

ALL SAINTS' DAY
Sunday, November 1st 2020



Dear Friends

The headwinds which we all face at present leave nearly all of us feeling very buffeted. As I write, news has just come through that our area will move from Tier 2 to Tier 3 of lockdown restrictions, limiting our opportunities for socialising and living our normal daily lives even further. However, given that 1 in 40 people are now said to have COVID-19 in our own Yorkshire and Humber region this move is far from a surprise. As our new Archbishop, Stephen Cottrell, neatly said recently, our hope as Christians is not that there is light at the end of the tunnel, but rather that Christ is our light amidst the darkness of our present tunnel. This simple image is probably worth reflecting on as we all make our way through what is surely going to feel at times a dark winter. It brought to my mind's eye our Easter Eve experience of carrying the single lit Paschal Candle, the first sign of the resurrection, amidst the complete darkness of our church. It is the same light that each of us are given at our baptism to show that in Christ we do indeed pass from darkness to light.

At present there are no indications that the move to Tier 3 will substantially impact on our pattern of worship at St Margaret's, nor being open for private prayer. So unless guidance changes we shall be continuing with these on Mondays to Thursdays, and our Sunday Morning Mass at 10am – as well as our on-line offering. However, we are carefully investigating the continuing impact on the Parish Hall. Just a handful of regular events have returned to the Hall under strict COVID mitigations but it is now unclear whether these will be able to continue or

not. We await guidance both nationally and locally. We have also had the added hurdle of the condenser boiler in the Hall “giving up the ghost” and we will need to invest in the region of £6,000 in the coming weeks to replace this. It has lasted 15 years since the Hall was built in 2005 so has served us well.

You will find in the newsletter below full details about our forthcoming Annual Meetings this year. These were postponed by the lockdown of this spring and will now take place, by Zoom, on Thursday, November 26th. Full details can also be seen under the “APCM Nominations” tab on our website. The elections to be held at the meeting this year have a greater importance as St Margaret’s prepares for a time of vacancy and considers the needs of the parish in looking to choose a new priest. There is a significant opportunity and need for more members of the St Margaret’s community to be engaged in the life of our church in the months to come. Do please read all this information carefully and respond as you feel you best can.

Finally, I understand the dates for the congregational meetings with Bishop Toby and Fr Oswin from the Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield – our patrons – have now been agreed. These meetings called by Bishop Toby will be for all in our church to consider the question of how St Margaret’s responds to differing views in our church towards the “Five Guiding Principles”: <https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2018-02/5%20Guiding%20Principles.pdf> These meetings will be held on the evenings of Tuesday, November 10th and Monday, November 23rd by Zoom. More details will follow.

With my love and prayers, Fr. Philip

Sunday “Coffee Time”

Please join us on Sunday, November 1st for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: November 1st, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Let Us Pray

Jesus, dear Saviour,
On this day we prayerfully remember
all our loved ones who have died.
Please give them comfort and hope
and may they be at peace,
knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally.
Thank You for our memories of them
and for the good times we shared.
We ask You, to deepen our faith,
strengthen our hope and increase our love
that we, too, may someday stand before You,
ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom.

Amen

Annual Parish Meetings

The APCM, which was postponed in April, will now take place on **Thursday, November 26th at 7.30pm** by Zoom. Due to the latest Tier 3 restrictions, it will not be possible to have any people present in the Parish Hall. It will only be possible to take part by Zoom. Details of how non-computer users can take part in the meeting, and the Zoom link to join the meeting, will be included in this bulletin closer to the time.

At the meetings, the following number of vacancies can be filled. There will only be an election if the number of nominations for a particular vacancy exceed the numbers show.

2 Churchwardens

5 Deanery Synod representatives

13 Parochial Church Council members

Nominations for all positions are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Margaret's and who satisfies the other requirements specified on the nomination forms. Churchwardens are elected annually and may stand for six consecutive periods of office. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years.

The existing Deanery Synod members will continue in position until 31st December 2020. From 1st January 2021 the structure of the Deanery Synod will change, whereby we can have 5 members from St Margaret's. Those elected, automatically become members of the PCC.

The nomination forms for the three areas: Churchwarden; PCC member; Deanery Synod are set out below in two different formats for you to choose from, depending on what software you have. These are in Word format as either doc or docx files and in PDF format as pdf files. Download whichever version is compatible with your computer/ tablet/ phone and can link to a printer. ***Please note that if you use the docx version, you will need to enter the name of the parish - St Margaret's, Ilkley - at the top of the printed form.***

In order to reduce the risk of infection, forms will not be left at the back of church this year, instead they are available by clicking on the links below. Please post your completed forms to Vickie Kemp, Parish Office, St Margaret's, Queen's Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL, drop them in the post box next to the choir vestry door or leave them in the safe at the back of church. If you are unable to print the form, please email the Parish Administrator at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com and Vickie will send a form to you. Alternatively, you can email the PCC Secretary at catherinewebster7@gmail.com with your name and address, stating which position you would like to apply for, confirming that you meet the legal requirements, and request that your proposer and seconder email me to confirm their support for your candidature, including their own name and address. There will be a meeting held immediately before the elections on that day where you will have a chance to hear from the candidates.

PCC member

word: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/pcc_member_nomination_0.docx

pdf: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/pcc_member_nomination.pdf

Churchwarden

word: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/churchwarden_nomination.doc

pdf: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/churchwarden_nomination.pdf

Deanery Synod

word: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/deanery_synod_nomination_0.docx

pdf: https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/deanery_synod_nomination.pdf

Thank you. Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Thursday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's is 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.



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Services on

Sunday 1st November

ALL SAINTS' DAY

10.00am Mass in Church

Sung Mass with Choir

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

This service will NOT be live-streamed

10:30am YouTube Premiere for All Souls' Day

**with a pre-recording of St Margaret's Choir singing Faure's Requiem
from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage**

Sunday 8th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

10.00am Mass in Church

Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance

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

This service will NOT be live-streamed

10:30am YouTube Premiere

Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance

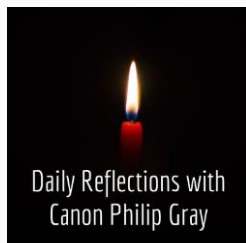
from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage



**With Vicar
Canon Philip Gray**

Full details for public worship can be found here:

https://mcusercontent.com/ba3ec307ede7e24cd60c47953/files/c6b4e0a3-5f95-4186-bfda-b7efdc7e4dad/Public_Worship_Prep_Doc_July_20_Pub2.pdf



Fr Philip's reflections in his series of podcasts include considerations of selected Bible passages, as well as thoughts and prayers during this challenging time. Using the link below, you can post a message to Fr Philip with your thoughts. Simply click on the 'leave a message' button to record your message.

<https://anchor.fm/stmargaretsilkley/>

'Daily Reflections' is also available on your favourite podcast streaming apps including Google and Apple Podcasts, Spotify and many more. You can also access it on the Parish Website on the link below:

<https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/podcast-daily-reflections-canon-philip-gray>



Wednesday 4th November at 12.30

ORGAN RECITAL

Anthony Gray
(St Wilfrid's, Harrogate)

Maurice **DURUFLÉ** 1902 - 1986
Scherzo op 2 (1926)

Frank **BRIDGE** 1879 – 1941
Adagio (3 pieces, 1905)

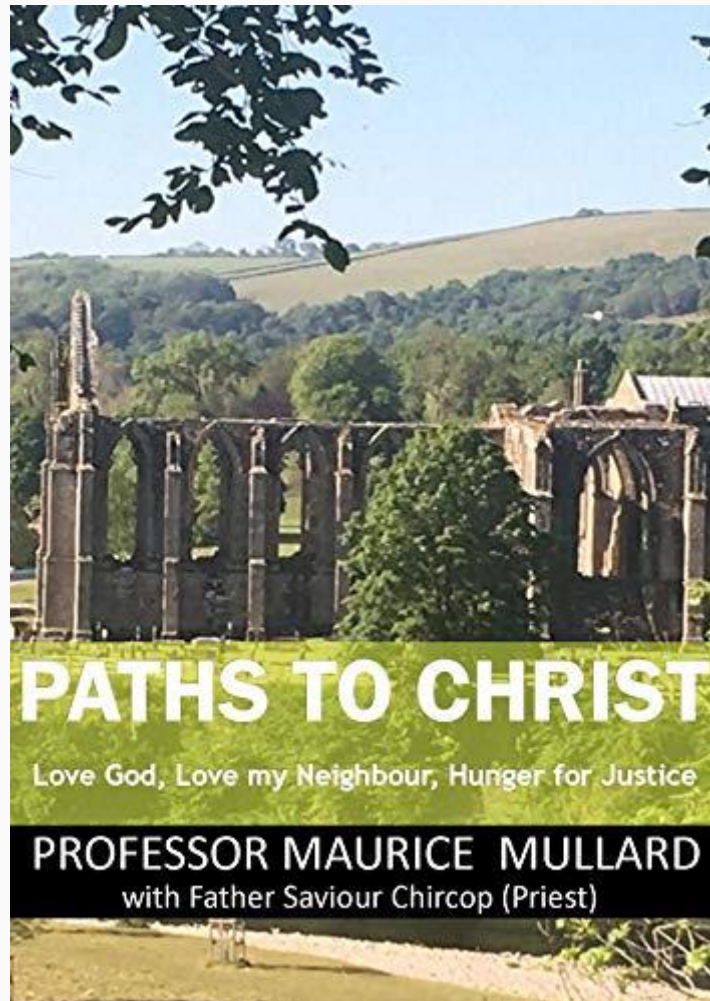
J.S.BACH 1685 – 1750
Pièce d'orgue (Fantasia in G) BWV 572

James **MACMILLAN** b.1959
Offertorium

Iain **FARRINGTON** b.1977
Amazing Grace

Electoral Roll Revision

The Electoral Roll Revision which was postponed in March will now take place from October 29th to November 11th 2020. If you were added to the roll last year you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the current electoral roll please consider adding your name this year. Joining the electoral roll means that you can vote at the APCM and it makes you eligible to stand for PCC and other church committees. It is also a way of demonstrating your ongoing commitment to the life and work of St Margaret's. In order to reduce the risk of infection, forms will not be left at the back of church this year. If you would like to apply please contact Catherine Beaumont catherinebeaumont12@googlemail.com, or the Parish Administrator at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com, and I will post a form to you. Forms can be returned by post or can be left in the safe at the back of church. Thank you, Catherine Beaumont.



Paths to Christ

by Professor Maurice Mullard

This is my spiritual journey to Christ. I called this book *Paths to Christ* because each of us is on a unique journey. The writing of this book has helped my journey and I hope it will help others like me. The guiding principles are for me to love God with all my heart and to love my neighbour the way I want to be loved. In this, God has shaped the way I try to live my life. Always with hope and optimism. Each of us has been endowed with talents to make this world a better place. We shape and define this world each day. *Maurice.*

"Maurice, it is a privilege to read your thoughts. They are filled with true emotion, beauty and integrity – a person seeking to live and be immersed in gospel truth and values. You are searching for your true humanity as found in Jesus Christ. It is filled with spirituality".
Canon Philip Gray - Vicar, St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley

Available on Kindle from Amazon for £4.60 with a 20% donation to Cancer Research Campaign.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Paths-Christ-Neighbour-Hunger-Justice-ebook/dp/B08LZLNHHS/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=path+to+christ+maurice+mullard&qid=1603961958&sr=8-1



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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. If you need help call 07375 803693 or fill in this online form <https://bit.ly/ilkleycorona>
For more information go to <https://goodneighboursilkley.org.uk/>

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.

Fr	Philip	01943	607210
Fr	Bernard	01943	816253
Fr	Godfrey	01943	603861
Jane	Sheldon	01943	431288
Helen	Buswell	01943	608146
Linda	Whittaker	01943	601144

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

You can link to St. Margaret's Facebook page, website and YouTube channel by clicking the icons below.

