



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 26 JANUARY Epiphany III

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Service

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex (Homily: Catherine Gibson)

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

Fr Alex (Homily: Revd Isobel Rathbone)



IN OUR PRAYERS

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

DEPARTED Christopher Smith (pr)

YEARS' MIND

Sunday Grace Garlick, Doris Hughff, Richard Harry White, Jean Gadsden, Val Hudson

Monday Harold Bird, Arthur Douglas Roberts, Basil Rooks

Tuesday Helen Thomas

Wednesday Mary Coultous

Friday Olive Klepper

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 *Christopher Rathbone: Missa Sancta Margarita*

HYMN (tune 101 (ii)) *Awake, awake: fling off the night!*

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| 1. Awake, awake: fling off the night!
For God has sent his glorious light;
And we who live in Christ's new day
Must work of darkness put away. | 3. Let in the light: all sin expose
To Christ, whose life no darkness knows.
Before his cross for guidance kneel;
His light will judge and, judging, heal. |
| 2. Awake and rise, with love renewed,
And with the Spirit's power endued.
The light of life in us must glow,
And fruits of truth and goodness show. | 4. Awake, and rise up from the dead,
And Christ his light on you will shed.
Its power will wrong desires destroy,
And your whole nature fill with joy. |
5. Then sing for joy, and use each day;
Give thanks for everything alway.
Lift up your hearts; with one accord
Praise God through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(John Raphael Peacey)*

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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 **Nehemiah 8. 1 – 3, 5, 6, 8 – 10**

A reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

8.00 am: PSALM 19 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

10.45 am: GRADUAL (tune 357) *Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking*

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| 1. Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
As the gospel words unfold;
We, in all our agelong seeking,
Find no firmer truth to hold. | 3. Word of God's forgiveness granted
To the wild or guilty soul,
Word of love that works undaunted,
Changes, heals, and makes us whole. |
| 2. Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
Heard by simple folk and wise,
Word of freedom, word of duty,
Word of life beyond our eyes. | 4. Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
As we hear, the sower sows;
May our hearts, your word receiving,
Be the good ground where it grows. |

(Howard Charles Adie Gaunt)

ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING Luke 4. 14 – 21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

HYMN 50 *From the eastern mountains*

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| 1. From the eastern mountains
Pressing on they come,
Wise men in their wisdom,
To his humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion,
Hasting from afar,
Every journeying onward,
Guided by a star. | 2. There their Lord and Saviour
As an infant lay,
Wondrous light that led them
Onward on their way,
Ever now to lighten
Nations from afar,
As they journey homeward
By that guiding star. |
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3. Thou who in a manger
Once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory
O'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the peoples,
Who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness
Of thy guiding star.

4. Gather in the outcasts,
All who've gone astray,
Throw thy radiance o'er them,
Guide them on their way;
Those who never knew thee,
Those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness
Of thy guiding star.

5. Onward through the darkness
Of the lonely night,
Shining still before them
With thy kindly light,
Guide them, Jew and Gentile,
Homeward from afar,
Young and old together,
By thy guiding star.

6. Until every nation,
Whether bond or free,
'Neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follows thee,
O'er the distant mountains
To that heavenly home
Where no sin nor sorrow
Evermore shall come.

MOTET *Franz Joseph Haydn: The heavens are telling*

The heavens are telling the glory of God; the wonder of his work displays the firmament.

Today that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night.

In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

(from Psalm 19)

HYMN 57 *The race that long in darkness pined*

1. The race that long in darkness pined
Have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.

2. To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gathering nations come,
Joyous as when the reapers bear
The harvest-treasures home.

3. To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is given;
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heaven.

4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adored;
The Wonderful, the Counsellor,
The great and mighty Lord.

5. His power increasing still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know:
Justice shall guard his throne above,
And peace abound below.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

HYMN (tune 476) *The kingdom of God is justice and joy*

The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

(Bryan Rees)

ORGAN *Johann Sebastian Bach: Schmücke dich (Deck thyself, my soul...)*

CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 28	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 30	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Kenneth
Friday 31	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
FEBRUARY			
Saturday 1	6.30 pm	Plainchant Mass	Fr Alex
Sunday 2	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Candlemas</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play	Catherine Gibson
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong and Benediction	
Tuesday 4	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 6	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex

Friday 7	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 9	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>IV before Lent</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	(H: Fr Kenneth)

CHURCH NOTICES

Organ Recital

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £136.25 for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Bible Reading Notes – last orders today!

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 today. Please make your payment by cash (in a named envelope) when placing your order. *Betty G.*

Plainchant Mass

Saturday 1 February, 6.30 pm

All are welcome to join us for the next Plainchant Mass, a Vigil Mass of Candlemas. You don't need to be able to sing the chant to be part of this beautiful service, but if you would like to listen to the chant at home, you can find it here: https://youtu.be/laE_BmNU9H0

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.*

Evensong and Benediction on Sunday 2 February

Evensong will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 2 February, the Feast of Candlemas. Our choir will also be joined by local singers who travelled with them to Erfurt last year. Do join us if you can.

Heartfelt Cake Sale

Sunday 9 February

St Margaret's Mission Fund Cake Sale takes place on Sunday 9 February after the Family Mass and Sung Mass. All cakes welcome. Please bring cakes to the Parish Hall from 8.30 am on the day of the sale or ring Linda Whittaker on 601144.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Bradford UK City of Culture Concert

Saturday 29 March, at St George's Hall, Bradford

Celebrate Bradford's diversity as UK City of Culture 2025 at a concert featuring the Bradford Catholic Youth Choir and Bradford Festival Choral Society and Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra: Reena Esmail's 'This Love Between Us' and Carl Orff's 'Carmina Burana.' Performing at St George's Hall, Bradford.

Book tickets at: <https://www.bradford-theatres.co.uk/whats-on/yorkshire-symphony-orchestra-bfd-festival-choral-society>

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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