ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER
Advent II

8.00 am – Low Mass
Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass
Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass
Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong
Homily: Revd Isobel

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

Monday	John Stanley Gelder
Wednesday	Mary West, James Batemen, Bob Morgan
Thursday	Duncan Mackinley, Helen Priestman, James Ingham
Friday	Alwyne Wormald
Saturday	Dennis Hardisty, Harold Cockroft, Jennifer Darvill, Irene Whittaker

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 *Lassus: Missa Quand io pens*

HYMN 12 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings from the King of kings.

2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

4. Stretch forth thine hand to heal our sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING **Baruch 5. 1 – 9**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

8.00 am: CANTICLE Benedictus *(printed on page 797 of the black Common Worship book)*

10.45 am: GRADUAL 392 *Bless the Lord, the God of Israel*

1. Bless the Lord, the God of Israel,
   Who has come to set us free.
He has raised for us a Saviour
   Sprung from royal David's tree.
Through his prophets God had spoken
   Of the hope the Christ would bring;
Of his faithfulness and mercy
   Let each generation sing.

2. Long ago God made a promise
   He would set his people free,
That in all our life and worship
   We might know true liberty,
To be holy, to be righteous
   In his sight throughout our days;
Now this child will be a herald
   Making ready all God's ways.

3. Let all people know salvation
   Through forgiveness of their sin,
As our God in his compassion
   Bids a shining dawn begin.
So may all who dwell in darkness
   See the shadows disappear
While he guides our feet in pathways
   Where his peace is ever near.

(To the second half of the tune:)
To the Father be all glory
   With the Spirit and the Son,
As it was, is now and shall be
   While eternal ages run.

(*Words: Anne Harrison, based on Luke 1. 68 – 79; Music: Maurice Bevan)*

ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 3. 1 – 6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

HYMN (tune 219) *When the King shall come again*

1. When the King shall come again
All his power revealing,
Splendour shall announce his reign,
Life and joy and healing:
Earth no longer in decay,
Hope no more frustrated;
This is God's redemption-day
Longingly awaited.

2. In the desert trees take root
Fresh from his creation;
Plants and flowers and sweetest fruit
Join the celebration:
Rivers spring up from the earth,
Barren lands adorning;
Valleys, this is your new birth,
Mountains, greet the morning!

3. Strengthen feeble hands and knees,
Fainting hearts, be cheerful!
God who comes for such as these
Seeks and saves the fearful:
Deaf ears hear the silent tongues
Sing away their weeping;
Blind eyes see the lifeless ones
Walking, running, leaping.

4. There God's highway shall be seen
Where no roaring lion,
Nothing evil or unclean
Walks the road to Zion:
Ransomed people homeward bound,
All your praises voicing,
See your Lord with glory crowned,
Share in his rejoicing!

(Christopher Idle, based on Isaiah 35)

MOTET *Boris Ord: Adam lay y-bounden*

Adam lay y-bounden,
Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkes finden
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady
A-been heavené queen.

Blessed be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen,
Deo gracias! [Thanks be to God]

(Anonymous, 15th Century)

HYMN 500 *Thy kingdom come! on bended knee*

1. Thy kingdom come! on bended knee
The passing ages pray;
And faithful souls have yearned to see
On earth that kingdom's day.

2. But the slow watches of the night
Not less to God belong;
And for the everlasting right
The silent stars are strong.

3. And lo, already on the hills
The flags of dawn appear;
Gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,
Proclaim the day is near:

4. The day in whose clear-shining light
All wrong shall stand revealed,
When justice shall be throned in might,
And every hurt be healed;

5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,
Shall walk the earth abroad:
The day of perfect righteousness,
The promised day of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 3 (ii) *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.

ORGAN *Johann Sebastian Bach: Nun komm der heiden Heiland BWV 659*

CHURCH DIARY

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

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

Tuesday 17	6.00 pm	Rorate Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 19	11.00 am	Low Mass *with social time*	Fr Alex
Friday 20	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 21	10.30 am	Carol singing on the Grove	
Sunday 22	**8.00 am**	**Low Mass**	Fr Alex
Advent IV	**9.15 am**	**Christingle Service**	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	**Sung Mass**	Fr Alex (H: Catherine G)
	6.30 pm	**Service of Lessons and Carols**	Fr Alex

CHURCH NOTICES

Advent Procession – thank you

Many thanks to all who assisted in putting on our Advent Procession last Sunday, and especially to our wonderful musicians – it was a triumph!!

Cake Sale – thank you

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought and donated to our Mission Fund Cake Sale a couple of weeks ago. Together we raised £157.80. And thanks to Linda W for organising it.

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.

West Window

The cleaning of the west window has been completed and it looks absolutely wonderful. So much more detail of the beautiful figures can now be seen, even from floor level. If you're able to visit the church pages on Facebook and Instagram there are some high-quality photos there, and we'll print some off for display at the back of the church.

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.

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.

No Lunch Club in December

A reminder that there is no meeting of the Lunch Club on Thursday 19 December, owing to the busyness of the season. Thank you to all who have organised the lovely meals over the year, and all who have attended.

No Playtime on Friday 20 December

There is no Playtime on Friday 20 December. We look forward to returning on Friday 10 January.

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.

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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