



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 25th 2021

Letter from Fr Bernard

We all know that people who are habitually grateful, tend to be happier than those who are ungrateful. To be grateful, is to feel better about life and to be more optimistic about the future. Counting our blessings is especially important in these times of restrictions, as it is so easy to dwell on what we have not and cannot do, rather than being thankful for what we do have, and what we can do.

I'm not very good at learning prayers (or other things) by heart. But there is an exception. In the longest prayer, in the Book of Common Prayer, namely, the GENERAL THANKSGIVING. I think it must have been said in church every Sunday during World War Two when I was a chorister. I have never forgotten it! So I thought if it was printed out in full, we might all be happier and more optimistic about the future. We often use this prayer, at Choral Evensong, when we all say it together.

Let Us Pray

A General Thanksgiving

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

Our Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Christ, our Lord, to you we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight [Refrain]

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]

F S Pierpoint 1835-1917

Sunday Worship

We welcome you to join us for 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 at stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com 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.
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Forthcoming Changes

Those of you who were able to attend the APCM this week will be aware that a number of changes to our services and activities were proposed. The following were approved by the PCC:

Distribution of the Host from this Sunday, April 25th

- Wafers will no longer be in paper sachets
- The celebrant will wear a mask and sanitise his hands
- You will be invited by a Warden/steward to come forward in single file and socially distanced to the chancel/nave steps to receive
- The celebrant will drop the wafer into your outstretched hands
- The celebrant will say, "The body of Christ."
- After the response, "Amen," please return to your seat via the one-way system before consuming the Host
- If any physical contact is made, both parties should re-sanitise their hands
- Choir members will receive the host before the main congregation in same way from the celebrant who will come to each one via empty choir stalls

It is, therefore, particularly important that masks are worn and hand sanitiser is used on entering the church. There will be extra sanitiser available for those who require it on the way up to receive. If you have any questions, please contact one of the Wardens either before the service or on your way into church.

Also to come:

High Mass will move to a later time in order to allow the Family Service to resume and, in a few weeks, Cant and Dec and SMS will be able to resume their Friday evening rehearsals.

We are extremely grateful to all the volunteers who are working to enable this.

The Wardens.

You can read the notes from the PCC meeting on Tuesday, April 20th below.

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First Reading: Acts 4: 5-12

Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

The Order of Service for The Fourth Sunday of Easter is [here](#)

In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Sunday Doris Ellwood, Edward Kemp, William Yates, Jean King
Monday Eileen Armstrong, Norbert Higgins, Tony Proctor
Tuesday John Peill, Harold Hetherington
Wednesday Irene Foster
Thursday Ada Deacon, Wheeler Smith
Saturday Nan Hodgson

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Val Banks, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Ramone (Ray) Guha, May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, Peter Kuchartschuk, Vivienne Swindells, Tony Warnes, 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, April 25th at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

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

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.

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

Links to 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, April 28th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, April 28th 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.



**ST. MARGARET'S
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SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 25th April

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: The Ven Mike Edson

Sunday 2nd May

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr David Hope

Booking is essential through the Parish Office

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Face masks must be worn in church

Notes from the PCC

April 20th 2021

To help keep everyone updated, following PCC meetings a brief update will be included in the newsletter.

We opened with prayers, then welcomed new PCC members Philip Tooke and Ben Whittaker, and thanked Tina Warnes for standing again. Our additional members are a welcome addition to the PCC, as we seek to be united in the support we will offer our new parish priest in due course. John McGhee kindly agreed to continue as Treasurer for one more year. Catherine Webster has now stepped down as PCC Secretary, with grateful thanks for her hard work. The new PCC Secretary is Bethany Harrison, with support from Catherine Gibson. We are still seeking someone to take on the role of Chair of the Hall and Fabric Committee. Janet Kish has kindly agreed to continue as Head Sidesman. Deanery Synod reps will also give updates to the PCC when available.

Good news! We were all delighted that the Family Service can now resume in church from 9th May, and thanked Catherine Beaumont and Catherine Gibson for their hard work in paving the way for this. **From 9th May, it means our Sunday morning service times will once again be the Family Service at 9.15am and High Mass at 10.45am.** In line with the easing of Covid restrictions, the host will now be distributed without the paper envelope.

More good news! Cant+Dec and SMS will be able to resume Friday evening singing sessions. Details will follow when all preparations have been completed.

We discussed a draft Code of Conduct for the PCC. Meeting virtually has brought some challenges which it is hoped a Code of Conduct can reduce. The Draft will be discussed further in the next PCC meeting.

There was unanimous agreement that St Margaret's will formally adopt the Church of England's *Promoting a Safer Church* safeguarding document.

Once approved by the PCC, the minutes of the meeting will be available on the website.



Programme

Pádraig Ó Tuama - Opening to language: a liturgy in poetry; **Malcolm Guite** – Seasons, Saints and Psalms: a poetry reading; **Helen Wilcox** – George Herbert and his Poetic Roots; **Pádraig Ó Tuama** – Saved by the Sonnet: a poetry reading; **Mark Oakley** – Living and Dying with Mary Oliver and Helen Dunmore; **Rachel Mann and Jay Hulme** in conversation – Transforming Christian Poetry; **Roger Wagner** – Walking on Water: Poetry and images; Malcolm Guite – Roots and Refreshment: A poetic meditation. Tickets are £15, or £10 for Church Times subscribers. You can buy your ticket [here](#)

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 Library To reserve books from the online catalogue and for the Home Library Service – ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk 01943 4362254.

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Call 0800 804 8044**