



PALM SUNDAY
Sunday, March 28th 2021



Letter from Bishop Toby

To the congregation of St Margaret's Church Ilkley,

I send you warm greetings this Passiontide, as we prepare to walk with our Lord in the way of the Cross and the Resurrection!

I have fond memories of commemorating Holy Week with you some years ago, carried along by the liturgy, music and incense, and being inducted by Fr Philip into some of the mysteries that were unfamiliar to me at the time. I pray that, in these very different and difficult times in which we face such constraints on our worship, you will nevertheless experience the presence of Jesus who continues to be unconstrained by locked doors.

Due to some unforeseen changes, I found last week that I was able to be free for Easter Sunday morning, and so contacted your lay leadership to see if it might be possible for me to join you for your High Mass. I am grateful to them, to Fr Godfrey and to the rest of the Parish Council for so graciously enabling me at such short notice to be with you on that occasion. I realise that numbers will be necessarily limited in order to create a safe environment, but I would encourage those of you who can to book a place.

You have been in my thoughts and prayers during this time of vacancy in which you have been negotiating the complexities involved in preparing for the appointment of a new priest. I have appreciated the way in which you have made Fr Oswin (representing your Patron, the Community of the Resurrection), Archdeacon Andy and myself so welcome in this process. We met earlier this week with your Church Council to look at the parish profile and beautifully produced brochure that has been prepared. We plan to advertise after Easter for interviews

toward the end of May. Please continue to pray with me that God will bring to us a suitable priest. I trust, too, that you have already begun to talk with anyone you know who might be interested, or might know someone who might be interested in applying for this post.

Yours in the love of Christ,

+Toby

The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth

Palm Crosses

As we cannot be in church for Palm Sunday, Fr Godfrey has kindly blessed some Palm Crosses. If you would like to pick one up from the back of church, they are on the large chest to the left of the main door.

Let Us Pray

God of heaven and earth,
we long to be truly free.
Help us to grasp the freedom that comes
from seeing you more clearly,
loving you more dearly,
and following you more nearly.
Day by day, give us strength and courage
to be your people in this time, in this place.

Amen

Reopening for Sunday Worship

We are very pleased that St Margaret's will reopen for Sunday Worship from Easter Day, 4th April, when we will be joined by Bishop Toby.

For the time-being there will continue to be a Parish Mass at 10.00am each Sunday.

To protect everyone involved and to allow our services to continue, our Covid precautions are still in place and we would like to remind you of the following:

- To book, email Vickie with the date of the service you would like to attend plus your name and telephone number so we have your details for track and trace.
- Wear a mask and use the hand sanitiser provided on entering church
- Avoid mingling in church and immediately outside before or after the service

As the office will be closed during Easter week, please book for services on both Sunday, 4th and Sunday, 11th April by Thursday, 31st March.



EASTER AT ST. MARGARET'S

Friday 2nd April

GOOD FRIDAY

We are open for Private Prayer between 9.30am and 3.30pm.

Visitors will also be able to light a candle to place near the
Easter Cross at the front of church.

Sunday 4th April

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00am Mass in Church

**Celebrant: The Rt Revd Dr Toby Howarth,
Bishop of Bradford**

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Sunday 11th April

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr Godfrey Higgins

Booking is essential through the Parish Office
stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Please note the **Parish Office will be closed between Tuesday, April 6th
and Thursday, April 8th inclusive.**



PALM SUNDAY

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Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.**

Liturgy of the Palms *Mark 11.1-11*

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, “Why are you doing this?” just say this, “The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.” ’ They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, ‘What are you doing, untying the colt?’ They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!’ Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

First Reading *Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty.

Second Reading *Mark 15 1-39*

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Psalm 118

[Listen here](#)

Sung by Christopher and Isobel Rathbone

1. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
 - 2 Let Israel now proclaim, ♦
'His mercy endures for ever.'
 - 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.
 - 20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.
 - 21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.
 - 22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.
 - 23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.
 - 24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
 - 25 Come, O Lord, and save us we pray. ♦
Come, Lord, send us now prosperity.
 - 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; ♦
we bless you from the house of the Lord.
 - 27 The Lord is God; he has given us light; ♦
link the pilgrims with cords
right to the horns of the altar.
 - 28 You are my God and I will thank you; ♦
you are my God and I will exalt you.
 - 29 O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; ♦
his mercy endures for ever.
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In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Sunday	Beryl McLaughlan, Raymond Mason
Wednesday	Clarence Ellis
Friday	Emily Graham, Susan Elizabeth Terry, Bryan Anson

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Val Banks, 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, March 28th at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

[Click here](#) to join Zoom Coffee Time

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 logging on to zoom meeting. 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 [here](#) 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 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.

Morning Prayer on Zoom

Wednesday, March 31st

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, March 31st at 10.00am. We will use the words from Common Worship. These will be shown on the screen or can be downloaded [here](#). Click the link scroll down and click on Morning Prayer for the order of service.

Click the Zoom link to join morning prayer [here](#). The link will be open from 9.50am. All are welcome.

Volunteer Stewards for Sunday Services

We are grateful to those people who have already offered to join a rota of stewards for the Sunday Services. This has been a great help in enabling our decision to reopen for worship. The more people we have, the lighter the load for those helping. If you would like to join the team, please contact the Wardens via the Parish Office at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Readers and Intercessors

Would readers and intercessors for the Sunday morning Mass please let Janet Kish know if there are any dates in the period April - June when they will not be available. If you have been thinking about joining them, you would be very welcome. Contact Janet Kish via the Parish Office at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Victoria Tenebrae Responsory

St. Margaret's Virtual Choir

Listen [here](#)

Here is Geoff Cloke's 'mix' of the voices of the bold members of the 'Virtual Choir' who have contributed to the latest project. It is the last of the six Victoria Tenebrae responses which we have usually sung on the Wednesday of Holy Week. There are actually 18 of these 2 - 4 minute motets, and this one is among the most dramatic, describing the thugs sent by the priests and Pharisees to arrest Jesus, armed with swords and cudgels ('cum gladiis et fustibus'), 'as it were against a robber'. The Tenebrae responsories are part of an even larger compilation of 1585, comprising a full set of music for Holy Week. Many thanks, yet again, to Geoff who has again spent hours of his precious free time putting it together for us.

Seniores populi concilium fecerunt
Ut Jesum dolo tenerent et occiderent;
Cum gladiis et fustibus exierunt tamquam ad latronem.
Collegerunt Pontifices et pharisaei concilium.

Translation

The elders of the people plotted together to arrest Jesus and kill him:
With swords and cudgels they went out, as against a robber.
The priests and pharisees assembled a council.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th

The annual meetings will be held on Tuesday, April 20th at 7.30pm by 'Zoom'. At the meetings there will be the following elections:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 2 Deanery Synod members
- 3 Parochial Church Council members

Nominations for all positions are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Margaret's and who satisfies the other requirements specified on the nomination forms. Churchwardens are elected annually and may stand for six consecutive periods of office. PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives are elected for a period of three years.

I will post the names of people nominated. There will be a meeting held immediately before the elections on that day where you will have a chance to hear from the candidates.

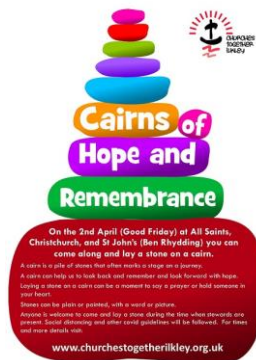
If you would like to apply, please contact me via the Parish Office at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com and I will post a form to you. Completed forms can be photographed/scanned and emailed to Vickie Kemp, Parish Office, St Margaret's, Queen's Road, Ilkley LS29 9QL. Thank you. Catherine Webster, PCC Secretary.

Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the **Section 12 meeting** held on March 23rd 2021 can be read [here](#). You can read the minutes of the **PCC meeting** held on the same evening [here](#).

Electoral Roll Revision

The 2021 **Electoral Roll Revision** will take place from March 28th to April 10th 2021. If you were added to the roll in 2019 or 2020, you do not need to do anything. If you are not on the current electoral roll please consider adding your name this year. Joining the electoral roll means that you can vote at the APCM and it makes you eligible to stand for PCC and other church committees. It is also a way of demonstrating your ongoing commitment to the life and work of St Margaret's. In order to reduce the risk of infection forms will not be left at the back of church this year. If you would like to apply please contact Catherine Beaumont via the Parish Office at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com and I will post a form to you. Forms can be returned by post or can be left in the safe at the back of church.



Cairns of Remembrance and Hope Churches Together in Ilkley mark Good Friday 2021 Friday, April 2nd

*“And they remembered that God was their rock, and the high God their redeemer.”
Psalm 78:3*

St John's (Ben Rhydding) 11 am – 3 pm
All Saints', Church Street 12 – 3 pm
Christchurch, The Grove 2 – 6 pm

Stewards will be available to guide the laying of stones. Social distancing and other covid guidelines will be followed. There will be no gathering. The cairns are temporary and will be removed on the evening of April 2nd. You will not be able to get your stone back. Anyone is welcome to come and lay a stone during the time when the stewards are present.

St. Margaret's is open on Good Friday, 9.30am – 3.30pm for private prayer. Visitors can light a candle to place near the Easter Cross at the front of church.

Practical Support and Help

Ilkley and District Good Neighbours provides a range of support and practical help 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 4362254.

Ilkley Chat provides the latest news affecting Ilkley as a result of COVID-19 <https://www.ilkeleychat.co.uk/coronavirus>

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