



EASTER SUNDAY
Sunday, April 4th 2021

Letter from Fr Bernard

What a joy it is for us to welcome our Bishop Toby to officiate at our High Mass on Easter Sunday. He has been a great help to our hard working wardens and the PCC, so much so that he wrote in his letter last week that we should be able to advertise for a priest after Easter, with a view to holding interviews at the end of May! We are on course now - so continue to pray for the right priest for us.

Today we celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For we who have heard and believe we have assurance of sins forgiven, and a place in heaven, Jesus said "I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you" (John 14 v 2). His victory makes this possible, so we sing "Now above the sky he's King"

However, the costly sacrifice of Jesus does not end there. There is a cross in God's heart that pains the three in one Godhead, until finally we have a new heaven and a new earth. Then there will be no more death or pain, for the old order will have passed away (Revelation 21 v1-8). In the meantime, God suffers with his creation for our misuse of its resources, and the appalling conditions in which so many people suffer and die. God is even there amongst it all, because God is love.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven:
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgement given

God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

Now it's the job of each one of us to spread the good news that through Jesus, we are forgiven our failings, and given the gift of eternal life. Allelujah, Christ is risen.

Reopening for Sunday Worship

We are very pleased that St Margaret's will reopen 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.

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

Let Us Pray

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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.

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

In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Sunday	Mollie Brooke, Jessie Johnston, Tony Proctor
Tuesday	Colin Robert Hodges, Vera Scott
Wednesday	Dennis Lightband, John Alan Williamson, Gerald Hodges
Thursday	Margaret Cairns, Ronald Charles Johnson, Harold Terry
Friday	Dorothy Barugh, Hilda South
Saturday	Basil Thorpe, Winifred Yeadon

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, April 4th at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

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

Services will be starting again at St Matthew's on a regular basis each Sunday, so they have decided to temporarily stop doing the Zoom coffee sessions after their 10am Mass. They may decide to run them occasionally and we will keep you up-to-date of any changes.

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 <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 7th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, April 7th 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.

Church Cleaning - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who turned out last Saturday to sweep, dust, polish and generally put the church into good order for the start of Holy Week and our reopening for worship on Easter Day. St Margaret's looked lovely at the end of the morning and your hard work is much appreciated.

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.

Stewards at Sunday Services

Thank you to everyone who has offered to steward at our Sunday services. Helen Buswell and Alison Stretton will be in touch with you shortly.

Annual Parish Church Meeting

Tuesday, April 20th

The APCM Reports are available to view [here](#) and the Annual Accounts are available to view [here](#). Thank you to everyone who submitted a report for inclusion.

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

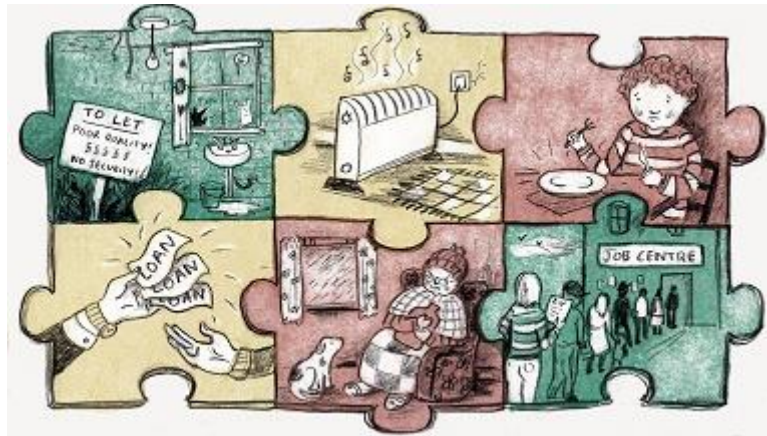
Nominations for all positions are open to anyone who is on the Electoral Roll of St Margaret's and who satisfies the other requirements specified on the nomination forms. Churchwardens are elected annually and may stand for six consecutive periods of office. PCC members and Deanery Synod Representatives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

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.



'Life on the Breadline: Christianity, Poverty and Politics in the 21st Century City'
24–25 June 2021, 10:00am to 4:15pm

Coventry University invites you to a two-day online conference from the Life on the Breadline project team as the culmination of three years of research into Christian responses to UK poverty in the context of austerity. For more information about workshops and speakers click [here](#). The conference is free. To register click [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 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 4362254.

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

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