



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 2nd 2021

Letter from Fr Godfrey

G.K Chesterton (1874-1936) is well known as the author of the Father Brown stories. He was a distinguished lay-theologian and poet who wrote more than 200 poems. For a brief time he lived in Ilkley. He was an Anglican for most of his life but became a Roman Catholic in his later years. One of his hymns, *O God of earth and altar*, is in our hymn book.

Our Hymn

O God of earth and altar,
bow down and hear our cry,
our earthly rulers falter,
our people drift and die;
the walls of gold entomb us,
the swords of scorn divide,
take not thy thunder from us,
but take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
from lies of tongue and pen,
from all the easy speeches
that comfort cruel men,
from sale and profanation
of honour and the sword,
from sleep and from damnation,
deliver us, good Lord!

Tie in a living tether
the prince and priest and thrall,
bind all our lives together,
smite us and save us all;
in ire and exultation
aflame with faith, and free,
lift up a living nation,
a single sword to thee.

G K Chesterton 1874-1936

Let Us Pray

Lord, thank you for walking with us
through the seasons of our lives.
For the winter, when we are held safe
in your arms through the darkness.
For the hope of spring, as we are filled with new promise and life.
For summer time, full of warmth and colour
And for autumn days as leaves fall to seed new growth.
You are always with us.

Amen.

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First Reading: Acts 8. 26-end

Gospel Reading: John 15. 1-8

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

In our Prayers

Years' Mind

Sunday James Driver, Jackie Harrison, Patrick Roberts, Sam Walden (Pr)

Monday Alice Leach

Friday Edward Abraham, Muriel Kershaw, Elsie Short

Saturday Emily Dyson, John Proud

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, May 2nd at 11.30am for our virtual "coffee time". The meeting details are below.

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



**ST. MARGARET'S
ILKLEY**

SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 2nd May

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10.00am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr David Hope

Sunday 9th May

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9.15am Family Service

Homily: Ms Catherine Gibson

10.45am Mass in Church

Celebrant: Fr Nicholas Clewes

Thursday, May 13th

ASCENSION DAY

Celebrant: Revd Liam Beadle

Booking is essential through the Parish Office

stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Face masks must be worn in church

Sunday Worship from Sunday, May 9th

As the **Family Service** returns to church at 9.15am on Sunday May 9th, the **High Mass** will move back to its usual time of 10.45am.

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 stmargaretschurchpa@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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We are delighted to announce the Family Service will resume on Sunday, May 9th at 9.15am.

Sadly we are not yet allowed to sing so we invite you to bring your own percussion instruments (not wind) that can be played in your seats to accompany Christopher on the piano.

Entry will be through the main church doors and exit will be through the back door. On arrival please use the hand sanitiser and wait for a steward to show you to your seats. Everyone over the age of 11 must wear a mask unless they are exempt from doing so.

Booking is essential through the Parish Office. Please email stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com by Wednesday before the Sunday you wish to attend. Please list names, ages of any children and a telephone number for track and trace purposes.

We are very much looking forward to seeing you again. If you have any questions please contact Catherine via the Parish Office stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com

Zoom Coffee Time

With the reintroduction of the Family Service from Sunday, May 9th and the change to the time of the High Mass to 10.45am, we have had to review the viability of the Zoom Coffee Time, in its current format.

The PCC has discussed the matter and it was also raised at the last Coffee Time. The consensus of feeling is that many people welcome the opportunity to get together and talk. This is especially true for those who live alone and are unable to attend the actual Sunday services. We are all trying to see if there are ways in which we can keep or, indeed, improve and expand this social interchange. Not only are we, at St Margaret's, in a period of vacancy but the pandemic has also brought about some major changes in the ways that we do things together. Some have been bad but many have been good and we hope to use the coming months to see how we can build on the good elements and think creatively about how we, as Christians, can benefit from new thinking. Therefore, Coffee Time this Sunday, May 2nd at 11.30am will be the last such get together for the time being.

We are most grateful to Steve Betts who has hosted Zoom Coffee Time for the last year and to Fr Nicholas, his family and members of the congregation of St Matthew's Northampton for sharing this fellowship with us since the New Year.

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, May 5th

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, May 5th 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.

Christian Aid Week, 10th -16th May 2021

Christian Aid is a global movement of people, churches and local organisations which, for over 75 years, has provided humanitarian relief and long-term development support for poor communities worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

This year we are trying something new! If you would like to donate to this year's Christian Aid Week appeal, please use the link below. This will take you to a dedicated page where you can donate directly to Christian Aid on line, including being able to add Gift Aid. The page will also tell you how much has been raised by donors from St Margaret's. [Donate to Christian Aid here](#)

If you would prefer to give the traditional way, there will be a retiring collection after the morning services on Sunday, May 16th. If possible, please use the white St Margaret's Gift Aid envelopes and mark for Christian Aid. These can also be placed in the safe at the back of church during the week. Alternatively, you can make a direct bank deposit into our account using the reference CHRISTIAN AID or send a cheque made payable to "St Margaret's PCC" to Alison Stretton, 4 Oakburn Road, Ilkley LS29 9NN (please mark the back "Christian Aid" and let us know if you would like to Gift Aid your donation). Thank you.

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.

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 Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

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Call 0800 804 8044**