

**DEDICATION FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday, September 6th 2020**

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Dear Friends

It was with both joy and sadness that we said “farewell” to Joseph and Charlotte Harrison last Sunday. Joseph is now being sponsored by our Diocese to train as a priest at the College of the Resurrection in Mirfield. His studies and spiritual formation will last a full three years before it is expected that he will be ordained first as a Deacon and then be appointed to serve as an assistant curate. They go with our love and prayers. There is great joy in seeing a young couple make the brave and committed step of offering their vocation to serve God’s Church and people. St Margaret’s has a long tradition of providing priests of the future as well as being a place of formation and training itself. However, we have seen Charlotte come to confirmation only eighteen months ago and both she and Joseph have made an important contribution to the life of our church. We will miss their presence and their friendship. I am sure, though, that we shall not lose touch with them.

This Sunday we shall celebrate our Dedication Festival. On September 10th 1879 our church was dedicated by the then Bishop of Ripon, Bishop Bickersteth. So this coming week St Margaret’s Church will be 141 years old! Worship in our parish goes back a little earlier than that for there was a temporary “tin church” erected in 1874 once the land had been given by All Saints for the new parish in late 1873. Our present building was designed by the architect Norman Shaw, and whilst he did not build a great number of churches, I feel very privileged

that all three churches I have been Vicar of were designed by him: All Saints', Leek and St Matthew's, Meerbrook, both in Staffordshire. Shaw was able to express the profound spirit of Tractarianism through his church buildings, and we continue to rejoice in that inheritance today at St Margaret's. I love the fact recorded in our history that the first service in the "tin church" was a choral service of holy communion, the first ever seen in Wharfedale! Records show that the surpliced choir caused quite a stir!

At the Vicarage, Rebecca has returned to Durham to begin her third university year this week. We shall miss her huge help with all the on-line services! I am immensely grateful that Anthony is still able, though, around his many other commitments, to assist me in recording a weekly Mass from the temporary Chapel which we can premiere on YouTube for us all, and especially those who cannot come physically to church. The present maximum of forty for our physical service in church seems to be accommodating those who wish to come, but we will, of course, keep that under review as we move into the autumn. Our church is also now open each morning Monday – Thursday from around 9.30am – 11.30am for private prayer, and it has been good to see a small but steady number of people using that opportunity. I hope it continues to be an encouragement to us all as our present exceptional circumstances continue. We shall endeavour to adjust the patterns of our worship to our changing circumstances and proceed as safely and as boldly as we can.

You will see also that our monthly organ recitals are re-commencing this September in the notices below. This is a further encouraging step forward and I am very grateful to Christopher for enabling this to happen.

With love and prayers, Fr. Philip

**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)

**Please also scroll down to watch Fr Philip's video about returning to church.**

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

Please join us on Sunday, September 6th for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

Topic: St Margaret's Coffee Meeting

Time: September 6th, 2020 11:30 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

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

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**Let Us Pray**

Loving God,  
bless our families, our friends and all in our hearts today.

May they be safe and well  
and kept close to your peace and love.

Help us to know that you are with us  
as we show love and care to others.

**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.** 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.

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# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

## **Services on**

**Sunday 6th September**

### **DEDICATION FESTIVAL**

**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 13th September**

### **THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**10.00am Said Mass in Church**

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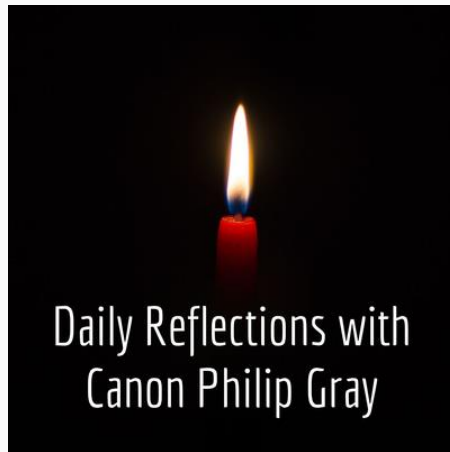
**With Vicar  
Canon Philip Gray**

**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.**

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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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# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Queens Road, ILKLEY

**Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup>  
at 12.30pm**

**Grand Reopening  
Organ Recital by  
Christopher Rathbone**

**BACH (arranged Rathbone)**

Chaconne (from Violin Partita no 2)

**MESSIAEN**

L'Ascension (complete)

**We are limited to 40 people, so please book at**

**[stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com)**

**including your email or phone number.**

**At the recital wear a face mask and observe social distancing**

Hooray! The organ recitals are re-opening on Wednesday, September 16th. I know many people have missed hearing the organ in full spate.

**The October recital, on Thursday October 8th**, will have a 150th anniversary tribute to one of my favourite composers, Louis Vierne, who was born in 1870. Do book in advance for both of these, as we are limited to 40 - and please wear a face-mask. Christopher

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**Cornerstone Bookshop** has received donations of second hand Christian books for 20 years. Books that have not sold in the shop have gone to Christian charities, principally to Book Aid Charitable Trust. The Trust sends new and second hand books to bookshops in Africa, Asia and the Carribean. Around the UK, people offer space in their homes or dry garages to receive donations for Book Aid. Donors contact the charity and are put in contact with those offering their homes as collection points. Book Aid collects the donations. Large quantities of quality books are sent abroad to be a blessing to our brothers and sisters in poorer areas of the world.

Cornerstone has been the only collection point in West Yorkshire and Craven for several years. From October the nearest collection points will be York, Selby and Bolton. Could you offer a small area of one room of your house or dry garage to be a collection point? In this way you would be helping the worldwide church. For more details contact Andrew Clayton-Stead on 07870403994 or [claytonsteda@gmail.com](mailto:claytonsteda@gmail.com). Also you can learn more about the Book Aid Charitable Trust at <https://book-aid.org/>



If you have not yet watched this short Guide to Returning to St. Margaret's for worship please do take a look if you plan to join us for worship in church.

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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 [stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@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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You can link to St. Margaret's Facebook page, website and YouTube channel by clicking the icons below.

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