

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
(The Third Sunday Before Advent)
Sunday, November 8th 2020



Bishop Toby Howarth

A letter from the Patron and Bishop Toby

Dear Friends,

In preparation for the upcoming Annual Parochial Church Meeting, (APCM) on November 26th and Fr Philip leaving St Margaret's, we have been working with your Standing Committee and Parochial Church Council (PCC) to arrange a series of two meetings for all congregation members. These will be co-chaired by ourselves, the Bishop of Bradford and the Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, your Patron (with responsibilities in the process of selecting a new parish priest). They will provide an opportunity to learn about the selection process, to listen to one another as we share what we value and hope for at St Margaret's and to discuss, amongst other things, the particular question of female ministry. Please note that we are inviting people to attend both meetings, as the second will build on the first.

These meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th and Monday, November, 23rd both from 7:30pm until 9pm. In the context of current COVID restrictions, they will be held on Zoom. However, if you do not have the required technology for Zoom, you will be able to take part in the meeting by telephone. All the details of how to access the meetings are set out below.

St Margaret's is a church in the Anglican Catholic tradition and has traditionally had a male priest. However, a specific Resolution would need to be passed by the PCC if St Margaret's were to ask for only a male priest to be considered in the new appointment. We recognise that there are a number of people within the congregation who feel very strongly on this matter both for and against. We have decided, therefore, with the Standing

Committee, to provide an opportunity to discuss this issue before it is considered formally by the PCC. These meetings are for information and discussion and no decisions or votes will be taken.

The Church of England has ordained female priests for over 25 years, when, in 1994, 32 were ordained in Bristol Cathedral. The first female Bishops were ordained in 2015. Recognising that there are some who do not agree with these decisions, the Church of England has developed a protocol known as the *Five Guiding Principles* to enable it to work with this continuing difference of opinion. Booklets describing these Principles have been made available for study, and may be requested from the Vicar or members of the Standing Committee. It is against this background that these meetings have been arranged so that all those taking part in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on November 26th can be fully informed and are able to make their own personal judgement.

We would like to encourage as many members of St Margaret's as possible to take part in both of these meetings. It will be helpful in the administration of the meetings for us to have some idea of the numbers who will be joining. Could we therefore ask that you contact Vickie, your parish administrator (preferably by email: stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com) to let her know if you will be joining.

In advance of the first meeting, we encourage you to pray and think about what you value most about St Margaret's and what you hope for your church in the context of the wider parish.

Please note that as the meetings relate to the appointment of his replacement, Fr Philip will not be attending either of them.

We apologise for the length of this letter but hope that it clarifies the purpose and process for what will be two very important meetings. Please feel free to contact any member of the Standing Committee, (Helen Buswell, Alison Stretton, John McGhee, Steve Betts) if you need further information.

The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth: Bishop of Bradford

Fr Oswin Gartside: Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

A link to the *Five Guiding Principles*:

https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/sites/default/files/5_guiding_principles.pdf

Meetings with our Patron and Bishop Toby

How to Join Meeting 1

Tuesday, November 10th at 7.30pm

Please email Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com to confirm your attendance at this meeting by the end of Monday, November 9th.

The details to join the meeting are as follows:

Topic: St Margaret's Ilkley meeting with Patron

Time: Nov 10, 2020 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86355527043?pwd=QXVvVGpMaEcwSjFvTEFhZFpQZEtEQT09>

Meeting ID: 863 5552 7043

Passcode: 736749

Dial by your location

0203 481 5237 United Kingdom

Meeting ID: 863 5552 7043

Passcode: 736749

Instructions to join the meeting by dialling in will be included in the print version of the news sheet or can be emailed to you on request. Please contact Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, November 8th for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: November 8th, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Let Us Pray

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



ST. MARGARET'S
ILKLEY

Services on

Sunday 8th November

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

10:30am Sung Mass with Act of Remembrance

livestreamed from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

Due to government restrictions on public worship there is no service in church on Sunday, November 8th

Sunday 15th November

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10:30am Sung Mass

livestreamed from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

Due to government restrictions on public worship there is no service in church on Sunday, November 15th



With Vicar
Canon Philip Gray

Live Services available on Facebook and YouTube
Search for @StMargaretsChurchIlkley

Annual Parish Meetings

The APCM, which was postponed in April, will now take place on **Thursday, November 26th at 7.30pm** by Zoom only due to the lockdown restrictions. 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 shown.

2 Churchwardens
5 Deanery Synod representatives
13 Parochial Church Council members

To date, I have received the following nominations:

Churchwarden

Nominee: Helen Buswell

Proposed by Steve Betts, Seconded by Tom Williams

Nominee: Alison Stretton

Proposed by Jane Sheldon, Seconded by Michelle Still

Deanery Synod

Nominee: Gwyneth Hartley

Proposed by Valerie Banks, Seconded by Jane Sheldon

PCC

Nominee: Catherine Cheater

Proposed by Tina Warnes, seconded by Geoff Cloke

Nominee: Bethany Harrison

Proposed by Janet Kish, seconded by Marie Anson

Nominee: Catherine Beaumont

Proposed by Tina Warnes, seconded by Alison Stretton.

Nominee: Helen Buswell

Proposed by Steve Betts, seconded by Tina Warnes

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. ***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.***

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.



Remembrance Service Goes Online Sunday, November 8th

Ilkley Town Council has joined local radio station Rombalds Radio for a virtual Remembrance Service.

People can lay wreaths at the Cenotaph in the Memorial Gardens, in a socially distant manner, before or after Remembrance Sunday, but the town cannot gather to pay their respects in the usual way.

Fr Philip joined Ilkley's Town Council, District Councillors and Rombalds Radio to record an Act of Remembrance service which will be broadcast online at 3pm on Sunday, November 8th and will be freely available to view after the service. The 15 minute presentation includes the service of remembrance including a short talk, a reading, the laying of wreaths and other traditional elements.

Ilkley Town Mayor, Councillor Mark Stidworthy, said: "In this significant year marking 75 years since VE Day and VJ Day and the end of World War II, it is particularly important that we remember and honour all those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our freedom, either in that conflict, in those before or since, and as peacekeepers around the world. We also call to mind all those who have sustained life-changing injuries, the impact of loss on families in the Ilkley district, and the ongoing struggles of so many citizens, particularly veterans, in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic. I thank my District Councillor colleagues, Fr Gray, Ilkley's Town

Clerk and Rombalds Radio for coming together to create this short ceremony, which I hope residents will find a fitting and respectful tribute at this difficult time."

The Act of Remembrance will be broadcast at 3pm, Sunday November 8th on Ilkley Town Council, Ilkley Chat and Rombalds Radio Facebook pages. It will also be available on the Rombalds Radio [website](#) and YouTube channel.

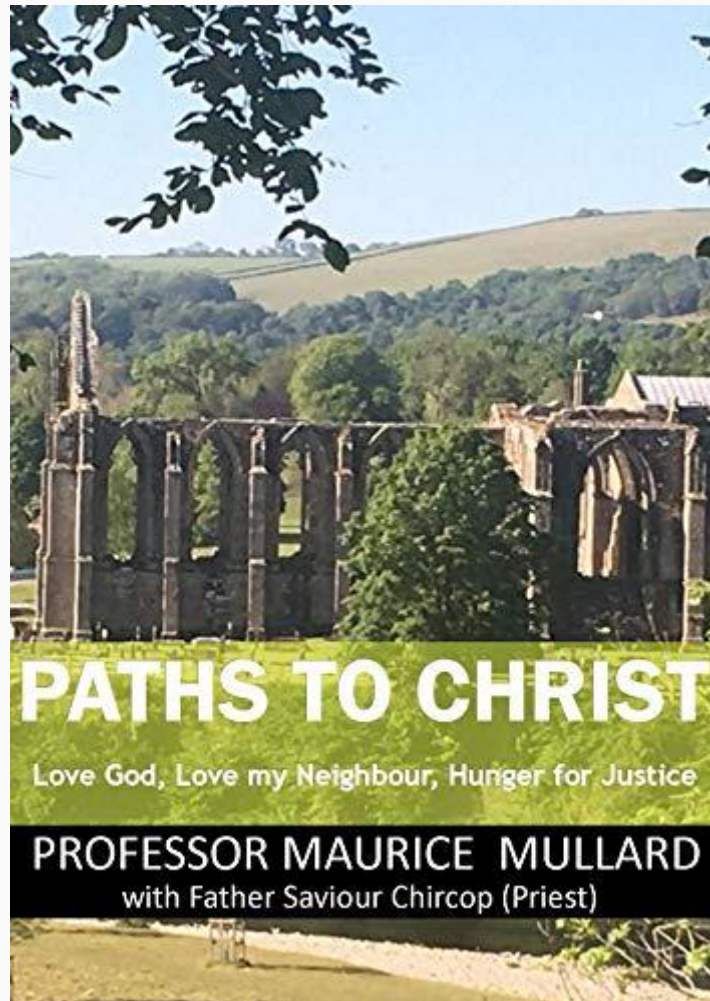
An audio only version will be aired from 3pm on Rombalds Radio. You can listen via the [free app](#), [website](#) or [smart speaker](#).

**Private Prayer at St. Margaret's
Monday to Thursday
9.30am - 11.30am**

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.



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 in paperback for £8.50 by ordering from The Grove Bookshop [01943 609335](tel:01943609335), info@grovebookshop.com, on Kindle from Amazon for £4.60 with a 20% donation to Cancer Research Campaign or email Maurice at M.Mullard@emeritus.hull.ac.uk who can order a copy for you.

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

Practical Support and Help

New national restrictions from 5th November:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november>

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.

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.
