

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
**Sunday, June 6th 2021**



**Welcome to The Revd Alex Crawford – our new vicar!**

**We are delighted to share with you the formal announcement from the Bishop of Leeds on the appointment of our new vicar - The Revd Alex Crawford. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the recruitment process - your support, dedication and prayers have all played a vital role. We look forward to welcoming Fr Alex and his family to St. Margaret's.**

The Bishop of Leeds is pleased to announce that The Revd Alex Crawford, currently Assistant Curate at St Helen Low Fell and the parish of Bensham and Teams (St Chad's Church) in the Diocese of Durham, has been appointed as Incumbent of St Margaret's Ilkley in the Bradford Episcopal Area.

The date of the licensing will be announced in due course.

Prior to ordination, Fr Alex read Theology at University College, Durham, and worked at Durham Cathedral for four years as the Liturgical Assistant. He trained for ordained ministry at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield, before serving his title at two churches in Gateshead.

Fr Alex is married to Natalie, and they have five children who are very excited to meet everyone: Joscelyn (8), Evelyn (6), Madeleine (4), George (2), and Amelia (5 months).

Fr Alex says: "I am humbled and delighted to have been called to serve your wonderful parish at St Margaret's. From the moment I saw the parish brochure, I felt that this is where I needed to be. I am incredibly grateful that the Holy Spirit and the interview panel both felt likewise! Natalie and I are looking forward to making a return to West Yorkshire, and getting to know the parish and community really well. You are all in my prayers as we await the move."

### **Let Us Pray**

God our Father,  
Lord of all the world,  
through your Son you have called us  
into the fellowship of your universal Church:  
hear our prayer for your faithful people  
that in their vocation and ministry  
each may be an instrument of your love,  
and give to your servant *Fr Alex Crawford*,  
soon to be licensed,  
the needful gifts of grace;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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### **Letter from Fr Bernard** **Do You Believe in Angels?**

In a recent Gallup poll 72% of Americans said they believed in angels. While in Britain the figure was only 32%. We at St. Margaret's must find it hard not to believe in angels seeing that we have 87 angels in the church, and one outside the Parish Hall. They are carved in wood and stone, but most appear in the windows, particularly in our great east and west windows.

The philosopher and theologian, Thomas Aquinas (1225-74), wrote "The entire corporeal world is governed by God through the angels. They are combined with the physical creation to form one total world."

So they are not just fancy decoration, but they remind us of two important truths. Firstly, that our own death is not the end of our existence. When we die, we go to a place which Jesus has prepared for us, see John 14, 1-6. Whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life. John 3. 16.

Secondly, that the angels play important roles in the life of heaven. They are not human beings who have been promoted or "given their wings". They are a distinct part of the creation, and one important part they play, is by being God's messengers. They don't always appear in angelic dress like the Angel Gabriel's visit to Mary. But often they come in the form of ordinary people. There are many instances of this in the Bible. Next week I will tell you of my experience of an angelic message given through a person I met for only a few minutes.

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## Our Hymn

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord: [Refrain]

O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]

*Athelstan Riley 1858-1945*

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**First Reading:** 2. Corinthians 4. 13 – 5.1

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 3. 20-end

The Order of Service is [here](#)

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## In our Prayers

### Years' Mind

<b>Sunday</b>	Louise Cornwall Jones, George Caton
<b>Monday</b>	Audrey Darley
<b>Tuesday</b>	Audrey Jackson; Olive Skelton
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dora Walker, Jack Partridge
<b>Thursday</b>	Neville Holderness
<b>Friday</b>	Harry Gooch, Alice Proud
<b>Saturday</b>	Sybil Blankley

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

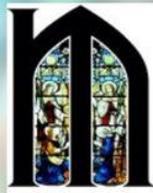
Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

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## 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](mailto: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 (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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**ST. MARGARET'S  
ILKLEY**

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

**Sunday 6th June**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**9.15am Family Service**

Homily: Ms Catherine Gibson

**10.45am Mass in Church**

Celebrant: The Ven Mike Edson

**Sunday 13th June**

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**9.15am Family Service**

Homily: Catherine Beaumont

**10.45am Mass in Church**

Celebrant: Fr Kevin Barnard

**Booking is essential to [stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com).**

**Face masks must be worn in church**

### **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.

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### **Church Opening Hours**

**St Margaret's is open from 9.30am - 4.00pm daily for private prayer and reflection (except Sunday mornings) - you are welcome to visit church at a time that suits you.**

We ask you to continue to observe covid safe practices when you enter church. Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please also sign in on the sheet provided and 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.

The church will be kept as quiet a space as possible. However, please be aware that, as activity resumes a more normal pattern, our caretaker, Alan, may need to carry out cleaning or maintenance duties from time to time. 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.

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### **Morning Prayer on Zoom**

#### **Wednesday, June 9th**

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

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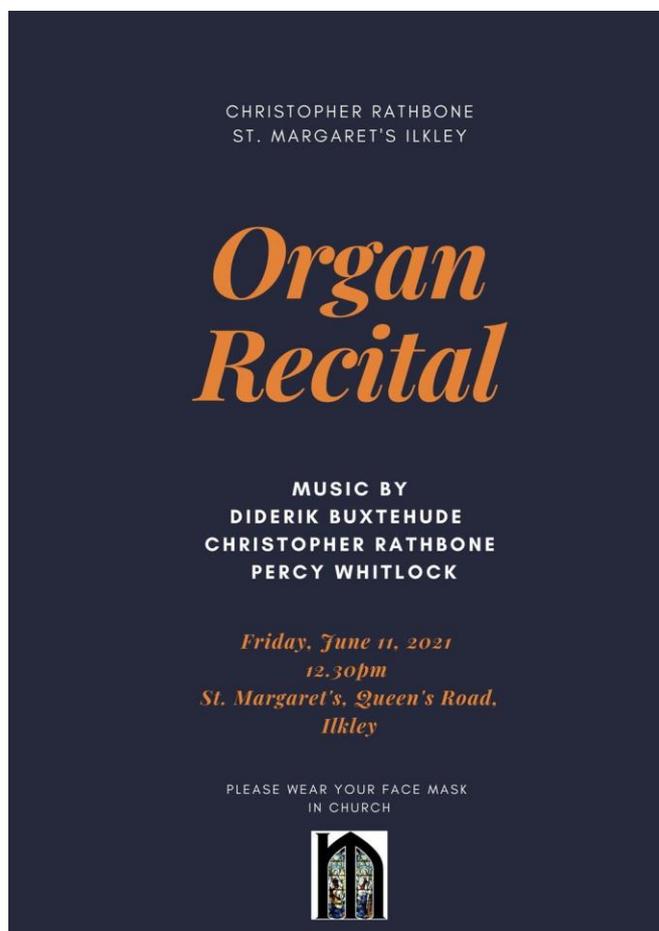
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**Organ Recital**  
**Friday, June 11th at 12.30pm**

Our organ recital series resumes on Friday, June 11th. There is no need to book in advance but you will need to sign in on the day for Track & Trace purposes.

We look forward to welcoming back many of our former loyal audience, and perhaps some new faces who would enjoy half an hour of beautiful music for the 'King of Instruments'. The first recital has a varied programme of music which is all based on hymn-tunes – after all, many of us have been dying to sing a few hymns during the long pandemic months!

Diderik **Buxtehude**, one of Bach's most important predecessors, and probably the Great Dane among composers, wrote a few extended fantasias based on Chorales (hymns) which were important to him: this one, Nun freut euch, is a jubilant hymn by Martin Luther, set to a tune probably also by Luther (it's called 'Luther's Tune' in the New English Hymnal). Buxtehude manages to sustain a wonderfully inventive sequence of variants which lasts nearly 15 minutes.

I shall follow this with a set of seven short hymn-tune preludes that I wrote in January (you've got to do something in lockdown, with no services to plan and direct, no recitals to rehearse...) based on familiar hymns for the season, including Repton (Dear Lord and Father), Just as I am, Schmücke dich (Deck thyself, my soul), and Crúger (Hail to the Lord's anointed) – this is a mini-Toccata!

To finish I shall play a masterpiece by Percy **Whitlock**, who died of Tuberculosis at the tender age of 43 in 1946. His last published work was a set of 6 Hymn-tune preludes, and no 3 is an exciting piece based on Deo gracias, a hymn-tune based on the 15<sup>th</sup> century Agincourt Song (Our King went forth to Normandy.) It is commonly sung nowadays to 'Forth in the peace of Christ we go (NEH 361.). *Christopher Rathbone*.