ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER
Advent I

8.00 am – Low Mass
Fr Alex

9.15 am – Godly Play

10.45 am – Sung Mass
Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Advent Procession

IN OUR PRAYERS

Colin Banyard, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Anne Clarke, Roy Clarke, Margaret Cooke, Joyce Cross, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Philip Rowbottom, Edward Stretton, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED John Adriaanse, Pamela Banks

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Joan Kitching, John Peter Isles
Monday	Edwin Newbould, Margaret Newton
Tuesday	Anne Rhodes
Wednesday	Ann Babidge, Arthur Brown
Thursday	Herbert Charles Phillips, Nancy White, Barbara France, Peggy Butterfield
Friday	Gladys Baker, Arthur Hewitt, Marion Twigg, Marjorie Anson, Brian Whittam
Saturday	Dorothy Beanlands, Leonard Hardaker (pr), David Chary

Please continue to pray for the people of Sudan, whose Church is linked with our Diocese of Leeds

8.00 am and 10.45 am – MASS TODAY

SETTING *William Byrd in Four Parts*

LITANY IN PROCESSION *(printed from page 17 of the order of Mass booklet)*

COLLECT
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING Jeremiah 33. 14-16
A reading from the prophecy of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

8.00 am: PSALM 25. 1 – 9 *(printed in the back of the black Common Worship book)*

10.45 am: HYMN 14 *The advent of our God*

1. The advent of our God
   With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon the road
   His glorious gift to meet.

2. The everlasting Son
   Scorns not the Virgin's womb;
That we from bondage may be won
   He bears a bondsman's doom.

3. Daughter of Sion, rise
   To meet thy lowly King;
Let not thy stubborn heart despise
   The peace he comes to bring.

4. On clouds of dazzling light,
   As Judge he comes again,
His scattered people to unite,
   With him in heaven to reign.

5. Let evil flee away,
   Ere that great hour shall dawn,
Let this old Adam day by day
   The new Man all put on.

6. Praise to the incarnate Son,
   Who comes to set us free,
With Father and with Spirit One,
   To all eternity. Amen.

ACCLAMATION
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

GOSPEL READING Luke 21. 25 – 36
Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

HYMN (tune 492) *Now from the heavens descending*

1. Now from the heavens descending
Is seen a glorious light,
The bride of Christ in splendour,
Arrayed in purest white.
She is the holy city,
Whose radiance is the grace
Of all the saints in glory,
From every time and place.

2. This is the hour of gladness
For bridegroom and for bride.
The Lamb's great feast is ready,
His bride is at his side.
How blest are those invited
To share his wedding-feast:
The least become the greatest,
The greatest are the least.

3. He who is throned in heaven
Takes up his dwelling-place
Among his chosen people,
Who see him face to face.
No sound is heard of weeping,
For pain and sorrow cease,
And sin shall reign no longer,
But love and joy and peace.

4. See how a new creation
Is brought at last to birth,
A new and glorious heaven,
A new and glorious earth.
Death's power for ever broken,
Its empire swept away,
The promised dawn of glory
Begin its endless day. *(James Quinn SJ)*

MOTET *William Byrd: Ave verum corpus*

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who suffered for our redemption on the cross, and from whose wounded side there poured out blood: be our salvation in the crisis of death. O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen. (Pope Innocent VI)

HYMN 295 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most high!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 15 *The Lord will come and not be slow*

1. The Lord will come and not be slow,
His footsteps cannot err;
Before him righteousness shall go,
His royal harbinger.

2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
Shall bud and blossom then;
And justice from her heavenly bower,
Look down on mortal men.

3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
This wicked earth redress;
For thou art he who shalt by right
The nations all possess.

4. The nations all whom thou hast made
Shall come, and all shall frame
To bow them low before thee, Lord,
And glorify thy name.

5. For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone.

ORGAN *Johann Sebastian Bach: Nun komm der heiden Heiland (BWV 661)*

CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer in church, Monday to Friday, at 9.00 am. All welcome.

Tuesday 3	6.00 pm	Rorate Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 5	11.00 am	Low Mass *with social time*	Fr Alex
	4.00 pm	Tree decorating in church	
Friday 6	9.30 am	Playtime	
	10.00 am	Christmas Tree Festival (til 6.00 pm)	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 7	10.00 am	Christmas Tree Festival (til 5.00 pm)	
Sunday 8	**8.00 am**	**Low Mass**	Fr Alex
Advent II	**9.15 am**	**Family Service**	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	**Sung Mass**	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	**Choral Evensong**	Homily: Revd Isobel
Monday 9	6.30 pm	Ilkley Grammar School Christmas Concert	
Tuesday 10	6.00 pm	Rorate Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 12	11.00 am	Low Mass *with social time*	Fr Alex
Friday 13	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Organ recital	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 14	5.30 pm	Ilkley Choral Society Concert	
Sunday 15	**8.00 am**	**Low Mass**	Fr Kenneth
Advent III	**9.15 am**	**Family Service**	Fr Alex (H: Catherine B)
	10.45 am	**Sung Mass**	Fr Kenneth
	6.30 pm	**Choral Evensong**	Fr Alex

CHURCH NOTICES

Stewardship Renewal

Thank you to those of you who have already responded to our stewardship renewal. I would be grateful if forms could be returned to me with updated contact details and, where requested, Gift Aid declarations as soon as possible. If there is anything you are unsure of, please give me a call or drop me an email. Thank you. Alison Stretton (01943 430024 / astretton1@virginmedia.com)

Weekly Envelopes for 2025

Boxes of weekly envelopes for 2025 are now available to pick up from the back of church. If you have any queries or would like to move to standing order, please contact our Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton.

Candlelit Masses

Tuesdays in Advent, 6.00 pm

Masses on Tuesday evenings in Advent are slightly different, loosely based on the 'Rorate' Mass tradition (so named after the first word of the Advent Prose, 'Rorate caeli' ('Drop down, you heavens')). Mass will be celebrated by candlelight and each week we hear a reading of the Incarnation, tracing Mary's journey from the Annunciation to the birth in Bethlehem. All welcome.

Christmas Service Dates

Sunday 22, 9.15 am – Christingle Service. **Sunday 22, 6.30 pm** – Service of Lessons and Carols. **Christmas Eve, 3.00 pm** – Crib Service. **Christmas Eve, 10.00 pm** – 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass. **Christmas Day, 10.00 am** – Mass of Christmas Day.

Christmas Tree Festival volunteers needed – volunteers still needed!

Friday 6 and Saturday 7 December

Our Christmas tree festival was a huge success last year with 30 Christmas trees imaginatively decorated by local community groups and musical entertainment throughout the days. The time has come for us all to pitch in together again to make this year's festival even better. We need stewards, welcomers, refreshment makers and servers. The lists to sign up and offer your help are at the back of the church this morning. The days have been divided into time slots so you can choose the best time or stay all day! The atmosphere is great so please be sure to offer your help.

Refreshments Stall

Helpers are needed for the refreshment stall to sell our cakes and make tea and coffee at the back of church for visitors—last year the café raised almost £1,500 and we welcomed around 2,000 visitors.

Each day is divided into 4 x 2 hour slots starting at 10.00 am. We shall need around 3 people to fill each slot. We will also be helped by students from IGS on Saturday.

We are solely responsible for the refreshments, with a little help from our local supermarkets. I would be very grateful to anyone who could make a tray bake, cake, scones, cookies or buns for our refreshment stall. Please do sign up to join us, either as baker or helper on the day. I will have room in my freezer for anyone who will need a cake freezing. Please contact me at bbcsmith@talk21.com or speak to me in church. Thank you in anticipation, Judith.

Organ Recital
Friday 13 December, 12.30 pm
Part of Ilkley Arts Festival

At the next organ recital on Friday 13 December at 12.30 pm, I shall play a colourful set of 8 pictorial pieces for Christmas, alternating with variations on the plainsong Advent Antiphons. The Scenes and Antiphons op 80 are half an hour's music written by myself in 2000: it will set the scene for Christmas! Christopher.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Ilkley Choral Society with the Yorkshire Chamber Orchestra Concert
St Margaret's Church, Saturday 14 December, 5.30 pm

Celebrating their 75th anniversary, Ilkley Choral Society performs Handel's *Messiah* at St Margaret's Church under the leadership of Alex Kyle, Musical Director, and accompanied by the Yorkshire Chamber Orchestra. With Sarah Ingram (soprano), Camilla Seale, (alto), Edd Ingram (tenor) and Billy Kyle (bass). Organ and harpsichord played by Robert Sudall. Tickets are available from Grove Bookshop and www.ilkleymessiah.eventrbite.co.uk priced £20 (under 18s and students free).

GIVING

We rely on your generous donations to fund the work of our church, and to support the cost of ministry in the diocese. Please consider making a regular donation to St Margaret's. Thank you for your support.

REGULAR GIVING is via the Parish Giving Scheme: visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Ilkley St Margaret;' or by bank standing order. Please contact Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary: astretton1@virginmedia.com or on 01943 430024 for more details.

ONE-OFF DONATIONS can also be made via the Parish Giving Scheme online, the card reader by the entrance to the church, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your mobile phone. Cash donations can be put in the large safe opposite the welcomers' table. Please use Gift Aid where possible to allow us to increase the value of your gift at no cost to you. **THANK YOU.**

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