

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
Sunday, February 21st 2021



"Somewhere over the Rainbow"

Nowadays we see rainbows all over the place. In shops, house windows, painted onto pebbles and chalked on pavements by children. Daylight contains all seven colours. The colours are red, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet which together makes up the light which surrounds us.

The rainbow spoken of by God in Genesis chapter 9 tells of God's covenant with his creation "Wherever the rainbow appears in the clouds I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between me and all his creatures of every kind"

The rainbow is a symbol of hope, assurance and stability in the present and in the future. It was then, a most appropriate symbol for the NHS to adopt as their logo during the pandemic. It is a symbol of hope for our future. But the foundation of this hope is a staggering commitment of courage, endurance and hard slog almost to breaking point by the tens of thousands of NHS workers.

We might complain about the restrictions imposed upon us but they are nothing in comparison to the sacrifices made by NHS workers.

So for all of us, we need to pray for everyone in the NHS and other health workers. Let us remember the bereaved and those suffering from long covid and care and support each other.

We have a symbol of hope in the rainbow and remember, "We'll meet again some sunny day!"

Fr Bernard

Hymn 403

Lord of all being, throned afar,
thy glory flames from sun and star;
centre and soul of every sphere,
yet to each loving heart how near!

Sun of our life, thy quickening ray
sheds on our path the glow of day;
Star of our hope, thy softened light
cheers the long watches of the night.

Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.

Lord of all life, below, above,
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,
before thy ever-blazing throne
we ask no lustre of our own.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,
till all thy living altars claim
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

*To the tune of Fight the good fight.
The New English Hymnal*

Let Us Pray

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
Help us all to use our lives to reflect your glory
and to serve others
as your son Jesus did.

Amen.



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
Sunday, February 21st 2021

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading *Genesis 9:8-17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Second Reading *Mark 1:9-15*

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'



Stations of the Cross
First Sunday of Lent

1 Jesus is judged, falsely judged. Ridiculed.

Pilate is a weak fool. He protested, wanted to let Jesus go, “washed his hands” as we say, of whole affair. Little did he know that his name would be repeated everyday – as a symbol of weak justice that cannot be bothered. Where are we in all this? A Lent hymn “O come and mourn with me a while” contains these words “My weak self and guilty pride his Pilate and Judas were”. Our traditional liturgies emphasise repentance as our first step towards God.

PRAY Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

2. Jesus is compelled to carry his cross

Jesus was compelled to carry his cross but he does not compel us. For us the way of the cross is a choice just as being a Christian is a choice. But once we are disciples we are summoned to a discipline “Whoever wants to be my disciple let him take up his cross and follow me” Luke 9:23, Mark 8:34. To learn the way of the cross is never easy. We are to follow the way of the cross because that is where the Saviour is.

PRAY Lord, grant us strength of purpose and singleness of heart that we may faithfully bear the cross each day.

3. Jesus falls under the heavy cross

Jesus falls to show us without a doubt that he is with us when we feel low and are at our wits end. “My strength is made perfect in weakness” It’s a different standard from the world.

PRAY Be not far from me, O Lord, and when I fall into sin, raise me up again and set my feet on the right way.

*Stations of the Cross, Fr Godfrey
Photograph by Catherine Gibson*

In our Prayers

Departed: Barbara Akam

Years' Mind

Sunday Julian Shaw

Monday Terry Baker, Alan Barker, James Scarborough, Dorothy Stott

Tuesday Hilda Kemp, Marjorie Tickle, Ronald Frank Gadsden

Wednesday Frances Beatrice Jerrard, Nancy Terry

Thursday Canon Rex Hartley, Helen Hogg, Peter Marback, Pat Hesellwood

Friday Judith Roberts, Gillie Normington

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.

Sunday "Coffee Time"

Please join us on Sunday, February 21st 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

Missa Brevis

St. Margaret's Virtual Choir

This week we have included a link to a YouTube version of the Missa Brevis (three movements) by our own maestro Geoff Cloke. I can't stress enough that the virtual choir programme wouldn't have happened without Geoff's technical and musical expertise - he gathers together the various recordings from members of the choir and magically pulls them together (usually ten hours work or more each time) - and the results are variable, but mostly pretty good: the choir and the parish as a whole owes him a huge debt of gratitude.

Geoff's Mass is officially entitled A Modal Mass - it dates from 2018 - and each movement strictly follows one of the ancient church modes, or scales, which date back certainly 1500 years, if not more. The Sanctus is in the Lydian mode (like G major without F sharp). The Benedictus is in the Aeolian mode (A minor without any sharps) and the Agnus Dei is in the Phrygian mode, which is E minor without any sharps. A few months ago we recorded the Lord's Prayer from the same Mass, which starts in the Aeolian mode, but ends in C major (I mean the Ionian mode!) The music is very easy to sing, and satisfying to listen to, so Geoff's Mass will probably become a fixture on the St Margaret's Music List, if such a thing ever becomes possible again! Christopher.

[Listen to the recording here.](#)



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.](#)



The Diocese is hosting a "A Journey Through Lent" in the coming weeks, offering people the opportunity to join for Midday Prayer and Lenten Reflections. The opportunity is open to all, with Zoom sessions taking place every Friday at noon through to the final session on Friday, March 26th. [Find out more here.](#)

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>

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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Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
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Call 0800 804 8044**