



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 12 JANUARY The Baptism of Christ

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

** No evening service today **



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 Neil Clark

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Norman Mitchell Draper
Monday	Arthur Clyde Babidge
Tuesday	Kathleen Davison
Thursday	Jean Yates
Friday	Jane Gilbert, Violet Rabbetts
Saturday	Ben Eaton (pr)

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 *John Ireland in C*

HYMN 46 (tune 19 (ii)) *Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear?*

1. Why, impious Herod, shouldst thou fear
Because the Christ is come so near?
He who doth heavenly kingdoms grant
Thine earthly realm can never want.

2. Lo, sages from the East are gone
To where the star hath newly shone:
Led on by light to Light thy press,
And by their gifts their God confess.

3. The Lamb of God is manifest
Again in Jordan's water blest,
And he who sin had never known
By washing hath our sin undone.

4. Yet he that ruleth everything
Can change the nature of the spring,
And gives at Cana this for sign—
The water reddens into wine.

5. Then glory, Lord, to thee we pay
For thine Epiphany to-day;
All glory through eternity
To Father, Son, and Spirit be. Amen.

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READING **Isaiah 43. 1 – 7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

8.00 am: PSALM 29 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

10.45 am: GRADUAL (tune 84) *When Jesus comes to be baptized*

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| 1. When Jesus comes to be baptized,
He leaves the hidden years behind,
The years of safety and of peace,
To bear the sins of humankind. | 3. He will not quench the dying flame,
And what is bruised he will not break,
But heal the wound injustice dealt,
And out of death his triumph make. |
| 2. The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
Anoints the Christ to suffering,
To preach the word, to free the bound,
And to the mourner comfort bring. | 4. Our everlasting Father praise
With Christ, his well-belovèd Son,
Who with the Spirit reigns serene,
Eternal Trinity in One. |

(Community of Stanbrook Abbey)

ACCLAMATION

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

GOSPEL READING **Luke 3. 15 – 17, 21, 22**

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. 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.'

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

HYMN 55 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed!*

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| 1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed!
Great David's greater Son;
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free;
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity. | 2. He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in his sight. |
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3. He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in his path to birth:
Before him on the mountains
Shall peace his herald go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.

4. Kings shall fall down before him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore him,
His praise all people sing;
To him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

5. O'er every foe victorious,
He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious,
All-blessing and all-blest:
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever;
That name to us is Love.

MOTET *Grayston Ives: Listen, sweet Dove*

Listen, sweet Dove, unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing, and fly away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow,
That th'earth did like a heav'n appear;
The stars were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages, and serve here.

The sun which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head, and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve suns for one
Going about the world, and giving light.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same;
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day, for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

(George Herbert, from The Temple 1633)

HYMN 58 *The sinless one to Jordan came*

1. The sinless one to Jordan came
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled
And chose the path his Father willed.

2. Uprising from the waters there,
The voice from heaven did witness bear
That he, the Son of God, had come
To lead his scattered people home.

3. Above him see the heavenly Dove,
The sign of God the Father's love,
Now by the Holy Spirit shed
Upon the Son's anointed head.

4. How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people's foes.

5. Dear Lord, let those baptized from sin
Go forth with you, a world to win,
And send the Holy Spirit's power
To shield them in temptation's hour.

6. On you shall all your people feed
And know you are the Bread indeed,
Who gives eternal life to those
That with you died, and with you rose.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the heavenly work of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN (tune 310) *When Jesus came to Jordan*

1. When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.

2. He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

(Fred Pratt Green)

ORGAN *Flor Peeters: O Jesus süß*

Epiphany Carol Service – postponed

Sunday 19 January, 6.30 pm

Owing to the very poor condition of the paths around church (at the time of printing) we are postponing the Epiphany Carol Service to Sunday 19 January at 6.30 pm. Please join us for this lovely service if you can.

CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 14	11.00 am	Funeral of Neil Clark	Fr Alex
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 15	4.00 pm	Communion at Abbeydale	
Thursday 16	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 17	9.30 am	Playtime	
	1.00 pm	Safeguarding meeting	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 19 <i>Epiphany II</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	9.15 am	Family Service	H: Catherine Beaumont
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	<u>Epiphany Carol Service</u>	Fr Alex
Tuesday 21	2.00 pm	Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 23	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	7.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting	
Friday 24	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 26 <i>Epiphany III</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	9.15 am	Family Service	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	H: Catherine Gibson
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	H: Revd Isobel

CHURCH NOTICES

Epiphany House Blessing

Blessed chalk and a blessing card will be available in church for the next few weeks, and all are welcome to take some and inscribe the traditional Epiphany blessing at the door to your homes, if you wish.

Care Home Communions

Fr Alex and Catherine Gibson will celebrate communion at our local care homes, Abbeydale (Wednesday 15 January, 4.00 pm) and Straven House (Thursday 21 January, 2.00 pm) each month. Look out for forthcoming dates on the church diary. All are very welcome to join us.

Organ Recital

Thank you to everyone who attended the organ recital in December which raised £110.25 for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Bible Reading Notes

I shall be ordering Bible notes for May 2025 to April 2026 at the end of January. There is a sample copy at the back of church. If you would like to place an order, please contact Betty Gribbin. The cost will be £15.80 for the year payable by Sunday 26 January. Please make your payment by cash (in a named envelope) when placing your order. *Betty G.*

Lunch Club – postponed until February

This week's ice and snow has unfortunately held up preparations for January's lunch club. We have therefore decided to reconvene lunch club on Thursday 20 February when hopefully the weather will be a little more Spring-like. We look forward to seeing you then.

Organ Recital

Friday 7 February, 12.30 pm

The organ recital on Friday 7 February at 12.30 pm is one of my occasional Bach programmes. The little-known Toccata in E gives way to the beautiful Pastorale; the Fugue on a theme of Corelli precedes the great Prelude and fugue in C major BWV 547, one of Bach's finest.

The April recital (April 4th) will be a request programme. This is your chance to suggest your favourite organ piece(s). If you'd like to offer a suggestion for the April programme, please let me know before the end of February (email rathbone.cb@gmail.com or text 07534 095386). *Christopher.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Burns Night at St John's Church Hall, Ben Rhydding

Saturday 25 January, 7.00 pm

A social evening in aid of the church's roof appeal, to appreciate all things Scottish: landscapes, music, singing, dancing, humour, and, of course, Scotland's famous bard. A bar and light refreshments will be available. Dress code: tartan if you have it! Tickets: £10 at Eventbrite 'Burns Night Tickets' or contact: fundraising@benrhydding.org.uk

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.

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