



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 16th 2021

Letter from Fr Bernard

Nobody Likes Waiting

We once had a Yorkshire Terrier who had a litter of puppies. They were so tiny, like little mice, all huddled together in their basket and making high pitched squeaks. But one of the litter couldn't breathe. We tried to stimulate him, but nothing happened. He was perfect, just like the others, but for want of breath, he died in our hands.

This episode reminds me of one of my favourite Old Testament passages in Ezekiel, chapter 37. God was speaking to the Prophet Ezekiel, and gave him a vision to convey to the people. He was standing in a valley of bones, and they were very dry. Then God said to him "Prophecy to these bones and say to them. "Dry Bones. Hear the Word of the Lord."" There was a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. Then tendons and flesh appeared on them, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then God, the sovereign said "Come from the four winds, and breathe into these slain, that they may live." Then the breath entered them; they came to life, and stood up on their feet – a vast army.

After the Ascension the disciples were told to wait for the gift of the Spirit, (the breath) of God to come to them. We can only guess, the tension and anxiety which they wrestled with in this post resurrection as they waited and waited.

We as a church here at St. Margaret's are waiting – but actually, the whole Church of God is waiting as well, as we emerge into the post covid era. Nothing can be the same as it was. New ways of working, are bound to appear, but one thing we do know is that the Holy Spirit will breathe on us and give us new life in a new era. This family service hymn comes to mind:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Let Us Pray

As our church doors once again open for services
we pray that people feel peace in coming together
and celebrate the joy that comes
from the fellowship you gift us with.

We know that our Church is not merely a building,
but the Body of Believers in Christ Jesus.

Help us to connect in person once again and feel secure in doing so.

Bless our visiting priests and those who serve in the Church.

Lord, we thank You and worship You

in Jesus Name.

Amen.

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First Reading: Acts 1. 15-17, 21-end

Gospel Reading: John 17. 6-19

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

Rhyme Time

A reminder that Rhyme Time will not take place on Friday, May 21st but will be back as usual on May 28th.

In our Prayers

Departed Jasper Smith (baby)

Years' Mind

Sunday Hilda Florence Oddy, Duncan James,
Michael Bewsher Appleton, David Blackburn

Monday Joseph Hemmings

Tuesday Harry Kershaw

Wednesday Richard Burns, Emily Mary Carpenter

Thursday Reg Allen (Pr), Gertrude Howell

Friday Kuldip Singh, Eileen Mogridge

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

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

A message from Val Banks

I would like to say how very grateful I am for all the help and support - both prayer and practical - I have received over the last three months. Thank you so much. *Val Banks*

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 stmargaretschurcpa@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 (unless you are under 11 years old or exempt from wearing a mask).
 - Avoid mingling in church and immediately outside before or after the service.
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Update on the recruitment of our next Parish Priest:

Following the shortlisting process, three candidates will be visiting the Parish next Thursday and will be interviewed on Friday. During the visit, the Candidates will have a tour of the Parish and Church and meet a few people with whom they would be working closely.

Guidance on recruiting a Parish Priest says "*Being a Parish vicar is much more than just having a job; it is about being part of a community; living with others and pointing them to Jesus through every element of yourself and your life. That is why it is so important to match the person with the community and that is why sometimes the process can be complicated and seem drawn out.*" It is understandable that people are interested in what is happening but the process has strict rules of confidentiality so as to protect the candidates and the responsibilities that they will have to their current Parishes, so we are unable to provide any further details of the candidates. Please keep the interview panel of Bishop Nick, Archdeacon Andy, Father Oswin and our Parish Representatives in your prayers. Please also pray for the candidates and their families.

There may be some delay after the interview before a formal announcement can be made. We will update you as soon as we are able to do so.



A Welcome Return for the Family Service

It was a delight to see so many regular members of our Family Service congregation, when we began again after more than a year's absence. Social distancing meant that children stayed in their seats (spaced throughout the church), while hymn-singing was replaced by the playing of percussion instruments brought from home; but this didn't dampen the enthusiastic engagement of attendees in a form of service which otherwise followed our accustomed pattern. We considered how growing in relation with God may be rather like learning to ride a bicycle. Family Services will now continue every Sunday at their usual time of 9.15am.



Christian Aid Week, 10th - 16th May 2021

There will be a retiring collection after the morning services this Sunday, May 16th. If possible, please use the white St Margaret's Gift Aid envelopes and mark for Christian Aid. These can also be placed in the safe at the back of church.

Thank you to those who have already donated using the Christian Aid e-envelope. If you would still like to donate in this way, please use the link below. This will take you to a dedicated page where you can donate directly to Christian Aid on line, including being able to add Gift Aid. The page will also tell you how much has been raised by donors from St Margaret's. [Donate to Christian Aid here.](#)

You can also make a direct bank deposit into our account using the reference CHRISTIAN AID or send a cheque made payable to "St Margaret's PCC" to Alison Stretton, 4 Oakburn Road, Ilkley LS29 9NN (please mark the back "Christian Aid" and let us know if you would like to Gift Aid your donation). Thank you.

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 below.

<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.



**ST. MARGARET'S
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SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 16th May

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9.15am Family Service

Homily: Catherine Beaumont

10.45am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Rt Rev David Hope

Sunday 23rd May

PENTECOST

(Whit Sunday)

9.15am Family Service

Homily: Ms Catherine Gibson

10.45am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Ven Mike Edson

Booking is essential to stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Face masks must be worn in church

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, May 19th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, May 19th 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.

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.



The Manor House Gardens

Coffee Morning

10:30 am - 11:30 am on Friday, May 28th

Sandy Macrae, who runs the volunteer gardening team, talks about the development and planning of the gardens in the courtyard at the Manor House [Please register here](#).

You will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting and the password prior to the talk – this is usually sent 24 hours before the talk and then again a couple of hours before the talk. **Please ensure you log on in good time to ensure you don't miss the start of the talk.** The waiting room will open approximately 30 minutes before the talk starts at 10.30am.



ILKLEY CIVIC SOCIETY

The next **Local History Hub** zoom meeting will be on Saturday, May 29th at 3.00pm. There will be a presentation and discussion about Cunliffe Road, once overpassed by a railway viaduct.

The meetings are free. Past attendees who have agreed will be sent the Zoom link but otherwise please pre-register: localhistory@civicsociety.ilkley.org

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 Library To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk 01943 4362254.

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