

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

PEW SHEET Sunday, December 12th 2021 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00 am Low Mass

Homily: Fr Alex

9.15 am Family Mass

Homily: Fr Alex

10.45 am Sung Mass

Homily: The Revd Isobel Rathbone

6.30 pm Choral Evensong

Homily: Fr Alex

The Mothers' Union Christmas Stall and raffle takes place in the Parish Hall following the Family Mass and Sung Mass.

The winter edition of the Parish Magazine is available today at the back of church for £2.00. If you would like a copy please drop your payment of £2.00 into the safe.

9 The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; *
he upholds the | orphan · and | widow;
but the way of the | wicked · he | turns up-side | down.
10 The Lord shall | reign for | ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all gener-| ations. * Al-| le-lu-| ia.

Gospel Acclamation

'Gaudete in Domino'

Sing and rejoice with me,

For the Lord is near at hand!

Sing of his blessings,

Give him thanks in word and deed

Alleluia

Gospel Reading Luke 3. 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.' And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.' As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Homily *The Revd Isobel Rathbone*

Offertory Hymn 9

Communion Anthem *Anon (attrib Redford): Rejoice in the Lord alway*

Communion Hymn 409

Post Communion Prayer We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 15

Organ Postlude John Stanley: Voluntary no 16

Do please join us in the Parish Hall after the service for refreshments.

In our Prayers

It is with sadness that we write that David Glover, who along with his late wife Patsy was a long-standing member of St Margaret's congregation, sadly died earlier in the week. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

Departed David Glover

Years' Mind

Sunday Duncan MacKinley, Helen Priestman, James Ingham
Monday Alwyne Wormald
Tuesday Dennis Hardisty, Harold Cockcroft, Angela Halton
Friday Elsie Lawson, Pamela Flanders
Saturday Leslie Hayes (Pr), Lilian Waterhouse, Hilda Bennett

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Anna-Karin, Christine Atkinson, Thomas Harrison, Jenny Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Anna Lickley, Charlotte Lockhart, David Scottow, Peter Waterhouse.

Please contact Fr Alex or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

6.30 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 500, 499, Advent Prose
Psalm 50. 1 – 6; 62
Setting Batten 4th Service
Anthem Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord
Readings Isaiah chapter 35 Luke 1. 57 - 66
Homily Fr Alex
Organ Postlude Stanford: Postlude on Song 22 (Preludes and postludes vol 2)

THIS WEEK

Services This Week

Morning Prayer: Tuesday to Friday at 7.45 am

Evening Prayer: Tuesday to Friday at 5.15 pm

Midweek Mass on Tuesday: at 6.15 pm

Midweek Mass on Thursday: at 11.00 am followed by coffee
and social time in the Parish Hall

Monday, December 13th: On Monday morning a rehearsal takes place in church for Ilkley Grammar School's Christmas Carol Service for students and their families. The service takes place at 6.30 pm. Christopher Rathbone accompanies on the organ.

Friday, December 17th: Fr Alex leads the end of term service with carols in Sacred Heart Primary School.

Also on Friday, **Cant and Dec** rehearse at 6.15 pm, **SMS** rehearse at 7.00 pm. There is no Social Time but there will be a short break at 7.15 pm – 7.30 pm. The **church choir** and **choral scholars** rehearse together at 7.45pm – 9.00 pm.

Carol Singing on The Grove

Saturday, December 18th: Members of the choir will be carol singing on The Grove at 10.30 am. Singers – please arrive by 10.20 am. If you would like to take part please get in touch with Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com Please come along to support them.

NEXT SUNDAY

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8.00 am Low Mass

Homily: Fr Alex

9.15 am Family Service

Homily: Catherine Beaumont

10.45 am Sung Mass

Homily: Fr Bernard

6.30 pm Festival of Lessons and Carols

Fr Bernard's 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood falls on Sunday, December 19th. He will be preaching at the Sung Mass. You are all invited to share in wine and nibbles in the Parish Hall following the service.

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FRIDAY: CHRISTMAS EVE

CRIB SERVICE at 4.00 pm

Booking essential. Book your ticket at
bit.ly/ilkleycrib

MIDNIGHT MASS at 10.30 pm

SATURDAY: CHRISTMAS DAY

PARISH MASS at 10.00 am

This Christmas Morning Service lasts around an hour
and is suitable for the whole family.

DIARY DATES

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER

ST STEPHEN

Low Mass at 8.00 am

Parish Mass at 10.00 am

MONDAY 27 DECEMBER

ST JOHN

Morning Prayer at 8.30 am

Low Mass at 9.00 am

TUESDAY 28 DECEMBER

HOLY INNOCENTS

Morning Prayer at 8.30 am

Low Mass at 9.00 am

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

Low Mass at 8.00 am

Parish Mass at 10.00 am

There is no family service at 9.15 am or Sung Mass at 10.45 am on Sunday, January 2nd

THURSDAY 6 JANUARY

EPIPHANY

Sung Mass for the Epiphany at 7.30 pm

*Sung Mass will include the tradition of the Blessing of the Chalk,
and we will pray God's blessing on our church.*

*Chalk will be available to take home, with a little card
for inscribing the blessing on the doors of your homes.*

Friday, January 7th: Playtime takes place in the Parish Hall at 9.30 am

Organ Recital

Friday, January 7th at 12.30 pm

A few months ago I performed the first two movements of Percy Whitlock's massive and glorious sonata. This time, we shall hear a cheeky, very attractive Scherzetto, followed by the grand, very expansive and ultimately very moving finale, merely headed 'Choral' (the German spelling of Chorale, or hymn). After various episodes which continue to develop various themes including some introduced in the first movement, it culminates in a fabulous passage, the apotheosis of one of the principal themes, rather in the manner of Rachmaninov, but uniquely Whitlockian! We also mark the centenary of Saint-Saens's death in late December 1921 with a late Fantaisie in C written in 1919. Christopher

Worldwide Wave of Prayer

Saturday, January 8th: St Margaret's Mothers' Union members will be taking part in the Worldwide Wave of Prayer on Saturday, January 8th when we invite members of All Saints' branch to join us in church at 10.00 am to pray for our link dioceses overseas.

NOTICES

Covid-19 restrictions

In line with the new Covid-19 restrictions (which includes the wearing of masks now being made mandatory in places of worship) we ask that everyone coming to the church and hall please keep a mask on (unless exempt), except when sitting with tea/coffee in the hall following services. We have decided to continue serving refreshments for now, and it is completely up to you whether you choose to attend. Please do wear a mask when moving between the church and the hall. Thank you very much for your understanding. If you have any concerns, please speak to the Vicar, or to the Wardens. We will continue to monitor the guidance and make changes to our routine as necessary.

Emergency Appeal Update

Following our emergency appeal we have, so far, raised over £9,000 including gift aid. A number of people have kindly increased their regular giving and we will soon be able to update on the contribution these gifts will make to our income. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and engagement with the appeal which we will keep running until the end of the year. If you feel able to make a donation and have not yet done so any gift is gratefully received. *Please fill out a Gift Aid envelope and give it to one of the wardens, even if you are contributing electronically, so we can significantly increase the value of your donation at no cost to you. Thank you.*

St Margaret's Parochial Church Council: Sort code: 20-11-81 Account number: 40101516

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £108.50 for the Music Fund.

Do you want to understand the Bible?

Help is at hand – if you join *Bible Reading Notes* (published by *Bible Reading Fellowship Notes*). Take a look at the sample copy at the back of church. The cost is £15 for a whole year of notes starting in May next year. Just put a cheque or cash in an envelope and give it to Betty Gribbin or Fr Bernard by January 9th. Present subscribers – please make your payment by January 9th.

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