



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 5 APRIL

Easter Day

8.00 am – BCP Holy Communion

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass

Fr Alex

10.45 am – High Mass

Fr Alex (Homily: Br Patrick Souter CR)

6.30 pm – Solemn Evensong and

Benediction

Fr Alex



IN OUR PRAYERS

Graham Birdsall, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Teresa Cannell, Roy Clarke, Joyce Cross, Ian Donougher, Sean Harrington, Betty James, Alan King, James McIntosh, Arnold Mahon, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Johnny Ratcliffe, Diana Rees-Jones, Philip Rowbottom, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED Mark Joyce, Sheila Naylor

YEARS' MIND

Sunday Chris Molander

Tuesday Colin Robert Hodges, Vera Scott

Wednesday Dennis Lightband, John Alan Williamson, Gerald Hodges

Thursday Margaret Cairns, Ronald Charles Johnson, Harold Terry

Friday Dorothy Barugh, Hilda South

Saturday Basil Thorpe, Winifred Yeadon, Tony Proctor, Elizabeth Horn

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

CHURCH DIARY

(Monday 6	No Morning Prayer today, but it continues as normal from Tuesday 7)		
Tuesday 7	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 8	2.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Mark Joyce	Fr Tim Swinglehurst
Thursday 9	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Kenneth
Friday 10	12.30 pm	Recital: Pergolesi's <i>Stabat Mater</i>	
Sunday 12	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr David Hope
<i>Easter II</i>	10.45 am	High Mass	Fr David Hope
Tuesday 14	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel
Thursday 16	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Revd Catherine Ogle
Friday 17	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 19	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter III</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	10.45 am	High Mass followed by APCM	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Marc (H: Revd Isobel)

NOTICES

Flowers in church

Flowers today are given by Lis Merrick in celebration of the life of Pascale Moerhle.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction this evening

The choir sings Charles Stanford's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C* and Samuel Sebastian Wesley's *Blessed be the God and Father*. Evensong will be followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Clergy notices

Fr Alex and family are on leave from Thursday 9 to Saturday 18 April.

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent Stewardship appeal. There is still time! Please place any further forms in the safe at the back of church or hand to me in person. There will be an update in early May once the April bank payments have been processed. *Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary.*

Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's Stabat Mater

Friday 10 April, 12.30 pm

A deeply moving performance of Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's Stabat Mater on Friday 10 April at 12.30 pm, as part of the Christopher's monthly lunchtime recital series. The performance will feature soprano Elaine Dave, mezzo-soprano Dawn Walters, and Christopher accompanying. Entry is free. A retiring collection will raise funds for the Organ Restoration Fund. All are welcome—please do come along to support this performance.

Annual Parish Meetings and Vacancies

Sunday 19 April, after the 10.45 am High Mass

Our annual meetings will be held in Church on Sunday 19 April, immediately after our usual 10.45 am High 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. At the meetings there will be elections for the Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives. Churchwardens are elected annually. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years. If you would like to consider being a member of the PCC or Deanery Synod, please have a conversation with the Churchwardens or Fr Alex.

Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2025, including the usual reports and more information about life at St Margaret's, are available from the back of church.

Nomination forms for all positions are available at the back of church and should be returned to me, Fr Alex or the current churchwardens. Thank you. *Helen Pilling, Secretary to the PCC.*

Lunch Club

Thursday 23 April, 12.30 pm

(we meet on the fourth Thursday for this month only)

The next Lunch Club takes place on Thursday 23 April at 12.30 pm when we will be celebrating Fr Godfrey and Philippa's 60th wedding anniversary. The cost is £8.00 for the meal with a glass of wine included in honour of Fr Godfrey and Philippa. Tickets are available from Sandy – call to book a place: 01943 603222 (last booking by Monday 20 April). Arrival from 12 noon.

Save the date – St Margaret's Day

Sunday 19 July, 10.45 am

Advance notice of our patronal festival celebrations, taking place on **Sunday 19 July at 10.45 am**. It will be a very special day as we will unveil the large and beautiful icon of 'St Margaret of the Moor' that has been written for us in memory of Audrey and Peter Waterhouse, after their legacy given to the church. Fr David Hope, one-time Archbishop of York and Vicar of this parish, will come to preach and to bless the icon. The High Mass will be followed by our parish lunch. We're also planning a public talk on the history and process of icon-writing, by the artist, Peter Murphy – more details on that to follow.

Guide to worship

Our final session of the Lent course focussed on the meaning of the different parts of the Mass, and Fr Alex has produced a booklet on this subject which anyone may take if they wish. It is available at the back of church.

New Ilkley Banking Hub

The new Ilkley Banking Hub has opened in the former HSBC bank, on the corner of Wells Road and Station Road. Customers of all major banks can visit the hub any weekday between 9.00 am – 5.00 pm to carry out regular transactions including withdrawals and deposits as well as checking balances or paying bills. The banks will work on a rotating basis, so staff from different banks will be available on different days: **Monday:** HSBC (coming soon); **Tuesday:** Halifax; **Wednesday:** NatWest; **Thursday:** Santander; **Friday:** Barclays.

CONTACT DETAILS

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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 07867 880409 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.**

