

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

CANDLEMAS
Sunday, January 31st 2021



Dear Friends

Candlemas comes in the dark of winter. There are a few signs of Spring, but it will be another month before it arrives. We must wait for it.

Ancient Simeon had been looking and waiting for a Saviour for most of his life. Then one day, the Holy Spirit revealed to him that a child, whom Joseph and Mary had brought to the Temple, was the light for which he had waited.

Jesus is the light of the world, and he is with us now - even when the world is locked in Pandemic. He is not the light at the end of the tunnel of our present plight - no, he is with us right now in our struggle. His light will guide us through. Post pandemic we shall need his light to find our way to contain the virus and live effectively with it.

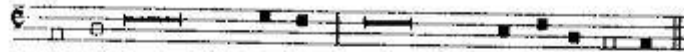
Some aspects of our lives might be changed forever. We will need to find new ways of living whereby we will cease to destroy our planet and re-establish it for a new and sustainable life.

May God bless us all as we wait patiently and persevere. "He that shall endure to the end shall be saved."

Fr Bernard

Nunc dimittis

VIII.1.



LORD, NOW lettest thou thy servant depart in *peace* :
accord-*ing* to thy word.

- 2 For mine eyes have *seen* : – *thy* sal-va-tion,
- 3 Which thou hast pre-*par*-ed : before the face of *all* peo-ple ;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the *Gen*-tiles ; and to be the glory
of thy *peo*-ple Is-ra[^]el.

Glory be to the Father, and to the *Son* : and *to* the Ho-ly[^]
Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever *shall* be : world
with-*out* end. A-men.

Please listen here to some much missed voices:
https://mcusercontent.com/ba3ec307ede7e24cd60c47953/files/d25bd1c6-21fe-4f24-a5f4-b6104cc6c46f/Meadowcroft_1_.m4a

(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 and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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 *Hebrews 2. 14-18*

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Second Reading *Luke 2. 22-40*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

In our Prayers

Departed: Fr. Eric Simmons CR

Years' Mind

Sunday Olive Klepper

Tuesday Brian Coates, Redvers Scott, Lois Rothwell

Wednesday Emily Lyons

Thursday Suzanne Riddiough

Saturday Anne Woolmore

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, 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, January 31st for our virtual "coffee time" at 11.30am. The meeting details are below.

Join Zoom Meeting at St Margaret's

<https://zoom.us/j/7586081733?pwd=bFVnZ1dpczFPN3h5aVpVbmJmank4QT09>

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

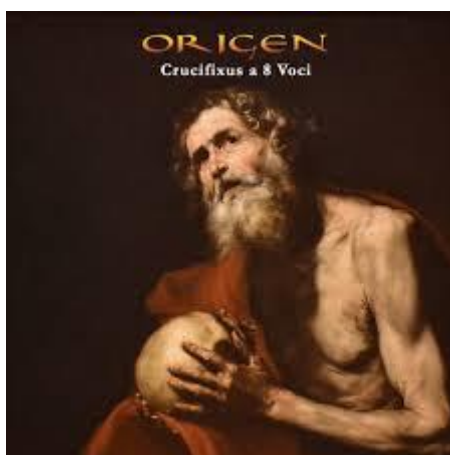
Monday to Friday

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.



The 'Virtual Choir' of St Margaret's

<https://youtu.be/Pkr1EsNY62A>

This week we include a link above to the latest 'Virtual Choir' project, a performance of Lotti's wonderful setting of the Crucifixus section of the Credo, in 8 vocal parts. Antonio Lotti was probably born and certainly died (in 1740) in Venice, roughly contemporary with J.S.Bach, Handel, and of course that other famous Venetian, Antonio Vivaldi. But he was obsessed by the style of the Italian late Renaissance period, Palestrina in particular. So, much of his church music was in a highly expressive version of Palestrina style polyphony: in the Crucifixus we have 8 voice parts inter-weaving in very expressive counterpoint, and at dramatic points, producing dramatic chords and harmonic surprises. We think that this is our best effort yet, and Geoff Cloke, who is the editing guru for the Virtual Choir, has done a magnificent job.

You may like to know that the Virtual Choir has completed a new project every week or two since last Spring. Mostly a fortnight apart to give everyone a week to get their recordings sent in, Geoff a few days to edit the 'mix', and me a few days to choose the next piece of music to attempt. At the time of writing, Geoff is editing the 20th project, a modal mass setting of his own composition. It will probably appear in the newsletter next week!

Sadly, once more the Virtual Choir is all the singing St. Margaret's Choir gets to do. It was lovely being able to offer singing opportunities to so many people over the Christmas period, and there was some lovely singing, but all that has come to an end. Let's hope we can re-open the church for some form of worship before too long, and start giving people the chance of doing what they love doing – singing together. Christopher.

Wellness Writing Course

@IlkleyLitFest has just released tickets for their Wellness Writing course starting on February 16th.

Whether you're a seasoned poet or a complete beginner, this course allows you to explore wellness practices and to improve your creative writing. Book now at: <https://bit.ly/39oXXRb>

Story Explorer Packs

Do you know someone who is home teaching? @IlkleyLitFest has introduced their Story Explorer packs, entirely free activity booklets for primary-age children! Keep your child entertained and help them get the most out of an exciting book. For more info: <https://bit.ly/3chggcW>

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/ilkeleycorona>

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.ilkeleychat.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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Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

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Call 0800 804 8044**