



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 20 APRIL

Easter Day

8.00 am – Low Mass (p 4)

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

**6.30 pm – Choral Evensong and
Benediction (p 6)**



*Flowers today have been given by Arnold and Sheila Mahon
remembering George William Pawson and Elsie Mahon*

IN OUR PRAYERS

Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Teresa Cannell, Anne and Francis Clarke, Roy Clarke, Margaret Cooke, Joyce Cross, Betty Gribbin, Ramone Guha, Leonie Marshall, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Johnny Ratcliffe, Philip Rowbottom, Robin Shaw, Edward Stretton, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Bill Syrratt, Shirley Thompson, Pope Francis

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Hilda Chamberlen, Ted Striven, David Webb (pr)
Monday	Howard Powell, Albert South, Annie South
Wednesday	John Quigley (pr)
Thursday	Arthur Sandford, Alastair Veitch
Friday	Doris Ellwood, Edward Kemp, William Yates, Jean King
Saturday	Eileen Armstrong, Norbert Higgins

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

CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer, every Monday through Friday, 9.00 am—all welcome

Monday 21		(No Morning Prayer today)	
Tuesday 22	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 24	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 25	9.30 am	Playtime	
Sunday 27	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter II</i>	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
Tuesday 29	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
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Thursday 1	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 2	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	6.30 pm	Junior Choir	
	7.45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday 3	6.30 pm	Plainchant Mass	Fr Alex
Sunday 4	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter III</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play	Catherine Gibson
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	3.00 pm	Service at Abbeyfield	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex

NOTICES

Annual Parish Meeting and Vacancies

Sunday 11 May, after the 10.45 am Sung Mass

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday 11 May, immediately after our usual (but slightly shortened) 10.45 am Sung Mass. Please do come along – the meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the church’s activities over the last year, and all that makes up our shared life here. There are also some important elections that need to take place. There is one vacancy on the Parochial Church Council (PCC). If you would like to consider being a member of the PCC, please have a conversation with the Churchwardens or Fr Alex. Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2024, including the usual reports and more information about life at St Margaret’s, are available from the back of church.

Conservation work in church

We have been undertaking cleaning and conservation work on some of our precious furnishings in church. So far all the stained glass windows (save the east window) have been professionally cleaned, as have the stations of the cross, the font and pulpit, and the statue of Our Lady (which has undergone an amazing transformation!) This has been paid for out of the fire damage fund. Do take some time to admire again our beautiful art work. There is still more to be done, including the lady chapel reredos and the high altar paintings.

Organ Recital

Friday 2 May, 12.30 pm

The recital on Friday 2 May is a selection of pieces requested by members of our regular organ recital audience. Composers include Buxtehude from the 17th century, Bach from the 18th, the Choral Song (and Fugue) by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (first organist of the rebuilt Leeds Parish Church in 1841) from the 19th century, and Cocker's Tuba Tune, Vierne's Berceuse and Dupré's Fugue in G minor from the 20th – nothing from the 21st century, I'm afraid! *Christopher*.

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £110.63 for the Organ Restoration Fund.

Lunch Club – Thursday 8 May

Please note there will be no Lunch Club in April. Our next lunch is on Thursday 8 May.

Two Retreats at Parcevall Hall

The Book of Nature Retreat

Friday 10 May, 4.00 pm to Sunday 12 May, 3.00 pm

Led by Revd Debby Plummer, this retreat focuses on thanksgiving for God's creation, inspired by Franciscan spirituality. In the midst of pressing concerns about environmental catastrophe, there will be time to seek peace and hope in nature and faith. Debby, a Third Order Franciscan and retreat leader, will lead sessions of reflection and prayer focusing on creation, destruction, and restoration. On Sunday, there will be a Eucharist with a creation inspired liturgy. Cost: £225.

Retreat for Extroverts

Thursday 15 May, 4.00 pm to Friday 16 May, 3.00 pm

Led by Revd Matt Woodcock, extrovert priest and contributor to Pause for Thought on Radio 2, this 24 hour retreat is designed for people who find restoration and renewal in the company of others, and who think a retreat would surely be too quiet. There will be short quiet times, but also lots of time for discussion, bible study and activity. The retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and inspiration. Cost: £99

For more information go to <https://www.parcevallhall.org.uk/> and for booking, email admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

'The Trumpets shall Sound' – Concert by Ille Litui Olicanae

Saturday 7 June, 7.00 pm (at St Margaret's)

The largest gathering of Trumpets possibly ever, in Ilkley! A great selection of music written for groups of up to 8 trumpets will be performed, with music for voice, organ and timpani. Profits will be donated to St Margaret's. Music written for eight trumpets is comparatively rare, and as a result, concerts for eight trumpets are rare, too! A concert like this has not been seen in Ilkley for over 15 years, and possibly a lot longer. Tickets: adults £12, concessions £8.00, from www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'trumpets Ilkley') and available on the door. See Geoff Cloke for more details.

8.00 am – LOW MASS

READING Acts 10. 34 – 43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to the Gentiles: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

PSALM 118. 1 – 2, 14 – 24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim,

'His mercy endures for ever.'

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

Joyful shouts of salvation

sound from the tents of the righteous:

'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds; the right hand of the Lord raises up;

the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'

I shall not die, but live

and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely,

but he has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous shall enter through it.
I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

GOSPEL READING John 20. 1 – 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

6.30 pm – SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

HYMN 101 (ii) (omit *) *The Lamb's high banquet we await*

PSALM 66. 1 – 11

READING **Isaiah 43. 1 – 21**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

But now 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.'

Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, 'It is true.' You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no saviour. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I will send to Babylon and break down all the bars, and the shouting of the Chaldeans will be turned to lamentation. I am the Lord, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Here ends the first reading.

CANTICLES *Charles Villiers Stanford in C*

READING **1 Corinthians 15. 1 – 11**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Here ends the second reading.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace preventing us thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

ANTHEM *Samuel Sebastian Wesley: Blessed be the God and Father*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed at the last time.

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation. Pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. Love one another with a pure heart fervently; see that ye love one another.

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.

But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. Amen.

O SALUTARIS *Anthony Gray*

TANTUM ERGO *(tune 202)*

ORGAN *Christopher Rathbone: Easter Alleluias (from Stations of the Cross)*

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