening appearance in the Upper Room, perhaps because he was nursing his grief and shame alone, but how on re-joining the community of disciples he was granted, in their company, an individual visitation which prompted his great confession of faith: "My Lord and my God!"

One of the purposes of our life in this world is to develop our character through *testing* (1 Peter 1.6-7). Before his Passion, Jesus warned Simon Peter that 'Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat.' Our own community of St Margaret's has been going through an experience a *little* bit like that of the Apostles on Good Friday. Without an incumbent, we feel rather like "sheep without a shepherd". I suggest we should view this time as an experience of salutary *testing*, and be on our guard!

A kindly parson was planning a children's service. He wanted to include the well-known children's hymn, 'Do no sinful action.' However, he worried that the children might be frightened by verse 3:

There's a wicked spirit
Watching round you still
And he tries to tempt you
To all harm and ill.

So he changed the words to 'There's a *blessed* spirit . . .' It was only during the service that he realised that the next verse began 'But ye must not hear him!'

It's easy to think that the Bible's references to Satan and demons is merely the imagery of a less sophisticated age than our own; but the Gospels make it very clear that Jesus was engaged throughout his ministry in warfare with the powers of evil; and Paul reminds us that 'Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against . . the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places' (Ephesians 6.12).

In my last letter, I wrote about the value of stillness and silence. St Ignatius' *Spiritual Exercises* are intended to develop in the individual the 'discernment of spirits': we need to be able to tell whether the promptings of our hearts really come from God or from somewhere else! God works in us at the deepest, innermost level of our being; so we practise stilling the more superficial demands of our nature in our prayer-times, and opening up our inner core to him. Very gradually, he will start to transform us, so that we begin to reflect him unconsciously in all our behaviour, expressed through the prism of our individual personalities. We may not even be aware of it ourselves, but others will notice.

A lovely recent piece of 'slow TV', still available on iPlayer, is *Brotherhood*, an hour-long programme about the monks of Mount St Bernard Abbey. It touches on the challenges of living in community. And although they were written about eighty years ago, C S Lewis's witty books, *The Screwtape Letters* and *Screwtape Proposes a Toast*, are still very pertinent in their analysis of the temptations to which churchgoing Christians are prey.

Catherine Gibson

Sunday Worship

To protect everyone involved and to allow our services to continue, our Covid precautions are still in place and we would like to remind you of the following:

- To book, email Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com with the date of the service you would like to attend plus your name and telephone number so we have your details for track and trace.
 - Wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser provided on entering church
 - Avoid mingling in church and immediately outside before or after the service.
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Let Us Pray

O God, the God of all goodness and of all grace,
who art worthy of a greater love
than we can either give or understand:
Fill our hearts, we beseech thee,
with such love toward thee
that nothing may seem too hard for us to do
or to suffer
in obedience to thy will;
and grant that thus loving thee,
we may become daily more like unto thee
and finally obtain the crown of life
which thou hast promised to those that love thee;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott, 1825-1901



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SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 11th April

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr Godfrey Higgins

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Sunday 18th April

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Clews

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Face masks must be worn in church

Easter Day - Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our rather different and very special service on Easter Day, whether through pulling together the order of service, preparing the church or helping/participating on the day. We are very grateful to Bishop Toby for joining us and it was wonderful to see so many people back in church.



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First Reading: Acts 4. 32-35

Gospel Reading: John 20. 19-31

The Order of Service for The Second Sunday of Easter is [here](#)

O filii et filiae

ALLELUYA! Alleluya! Alleluya!

Ye sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heavenly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave hath lost its sting.

Alleluia!

On that first morning of the week,
Before the day began to break,
The Marys went their Lord to seek.

Alleluia!

An Angel bade their sorrow flee,
For thus he spake unto the three:
'Your Lord is gone to Galilee.'

Alleluia!

That night the Apostles met in fear,
Amidst them came their Lord most dear,
And said: 'Peace be unto you here!'

Alleluia!

When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.

Alleluia!

'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
'And doubt not, but believe in me.'

Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.

Alleluia!

Blessèd are they that have not seen,
And yet whose faith hath constant been,
In life eternal they shall reign.

Alleluia!

On this most holy day of days,
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud, and jubilee, and praise.

Alleluia!

And we with Holy Church unite,
As evermore is just and right,
In glory to the King of Light.

Alleluia!

Latin: Jean Tisserand d. 1419

Tr: J. M Meale 1818-66

In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Sunday	Leslie Glover
Monday	Annie Elizabeth Forbes
Wednesday	William Johnston
Saturday	Joan Lightband

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Val Banks, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Ramone (Ray) Guha, May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, Peter Kuchartschuk, Peter Waterhouse.

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, April 11th at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

[Click here](#) to join Zoom Coffee Time

Services will be starting again at St Matthew's on a regular basis each Sunday, so they have decided to temporarily stop doing the Zoom coffee sessions after their 10am Mass. They may decide to run them occasionally and we will keep you up-to-date of any changes.

Links to live-streamed worship

St Matthews, Northampton St Matthews is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for their live-streamed Parish Mass at 10.15am. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> and then click on the link to join the live-streamed Sunday service which is posted on the home page. You can also "like" St Matthew's facebook page to receive live notifications of streamed services. The link to the facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchnorthampton/>

Links to live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click [here](#) to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Friday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's is open each weekday morning 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.

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, April 14th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, April 14th at 10.00am. We will use the words from Common Worship. These will be shown on the screen or can be downloaded [here](#). Click the link scroll down and click on Morning Prayer for the order of service.

Click the Zoom link to join morning prayer [here](#). The link will be open from 9.50am. All are welcome.

St. Margaret's Virtual Choir

Listen [here](#)

'**The strife is o'er**' by **Henry Ley** is a hymn-anthem based on the tune Vulpius which is used for 'The strife...' and also for 'Good Christian men rejoice and sing', both fine Easter hymns. It gives a chance for different parts of the choir to shine in the various verses, and for the organ to blaze out in its usual splendid Easter way.

The melody was published in Jena in 1609, while the words are from a Latin hymn of the 17th century, translated by Francis Pott (1832 - 1909). Henry Ley (1887 - 1962) became organist of Christchurch Cathedral Oxford when he was still an undergraduate, and moved in 1926 to Eton as 'Precentor' (Director of Music) till retirement in 1945. His other well-known piece of church music was the setting of a prayer of Henry VI (who founded the school at Eton and also King's College Cambridge).



RHYME TIME AT PLAYTIME

ST MARGARET'S PARISH HALL
FRIDAY, APRIL 16TH
10.00AM - 10.45AM

CALLING ALL PLAY TIMERS!

We are back with a short session of music, puppets and stories beginning on Friday, April 16th. Due to current restrictions, it will be more sedentary than our usual playtime but still plenty of opportunity to enjoy music, puppets and stories.
We hope to see you soon!

Places available: 10 single adults plus children
Every Friday morning during term time

Booking is essential at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com

Please supply your name, number/age of children and telephone number

Sessions are free. No refreshments

Please wear a face mask at all times and use hand sanitizer on entry

Help Required

Since the untimely death of David Chary and the retirement of Steve Betts, the PCC has been looking to find a volunteer to Chair the Church Fabric and Hall Maintenance Committee which is an amalgamation of the two former separate committees.

The job is not particularly arduous and does not require any building or maintenance specialisms, but does require someone with enthusiasm to work with Parish Administrator Vickie and Church Caretaker Alan to help maintain our wonderful church and hall, both of which are in good condition with no planned projects for the foreseeable future.

If you have a couple of hours a week free and would be prepared to help, please contact either of the Wardens, or John McGhee via the Parish Office who can fill in the details. Thank you.

Annual Parish Church Meeting
Tuesday, April 20th

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The APCM Reports are available to view [here](#) and the Annual Accounts are available to view [here](#). Thank you to everyone who submitted a report for inclusion.

The minutes of the 2020 APCM meeting are available to view [here](#). The agenda for this year's meeting is available to view [here](#).

At the meetings there will be the following elections:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 2 Deanery Synod members
- 3 Parochial Church Council members

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. If you would like to apply, please contact me via the Parish Administrator at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com and I will post a form to you. Completed forms can be photographed/scanned and emailed to me or sent to Vickie Kemp, Parish Office, St Margaret's, Queen's Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL. Thank you. Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary.

Practical Support and Help

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours provides a range of support and practical help 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 4362254.

Ilkley Chat provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkleychat.co.uk/coronavirus>

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