

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
Sunday, February 7th 2021



WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

"In the beginning was the Word and through him all things were made." John 1
What an amazing planet he made for us to live on! We now have more access to its wonders than any generation before us, through our travel, and the many TV programmes which reveal the beauty and the wonders of the creation in such detail, variety and complexity.

Then all around us the stars speak of the vastness of space on a scale beyond our comprehension. As we wonder, so we praise and worship God for it all, in psalms and hymns (see below).

Sadly, the covid pandemic has severely limited our scope for travel and enjoyment of nature. But there is plenty around us here, and we must keep to the restrictions and not bend or ignore the rules. Eventually good things will come from our present situation:

Our future lives are going to be simpler and more responsible.

The magnificent way in which international cooperation produced several vaccines in record time is encouraging, because it shows that this joint effort can be achieved in other aspects of life - world poverty and climate change to mention only two!

There is always hope for the future, for God created us in his own image, and made us his children to live lives which reflect his love for all creation.

Fr Bernard

Hymn 267 v 1,2

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun from day to day
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

Soon as the evening shades prevail
The moon takes up the wondrous tale,
And nightly to the listening earth
Repeats the story of her birth;
Whilst all the stars that round her burn,
And all the planets in their turn,
Confirm the tidings, as they roll,
And spread the truth from pole to pole.

Hymn 477 v 3

Tell the praise of him who called you
Out of darkness into light,
Broke the fetters that enthralled you,
Gave you freedom, peace and sight:
Tell the tale of sins forgiven,
Strength renewed and hope restored,
Till the earth, in tune with heaven,
Praise and magnify the Lord.

The New English Hymnal

Psalm 15 sung by Isobel and Christopher Rathbone

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(if you are using a PC to read your newsletter double click on the link and press play on the downloaded audio file).

Let Us Pray

Ever present God,
be with us in our isolation,
be close to us in our distancing,
be healing in our sickness,
be joy in our sadness,
be light in our darkness,
be wisdom in our confusion,
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,
that when the doors reopen
we may inhabit our communities
and speak of your goodness
to an emerging world.
For Jesus' sake.

Amen.

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Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Colossians 1. 15-20*

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Second Reading *John 1. 1-14*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he

came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

In our Prayers

Departed: Val Hutton

Years' Mind

Sunday Nellie Wilson

Monday John Brooks

Tuesday James Hunt, Mary Scott

Wednesday Annie Cooke

Thursday Constance Johnstone, Charles Terry, Jessie Williamson

Saturday Ben Soppitt

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Ramone (Ray) Guha, May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Peter Kuchartschuk, Peter Waterhouse.

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, February 7th for our virtual "coffee time" at 11.30am.

Join Zoom Meeting at St Margaret's

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

You are also welcome to join **Coffee Time at St Matthew's, Northampton** following their live-streamed service each Sunday. Coffee Time begins just after 11.15am. Please use your name and "Ilkley" when signing in eg Vickie, Ilkley. Click on the link below, no password needed, or if using the zoom app enter meeting id: 890 759 8916

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8907598916>



Links to live-streamed worship

St Matthews, Northampton

St Matthews is an Anglican Parish Church, in the catholic tradition. You are welcome to join Fr Nicholas Setterfield and the congregation of St Matthews for their live-streamed Parish Mass at 10.15am. Service booklets can also be downloaded. Go to <http://www.stmatthewsnorthampton.org.uk/> and then click on the link to join the live-streamed Sunday service which is posted on the home page. You can also "like" St Matthew's facebook page to receive live notifications of streamed services. The link to the facebook page is below. Don't forget you are welcome to join coffee time at St Matthews after the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/stmatthewschurchnorthampton/>

Links to live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click on <https://www.leeds.anglican.org/covid-19/live-streaming#churches> to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Private Prayer at St. Margaret's

Monday to Friday

9.30am - 11.30am

St Margaret's is now open each weekday morning 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 Virtual Choir

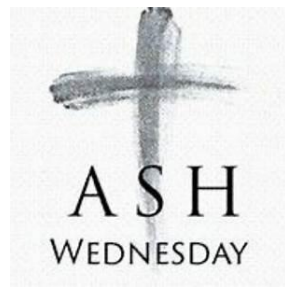
Listen to the 'virtual choir' mix of part of the Modal Mass by Geoff Cloke - Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

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This is no 20 of the 'virtual choir' project which has been running every two weeks or so since early last spring, when we felt we had to do something to keep the choir singing (if not 'together!'). An earlier item was the Lord's Prayer setting from Geoff's Mass (no 7, I think) which was used in one of the Grays' recorded Sunday masses. Next we are attempting a lovely Byrd anthem from the choir library, which we have never tried before, called 'I will not leave you comfortless' (a nice thought in these comfortless times). Watch out for the end result of this in a week or two!

Best wishes to all - keep safe and well!

Christopher



A link to a live streamed Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm from St Matthew's Northampton will be included in the news sheet for Sunday 14th February.

If you would like to receive a small sachet of pre-blessed ashes in order to make the sign of the cross in ash on your forehead during the service, please contact Vickie by email at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com or phone Helen Buswell on 01943 608146 by Wednesday, February 10th making sure to include your postal address. Ashes will be posted out or hand delivered.



Lent Reading

This year, the available Lent literature is understandably focused on reading and praying at home, often alone. Here are some Lent titles worth considering, all of which are currently available on Amazon: **Thy Will be Done by Stephen Cherry** (Dean, Kings College, Cambridge) Bloomsbury £7.38. This book is an invitation to immerse yourself in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. The book is divided into six parts, all of which focus on one clause of the Lord's Prayer. Each consists of six chapters. It provides short daily readings, six days a week, from the Sunday before Ash Wednesday to the Sunday after Easter Day. **The Sanctuary for Lent 2012 by April Casperson.** USA £11.18. The Sanctuary for Lent contains brief readings for each day in Lent, including a suggested scripture reading, a short devotion and a short prayer - all based on the lectionary. This pamphlet is intended to help readers faithfully journey through Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection. **Rooted in Love: Lent reflections on the Life of Christ by Sarah Mullallay,** Bishop of London, and her Area Bishops. SPCK £8.19. Who is the Christ we serve? What does it mean to be part of the body of Christ? How can we live more Christ-centred lives? Here are forty reflections that lead us deeper into the meaning and practice of life in Christ today. Drawing on the collective wisdom of all the area bishops in the Diocese of London each reflection includes a Bible reading, a prayer and a suggestion for action based on the reading. The result is an exceptionally helpful Lent book, offering a rich array of biblical insight and spiritual guidance that Christians of all traditions will warmly welcome and appreciate. **Living the Story: Revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways by Hannah Steele.** SPCK £7.99. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2021. In Living His Story, Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the gospel afresh. With warmth and encouragement, she shows how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives simply by being the people God made us and allowing people to be drawn to him through our natural gifts.

Thank you to St. Matthew's for their Lent reading recommendations.

Taking God to Work

The first in a series of online interviews from Leeds Diocese, exploring the relationship between Christianity and work, took place earlier this month. People from across the diocese gathered on Zoom to hear from Mark McAllister who is currently the Chair of Office for Nuclear Regulation and has worked in the international oil industry since 1979. Mark is also a Christian and spoke about how he has lived out his faith whilst having a successful career in engineering. You can watch the interview here:

<https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/resource/taking-god-to-work-zoom-interview/>



Trees in Winter Trail

Learn about our local trees during your lockdown exercise. Following on from the 'Introduction to Trees' trail last Summer, a 'Trees in Winter' trail is now available to download and visits 18 trees from the first trail that have features easy to see in winter. The trails start at Ilkley Manor House and take you around East Holmes Field and the Lido area. Find out more and download the tree trails at ilkleytrees.org.uk/treetrails/

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. 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/ilkleycorona>

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>

For **Covid Advice and Support in the Bradford District** this booklet has been produced https://681caa24-5d92-4161-8aa4-ca91077bfee3.filesusr.com/ugd/c0bb66_383e5d0f843748858fb3508bbc229951.pdf?index=true

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.

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