

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Sunday, September 20th 2020



Dear Friends

In February of this year I went, with my wife Sue, to see Bishop Toby to explain why we felt it was the right time for us to finish my time as your Vicar. As most of you know, I was appointed nearly 13 years ago and our expectation – indeed, it was the commitment I gave in the interview – was that we would serve around 10 or 11 years, seeing our children through to the end of their school lives. We are now a further 2 to 3 years on from that time.

Only a short time after seeing Bishop Toby, and agreeing a timetable for my departure, the “COVID lockdown” began and we were faced with all the challenges this brought, and, most especially, the closure of our church building. I felt strongly that to have announced our leave-taking at this stage would have been dreadful for us all and so, as a family, we have applied ourselves to doing all that we can to sustain the spiritual and liturgical life of St Margaret’s over these last six months.

During 27 years of ordained ministry I have never taken a sabbatical, and I have been encouraged to do by our bishops for some little while now. I could have taken that sabbatical whilst still serving with you but I felt to have done that without being honest about my intentions would have been very unhelpful, leading to much speculation and uncertainty. (Also, if I move to a new diocese directly from St Margaret's that opportunity for a sabbatical would not remain.) I was also firmly of the view that it is important that I remain with you until Christmas given our present exceptional circumstances. Therefore I will complete my time as your Vicar on Christmas Day this year and will then be taking a three month sabbatical until March 2021. This will create space for me, and also for my family, to discern the next steps in our ministry and lives together.

I informed our Standing Committee last Tuesday of our decision, and they called a PCC meeting on Friday at which the members were also told, ahead of this letter this weekend to all in our church family. The next three months will be a very important opportunity for us all at St Margaret's on a number of levels. I will do all I can to prepare us appropriately for this coming time of vacancy. It will present St Margaret's with an opportunity to begin to discern very important questions, particularly in relation to the person who should be appointed as your next Vicar and your vision and priorities as a church for the years ahead. What I do believe is that in so many areas of our lives St Margaret's is a much stronger and more confident church than the one I came to in 2007. However, I am far from complacent about the challenges which lie ahead of you and the need for St Margaret's to have renewed energy and commitment to face these under new leadership.

With love and prayers, Fr. Philip

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Fr Philip invites you to our "virtual coffee time" on Sunday, September 20th. **Please note there is a new meeting ID and passcode required to join this Sunday's meeting.**

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: September 20th, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/7195103637?pwd=cWtGZUhLd0NvbW50aGRPeWdnZjNkUT09>

Invitation details for Sunday, September 20th:

Meeting ID: 719 510 3637

Passcode: 100702

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

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. Stewards are no longer on duty and you do not need to book with the Parish Administrator.

Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing.

Please 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 20th September

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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 27th September

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.00am Said Mass in Church

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

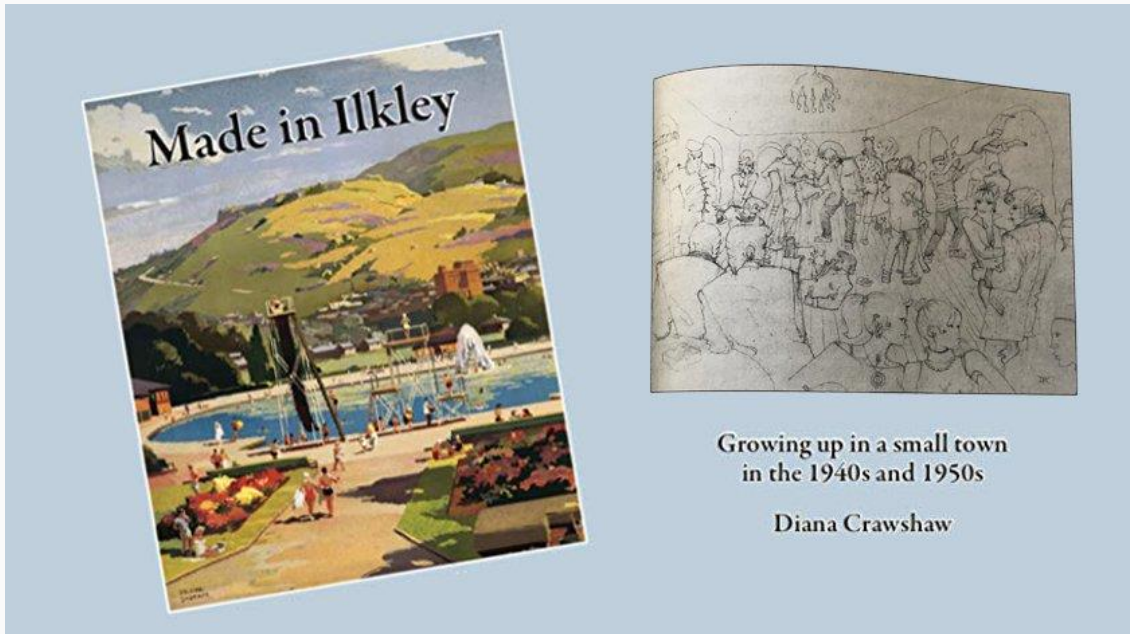
This service will NOT be live-streamed

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



Growing up in a small town
in the 1940s and 1950s

Diana Crawshaw

Made in Ilkley

Diana Crawshaw has released a book featuring stories of life growing up in Ilkley in the post-war era.

Made in Ilkley, available from The Grove Bookshop as well as a [Kindle e-book version](#), features stories of mischief nights and bonfire nights, Christmas at Broadbents, riding school and Sunday school and lamp-lit skating on Ilkley tarn. You can listen to an interview with Diana on Rombalds Radio here. <https://www.rombaldsradio.com/podcasts/rombalds-radio-local/episode/diana-crawshaw-made-in-ilkley/>



Honey Loaf Cake

As summer comes to an end and Autumn begins this honey loaf cake brings joy.

Ingredients:

2 tbsp. runny honey
200 g unsalted butter
80 g dark brown soft sugar
2 large eggs
200 g self-raising flour
1 1/2 tsp. mixed spice
100 g icing sugar, sifted

Method:

Melt together the butter, honey and sugar in a pan over a low heat. Turn up heat when sugar dissolved, and allow to bubble for 1 minute. Remove from heat and cool for 15 minutes. Mix in the eggs.

Sift flour and spice into a bowl, add butter mixture and mix well. Pour into a 900g loaf tin lined with baking parchment. Bake for 40-50 minutes in preheated oven at 160°C (140°C fan), until a skewer placed in centre of cake comes out clean.

Leave to cool for 5 minutes then remove from tin and allow to cool on wire rack. When completely cool, glaze by placing icing sugar in a bowl and whisking in just enough water for a runny consistency. Drizzle over cake and leave to harden. Serve in slices spread with butter, if desired.

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 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 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
Alison Stretton	01943 430024

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