

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
Sunday, January 17th 2021



Dear Friends

Over the last couple of months, we have been journeying with the congregation and Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Margaret's as you have said farewell to Fr Philip as your vicar, and as you have been looking ahead to the appointment of a new priest. We have been encouraged and moved, over the course of two open congregational Zoom meetings, by the love and respect you have for each other, and by the desire you have to serve your parish.

This past week your new Church Council met and decided to follow the usual process for appointing a new priest. This means that applications may be received from women as well as men. We recognise, with the PCC, that this will have been a difficult decision for some who have said they could not accept a woman as vicar of St Margaret's.

The Church of England is not a first-past-the-post parliamentary democracy where the 'winner takes all'. The church has, since the days of the Acts of the Apostles, lived with deep disagreement and has sought nevertheless to hold together in love and respect for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

As your Bishop and Patron (the Community of the Resurrection has particular responsibilities in the appointment of a priest at St Margaret's), we want to assure you that we will support you in this decision that your Council has made. We will also work with your Council to ensure that in the appointment of a successor to Fr Philip, we will remain mindful of the needs of all at St Margaret's. All remain welcome to let us know any thoughts or concerns that you may have.

Yours is a fine tradition of Anglican Catholic worship and choral music, of Christian teaching and of service as you continue to share the love of Jesus Christ with the people of Ilkley. We believe the Christian insights of all, including those who are disappointed by this recent decision, are needed as you respond to God's continuing call to make St Margaret's a beacon of light in the power of the Holy Spirit.

You continue to be in our prayers as you negotiate these difficult times and support those in need.

Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth, Bishop of Bradford

Fr Oswin Gartside, Prior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

Message from the PCC

The PCC met on Tuesday, January 12th to consider the recruitment of Father Philip's successor. As you will have read in the letter from +Toby, after very careful consideration the recruitment will follow the usual application process and as such applicants may be male or female. The PCC is aware that some members of the congregation may be concerned about this decision and fearful of their place at St Margaret's. The PCC was clear it wants to work hard to make sure that St Margaret's is able to meet the diverse needs of the congregation.

We are now working on producing the documents that will form part of the recruitment process and will be giving more information and asking for your assistance on that in the weeks to come. We are very grateful to all who took part in the open meetings and have written to the PCC. This information has helped to form a clear picture of what we treasure at St Margaret's and where our focus must lie to achieve our shared goals.

A link to minutes of the meeting, available on the website, is here;
https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/pcc_minutes_12_january_2021.pdf

The minutes are also posted on the church porch notice board and, if you don't have internet access, are available by request from Vickie.

Helen Pilling, PCC Lay Vice-Chair.

Let Us Pray

O God, help us to trust you,
Help us to know that you are with us
Help us to believe that nothing can separate us
from your love revealed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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Collect

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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.**

First Reading *Revelation 5. 1-10*

I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.' Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Second Reading *John 1. 43-end*

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

In our Prayers

Departed: Peter Dale, Peter Downie

Years' Mind

Sunday Jane Gilbert, Violet Rabbetts

Tuesday Dorothy Demaine, Robin Wood

Wednesday Dorothy Walden

Thursday Paul Woodhouse

Friday John Baggaley

Saturday Molly Berry, Kenneth Chamberlen, Chris Hartley,
Constance Hanson, Roy Allen, Charles Holloway

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green,
May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Peter Kuchartschuk, Peter Waterhouse.

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, January 17th for our virtual "coffee time" at 11.30am. The meeting details are below.

Join Zoom Meeting at St Margaret's

<https://zoom.us/j/7586081733?pwd=bFVnZ1dpczFPN3h5aVpVbmJmank4QT09>

You are also welcome to join **Coffee Time at St Matthew's, Northampton** following their live-streamed service each Sunday. Coffee Time begins just after 11.15am. Please use your name and "Ilkley" when signing in eg Vickie, Ilkley. Click on the link below, no password needed, or if using the zoom app enter meeting id: 890 759 8916

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8907598916>



Links to live-streamed worship

St Matthews, Northampton

St Matthews is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for their live-streamed Parish Mass at 10.15am. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> and then click on the link to join the live-streamed Sunday service which is posted on the home page. You can also "like" St Matthew's facebook page to receive live notifications of streamed services. The link to the facebook page is below. Don't forget you are welcome to join coffee time at St Matthews after the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchnorthampton/>

Links to live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click on <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/covid-19/live-streaming#churches> to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Friday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's is now open each weekday morning between 9.30am and 11.30am.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Please also pick up one of the "Please clean me" notices on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

We wish to keep the church as a place of quiet. Any social conversations should take place away from the Church and its grounds. There will be no hymn books or prayer books or other cards available, so if you would like any prayer resources please bring those with you and take them away similarly.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Appeal which raised an amazing £1605.33 for *Staying Put*, the women's refuge in Keighley working with women, men and children who are victims of domestic and sexual abuse. You can find out more about *Staying Put* here <https://www.stayingput.uk.net/>



Appointment of new Area Dean

On Monday +Nick announced the appointment of Mike Coe, Vicar of All Saints' Ilkley, as Area Dean and Helen Collings, Vicar of Sutton, Cowling and Lothersdale, as Assistant Area Dean of South Craven and Wharfedale. The Wardens look forward to working with them during the vacancy and will be meeting Mike Coe via Zoom next week.

An Invitation to the next Bradford Episcopal Area Forum Meeting

Mike Coe and Helen Collings will also be present at the next BEAF meeting. You are welcome to join the meeting on Wednesday, January 27th at 7:30pm using the Zoom link below.

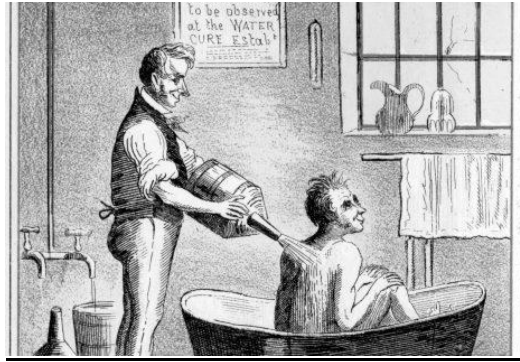
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83274279502?pwd=SDdHRFkyUW53dFRRNFBDNnp0OVhidz09>

Meeting ID: 832 7427 9502 Passcode: 790487

Or you can dial by your location +44 203 481 5240 United Kingdom

The meeting will begin with the licensing and welcome of our new Area Deans and Assistant Area Deans for Outer Bradford and South Craven & Wharfedale deaneries. The second part of the meeting will focus on ways in which we can sustain ourselves spiritually as we begin this new year. This is a good opportunity to meet with others from across the Episcopal Area, and is especially important for members of deanery synods.



Coffee Morning: Darwin in Ilkley
Ilkley Manor House
Friday, January 29th
10.30am - 11.30am

Charles Darwin came to Ilkley in 1859 to undertake hydropathic treatment at Wells House Hydro. Why did an eminent natural scientist undertake 'water treatment' and why at Ilkley – 220 miles from his home in Kent?

This presentation by Mike Dixon covers the critical weeks surrounding the publication of 'Origin of Species' in November 1859 and sheds new light on his personality and the possible nature of his enigmatic illness.

This is a free online event. Please register using the link to Eventbrite. [Please register here.](#) You will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting and the password prior to the talk. Please log on in good time to ensure you don't miss the start of the talk.



Rhythm of Life

"As Christians, we believe Jesus should be at the heart of our rhythms of life, whatever our circumstances. This will have a far-reaching impact on our own wellbeing and the good of others – on our loving, living and learning.

I would like to invite you to join the diocesan 'Rhythm of Life' venture. This will involve individual commitments, accessing resources and mutual support. Some key areas will be given special attention: praying, encouraging, sharing, reflecting, celebrating, resting and creating." *Bishop Nick Baines*

To join in, there are four simple steps:

1. Taking stock
2. Making one or more practical commitments
3. Participating with others
4. Reviewing your commitments periodically

You can get started with this Rhythm of Life [Invitation Leaflet](#), using it to help you take stock, Step 1. This [Practical Commitment Card](#) will help you with Step 2.

For more information about Rhythm of Life and for details of upcoming events go to <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/rol/>



For those of us who now have their children at home, the Diocesan Education Team, has produced a home learning hub with links to helpful digital and non digital resources for children of all ages.

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/about/education/homelearning/>

Practical Support and Help

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours provides a range of support and practical help during coronavirus to include shopping, a regular phone call, collecting prescriptions and other help needed. For more information go to <http://info@goodneighboursilkley.org.uk>

Ilkley Corona Response Group (ICRG) can be contacted via the Bradford Hub on 01274 431000, or use the online form at <https://bit.ly/ilkleycorona>

Ilkley Library. To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk 01943 436225

Ilkley Chat provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkleychat.co.uk/coronavirus>

For **Covid Advice and Support in the Bradford District** this booklet has been produced https://681caa24-5d92-4161-8aa4-ca91077bfee3.filesusr.com/ugd/c0bb66_383e5d0f843748858fb3508bbc229951.pdf?index=true

During this difficult time it is important to keep in touch with friends. Please do feel you can call a member of our church family who will be pleased to hear from you.

Helen Buswell	01943 608146
Alison Stretton	01943 430024
Fr Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

**Daily Hope, is a 24 hour free phone line for Christian worship and prayer.
Call 0800 804 8044**