

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING**  
**Sunday, October 4th 2020**

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Dear Friends

Over the coming weeks our focus will naturally be upon the processes for the appointment of my successor, and the care of our church and parish during the time of vacancy. Those of you who have been involved in the church for more than a few years may notice that the language has changed. The word “interregnum”, which used to be used of the time “between vicars” has now been replaced by the word “vacancy”. I believe the idea is that ministry does not stop – there is no interregnum – when the post of vicar is vacant. That is certainly a very important principle and one of my hopes and prayers is that in the coming time of vacancy the load of responsibilities in the parish can be shared by more people. In all voluntary organisations large parts of the work can easily fall to a small group of very willing volunteers. For St Margaret’s to work well during the early parts of 2020 we will need more people to do a little more and share the load. Even if you are self-isolating or shielding I am sure there are very important contributions that you can make.

A key starting point has now been set for us. On Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Toby and Archdeacon Andy will be coming to join our PCC to talk about the appointment process and the vacancy. We will meet, physically distanced of course, in the Parish Hall in the evening. Should you wish to join us for that meeting then please do let me know. I would be very pleased for others to engage in this process, who are not presently on our Church Council, but obviously we will need to manage numbers attending. Just send me an e-mail, or telephone, and we should be able to include you.

On a different tack, it is hopefully worth my repeating a message which I have given in church as the colder autumnal weeks approach. As part of our planning to keep our church as COVID secure as possible we are leaving all the main windows in the church open to aid positive ventilation through the church. We are now going to change this slightly and we shall be closing the windows at the beginning of the weekend, whilst the church is closed, until we arrive on a Sunday morning for worship when they will be re-opened again. Clearly, we will be trying to keep a balance between retaining the heat we are putting into the church but also continuing with the necessary ventilation. Obviously, this has to be a compromise and it is very likely that the church will not be as warm as we are used to during the colder months of the year. Please therefore do bring some warmer clothes with you when you attend church if you are likely to feel the cold. This is another small price we shall need to pay to keep one another safe.

With my love and prayers, Fr. Philip

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### **Sunday "Coffee Time"**

Please join us on Sunday, October 4th for our virtual "coffee time" at 11.30am. The meeting details are below.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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### **Let Us Pray**

Lord, as we celebrate Harvest thanksgiving  
we give thanks for the blessings of food,  
provision and nourishment.

Please grow in us a harvest for the world.

Sow a seed of hope within our souls,  
that we might yield goodness, patience  
and kindness in abundance.

Sow a seed of peace in our lives,  
that we might bear the fruits of forgiveness,  
compassion and righteousness.

Sow a seed of love in our hearts,  
that others shall reap the blessings of family,  
friendship and community.

May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us all.

**Amen**

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**Private Prayer at St. Margaret's**

**Monday to Thursday**

**9.30 am - 11.30 am**

**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.

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# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

## **Services on**

**Sunday 4th October**

### **HARVEST THANKSGIVING**

**10.00am Said Mass in Church**

Booking is essential through the Parish Office

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

This service will NOT be live-streamed

**10:30am YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass**

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage

**Sunday 11th October**

### **THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**10.00am Said Mass in Church**

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**10:30am YouTube Premiere: Sung Mass**

from the temporary Chapel in the Vicarage



**With Vicar  
Canon Philip Gray**

Live Services and Daily Reflections available on Facebook and YouTube.

Search for @StMargaretsChurchIlkley.

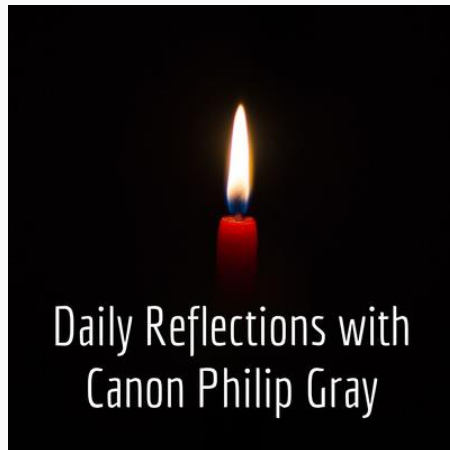
Daily Reflection podcasts available on the Parish Website and all good podcast streaming platforms.

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

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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>

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## Harvest Reflection with your Family

**An opportunity to reflect and be thankful for the food we eat.**

**You will need:** an imported pineapple and a locally grown apple, along with a world map or a globe.

- Ask older children where they think the different fruits were grown and how far they have travelled. If your child is younger tell them first where the apple was grown, and then talk about the pineapple.
- Show them the different countries of origin on your map
- Talk about the farmers who grew the fruit, and the people who picked it. Mention that other people will have driven it to the packing station, and others will have packed it.
- More people will have transported the packed fruit (in the case of the pineapple, remember to think about the dockers and the sailors), and then people at the distribution centre will have sent it on its way to the shop or supermarket where you bought it.
- If you have a large sheet of paper, or a board, note down all the different people involved in growing the fruit.
- At the end, keep a few moments of silence to think about all the people who have worked hard to bring us the fruit and then thank God for their hard work.
- Finally, cut open both fruits and invite everyone to enjoy some.

Printable harvest colouring pages for you to enjoy here:

<http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/autumn-harvest>

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 **ST. MARGARET'S**  
ILKLEY Queen's Road, Ilkley

**Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm**

**Organ Recital by  
Christopher Rathbone**

**Louis Vierne (born 1870)  
150<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert**

**Pièces de Fantaisie  
Aubade, Resignation, Cloches de Hinckley**

**Widor (born 1844)  
Four pieces from 'Bach Memento'**

**We are limited to 40 people, so please book at  
[stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com)  
including your email or phone number.  
At the recital wear a face mask and observe social distancing**

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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 and Wharfedale Medical Practice** request use of face coverings when attending an appointment at the medical centre.

**Ilkley Library.** To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – [ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk](mailto: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> This link also provides details of **food delivery services** offered by supermarkets. Contact Alison Stretton on 01943 430024 or Vickie Kemp at [stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com) for more information.

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**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
Alison Stretton	01943 430024

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

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