

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

**The Second Week of Christmas
Sunday, January 3rd 2021**



Dear Friends,

New Year's Message from the Wardens

Thank you for everyone's kind wishes over the Christmas period. Fr Philip's final services were very emotional for us all, particularly his last Sunday service on the 20th. It was really heart-warming to see so many attending one of the Christmas services but we also remember those who still cannot be with us.

We were delighted and very grateful to welcome Mike Edson to officiate at the Mass last week and look forward to being joined by The Rt Revd David Hope and The Revd Nicholas Clews in the weeks to come. We hope that everyone will be patient with any hiccups as we find our way into the vacancy.

There are rays of hope as we move into the New Year. The recent tier changes have not affected our area, so services in church will go ahead as planned, and the roll-out of the new vaccine gives us all cause to believe that 2021 will be much brighter than 2020. We wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

Helen Buswell and Alison Stretton

Covid Precautions

We would be grateful if anyone who has travelled out of the area or had visitors over the Christmas period could please think carefully about whether they attend church on January 3rd. Thank you.

Let Us Pray

God, give us wisdom from your truths in this new year.
Fill us with a desire to faithfully follow you.
Thank you that you are far greater than whatever we may
face in the weeks ahead.
Thank you that your presence goes with us
and that your joy is never dependent on circumstances.
But it is our true and lasting strength.
We ask for your peace to lead us
And for your grace and goodness to cover our lives this day.
Let your Spirit and power breathe in us
And through us again, fresh and new.
Amen.

Vacancy Service Arrangements

There will continue to be a 10.00am Mass in church each Sunday and you should book as usual through Vickie for Sunday, January 10th.

Steve Betts has kindly offered to continue hosting the Zoom coffee each Sunday at 11.30am and the link will be included in each news sheet.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, January 3rd for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: January 3rd, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7586081733?pwd=bFVnZ1dpbzFPN3h5aVpVbmJmank4QT09>

No Private Prayer on Thursday, January 7th

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Services on

Sunday 3rd January.

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

10.00am Mass in Church

Sung Mass by Choir

Celebrant: Rt Rev David Hope

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Sunday 10th January.

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

10.00am Mass in Church

Sung Mass by Choir

Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Clews

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
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Vacancy order of service and pew sheet

Those of you who attended church on December 27th will be aware we have a new Order of Service booklet. This will be used in conjunction with the return of the weekly pew sheet containing all you need for the service together with the Prayer List and Year's Mind. Both will be on your seat when you arrive in church. If you are missing anything you need, please let one of the Wardens or the other helpers know. At the end of the service, please leave your Order of Service on your chair. They will be sanitized and quarantined until the following week.



St Matthews Church, Northampton

St Matthew's is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for Parish Mass at 10.15am, and Evensong at 5.30pm every Sunday. These services will be live-streamed. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> to join a live-streamed service and for details of forthcoming services.

Thank you from Fr Philip

Thank you so much for the "farewell" on Sunday. We were "bowled over" by the amazing generosity in the cash gift given to us and the very personal touch of the two beautiful paintings which we shall continue to enjoy in our new home. The lovely hamper is going to remain untouched until it can take pride of place in our new lounge as we relax between all the unpacking and sorting! We are receiving a huge amount of cards, letters, and phone calls. It is simply not going to be possible to respond to everyone so please be assured of our kindest wishes and deepest thanks. Fr P.



Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas Appeal for Staying Put. Please could anyone who would still like to make a donation, leave it in the safe at the back of church or contact Alison before Friday, January 8th.

Contact details for postal/direct bank contributions:

Address: Alison Stretton, 4 Oakburn Road, Ilkley LS29 9NN

Tel: 01943 430024 Email: astretton1@virginmedia.com

Message from the Stewardship Secretary

Thank you to everyone who has continued to give so generously to St Margaret's. In a year when our hall income and collections have seen a significant reduction, your financial support has been invaluable in helping us to fund our essential outgoings and to continue to contribute to the wider diocese where churches less fortunate than ours are struggling. Thank you for your commitment which is truly appreciated.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Thursday

9.30am - 11.30am

As there is to be a funeral in church at 11.00am on Thursday, January 7th there will be no private prayer that morning.

St Margaret's continues to be open for individual private prayer on Monday to Thursday mornings 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.

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/ilkeleycorona>

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.ilkeleychat.co.uk/coronavirus> This link also provides details of **food delivery services** offered by supermarkets. Contact Alison Stretton on 01943 430024 or Vickie Kemp at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com for more information.

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**