

# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

**THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**  
**Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021**



Dear Friends

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. It comes about halfway between Christmas and Easter. Normally we would attend a Mass in church and receive ashes marked on our foreheads in the form of a cross. These words are said at this point "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you will return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ."

So it is in between birth and death that we are to follow this injunction to turn away from sin. Lent swiftly follows Ash Wednesday and that gives us ample time in between Ash Wednesday and Easter to consider our sins and turn away from them.

Faced with that task, it might seem hard to find anything major which you could define as sinful. No major crimes, no serious moral lapses and so on. But sin is found in smaller things. So if you are stuck, consider the "seven deadly sins": pride, covetousness, lust, envy, gluttony, anger, sloth (laziness and apathy). Turn from them and be faithful to Christ. This is not easy at a time when our activities are limited but many are finding ways to communicate without breaking the rules. Do what you can and do not feel guilty about what you cannot do or be.

The transfiguration described in today's gospel tells of Christ's glory - just a glimpse, and then back down the mountain to reality. The disciples were now informed that the way for Jesus is not all glory, but that he was to suffer and die. His death was in between the Resurrection. The Resurrection is in between his Ascension into Heaven and his Second Coming.

So for us, we will suffer in many ways in this life and then at some point we shall die. Our death comes in between eternal life. As God's children, we inherit eternal life because "God so loved the world that he gave his only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

The following hymns will help.

Fr Bernard

**Hymn 178**

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy glory fills the night;  
Thy face and garments, like the sun,  
Shine with unborrowed light.

'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
Thy beauty to behold  
Where Moses and Elijah stand,  
Thy messengers of old.

Fulfiller of the past,  
Promise of things to be,  
We hail Thy body glorified  
And our redemption see.

Before we taste of death,  
We see Thy kingdom come;  
We fain would hold the vision bright  
And make this hill our home.

**Hymn 389**

Jesus, these eyes have never seen  
That radiant form of thine;  
The veil of sense hangs dark between  
Thy blessed face and mine.

I see thee not, I hear thee not,  
Yet art thou oft with me;  
And earth hath ne'er so dear a spot  
As where I met with thee.

Yet, though I have not seen, and still  
Must rest in faith alone,  
I love thee, dearest Lord, and will,  
Unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes shall seal,  
And still this throbbing heart,  
The rending veil shall thee reveal  
All glorious as thou art.

***The New English Hymnal***

### **Let Us Pray**

God of heaven and earth,  
Be thou a bright flame before me,  
Be thou a guiding star above me,  
Be thou a smooth path below me,  
Be thou a kindly shepherd behind me,  
This day and for ever  
**Amen.**

*Adapted from Columba (?521-597) Irish monk and missionary in Scotland*

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#### **Collect**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### **First Reading** *2 Corinthians 4. 3-6*

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

#### **Second Reading** *Mark 9. 2-9*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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### In our Prayers

**Departed:** Barbara Akam, Val Hutton

#### **Years' Mind**

**Sunday** Hannah Appleyard, Annie Walker

**Monday** Herbert Vincent Parker

**Thursday** Alice Cowley, Noel Gibson, Arnold Shaw

**Friday** Eric Turton

**Saturday** Ethel Barfield, Millicent Wormald

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

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

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### Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, February 14th 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.

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### **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.

[https://mcusercontent.com/ba3ec307ede7e24cd60c47953/files/4ec595f7-152d-4fcb-8d0c-ab58e19b2160/Modal\\_Mass\\_Mix.mp3](https://mcusercontent.com/ba3ec307ede7e24cd60c47953/files/4ec595f7-152d-4fcb-8d0c-ab58e19b2160/Modal_Mass_Mix.mp3)

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

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The "Parish Office" will be closed for half term holidays on Tuesday, 16th and Wednesday, 17th February. Vickie.

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There will be a special service of morning prayer on Ash Wednesday from our Deanery. Go to St Margaret's website on Wednesday, 17th and click on the link for the service. <https://www.stmargaretsilkley.org/>

A link to the live streamed **Mass with Imposition of Ashes at 7.30pm** from St Matthew's Northampton on Wednesday, February 17th will also be shared on their website which you can click through to [here](#)

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### **Update on the Vacancy**

The PCC is pleased to announce that Catherine Cheater and Catherine Gibson have been appointed to be the Parish Representatives in the recruitment process. We are very grateful to them for taking on this role on behalf of our Parish. Catherine and Catherine will be working closely with our Wardens, Alison and Helen, and with +Toby and Father Oswin when we reach the stage of meeting with prospective candidates.

The PCC has been busy over the past few weeks preparing the documents that will be used to appoint Father Philip's successor. The letters, emails and feedback received from the congregation will be reflected in these documents.

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The minutes from the **PCC meeting on February 9th** are available to [download here](#).

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The CHURCH TIMES  
**Festival of  
Faith & Literature**  
A literary festival with a theological slant

Our mission is to encourage a love of literature as it relates to faith, and to create a thoughtful and relaxing space in which to consider works of literature and their religious and moral themes. It's for anyone who is interested in the big questions of life. For 2021 we are taking the festival online with two new one-day events:

**Saturday, February 20th: Light in Darkness** Featuring: Francis Spufford, Rachel Mann, Kathy Tiernan, Mark Oakley, and Stephen Cherry. For more information and to book tickets go to: <https://faithandliterature.hymnsam.co.uk/>

Make a diary date for Saturday, April 17th when we will explore: Finding Meaning with Stephen Cottrell, Sarah Sands, Claire Foster-Gilbert, Gareth Higgins, and Brian McLaren. Booking open later this year.

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### **Rhythm of Life Lent Course**

This six week online course, run by the Diocese of Leeds and led by Rev'd Dr Hayley Matthews, begins on February 24th. There will be six sessions via Zoom, with online materials and discussion/reflection questions.

Sessions will provide an opportunity to engage with the seven Rhythm of Life areas for deepening commitment to: praying, reflecting, encouraging, sharing, resting, celebrating, creating.

Course dates: **Wednesdays: 24th February to 31st March at 7.30pm - 9.00pm.**

To be able to fully participate you will need access to a microphone and camera, along with Zoom and internet access.

You can sign up here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rhythm-of-life-lent-course-2021-tickets-136778075907>

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### **Fairtrade Fortnight**

Fairtrade Fortnight runs from February 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to March 7th. The themes are 'Climate, Fairtrade and You' and 'Choose the world you want'. The aim is to look at the impacts of climate change and why fair prices and living incomes are so vital for those on the front line in developing countries.

**Fairtrade Yorkshire** is organising a virtual Festival with interactive activities. For more details click here: <http://www.fairtradeyorkshire.org.uk/>

For more details about Fairtrade Fortnight click here: <http://https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight/>

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### **Keeping the faith: Christian chaplains in the time of Covid**

At times of great uncertainty, many people turn to faith leaders for support, but with the current social restrictions, it's more difficult than ever for ministers to offer pastoral and spiritual care to their congregations.

Photographer Louise Haywood-Schiefer set out to photograph Christian chaplains from churches and institutions around London to discover how they are facing these challenges.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/in-pictures-55903529>

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### **The Great British Art Tour: the fairy folk who made the house stink**

With public art collections closed The Guardian is bringing the art to you, exploring highlights from across the country in partnership with Art UK. Today's pick: Dundee's Riders of the Sidhe.

[https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/feb/10/the-great-british-art-tour-dundees-art-gallery-riders-of-the-sidhe-john-duncan?CMP=Share\\_iOSApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2021/feb/10/the-great-british-art-tour-dundees-art-gallery-riders-of-the-sidhe-john-duncan?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other)

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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. 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](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>

For **Covid Advice and Support in the Bradford District** this booklet has been produced [https://681caa24-5d92-4161-8aa4-ca91077bf3e3.filesusr.com/ugd/c0bb66\\_383e5d0f843748858fb3508bbc229951.pdf?index=true](https://681caa24-5d92-4161-8aa4-ca91077bf3e3.filesusr.com/ugd/c0bb66_383e5d0f843748858fb3508bbc229951.pdf?index=true)

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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.**

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Alison Stretton	01943 430024
Fr Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

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