

# ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

### Letter from Fr Bernard



### Letter from Fr Bernard Moving Along

It is good to move another step along the road to normal as we welcome back the Family Service at 9.15am and the High Mass returns to its usual time of 10.45am on Sunday. This week, we also have Ascension Day on Thursday, May 13th, when there will be a Sung Mass at 11am. Please book your place with Vickie.

I have always looked on Ascension Day favourably because at our primary school, we had a service in church, and then the rest of the day off! I have memories of our mother meeting us for a trip to Ilkley on the bus from Bradford for a breath of fresh air on the moors and a cup of tea (and a bun) from the Ilkley Moor Tea Pavilion (see photo: it was demolished around 1965). Then back on the bus to the sooty, smoke filled air of Bradford. The Clean Air Act came in about 1970 – till then, it was a matter of “where there's smoke, there's brass!”

So then, why is Ascension Day so important?

1. It was the last time Jesus was seen on Earth.
2. However, it was a promise that he would be with us always in spirit until the very end of time.
3. He gave us a command, not a request, to preach the gospel.
4. The disciples were told to wait for the gift of the Father, to be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

When that happened (on Whit Sunday), they received that gift and became empowered to go into all the world. What they did not know was that all of them would be martyred within the next 40 years or so.

We in our parish are also waiting: for a new vicar. Let us pray for an outpouring on us of the Holy Spirit, to enable us to work and live with enthusiasm, dedication and sacrifice.

Perhaps we might start by giving generously to Christian Aid during Christian Aid Week. Details of how to donate are below.

Now, sing to yourself, the words of this great hymn.

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### **Our Hymn**

We have a gospel to proclaim  
Good news for men in all the earth;  
The gospel of a Saviour's name:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

Tell of His reign at God's right hand,  
By all creation glorified;  
He sends His Spirit on His Church  
To live for Him, the Lamb who died.

Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
This gospel message we proclaim:  
We sing His glory, tell His worth.

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### **Let Us Pray**

Thank you God that you are with us wherever we go.  
Your presence gives us the confidence  
to be strong and courageous.  
Help us not to be worried or discouraged,  
but to remember that you are with us.  
In Jesus' name,

**Amen.**

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### **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**First Reading:** Acts 10. 44-end

**Gospel Reading:** John 15. 9-17

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

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## In our Prayers

### Years' Mind

**Sunday** Christopher (John) Gibson, Frances Hughff, Camilla Vestergaard

**Monday** Anne Cornwall Jones, Sophia Nightingale, Ruth Wall,  
Margaret Moore

**Tuesday** Nora Duncan, Jessie Miller, Mary Irvine Smith

**Thursday** Arthur Palmer, Eric Treacy

**Friday** Jessie Hammond, Ivor Lloyd, Dora Senior

**Saturday** Stephen (Roy) Cullingworth

**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.

Please contact the churchwardens or Vickie if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

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### 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.

## Sunday Worship from Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

A reminder that the **Family Service returns to church at 9.15am on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>**, and so the **High Mass will move back to its usual time of 10.45am**. There will be no Zoom coffee from Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

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](mailto: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 (unless you are under 11 years old or exempt from wearing a mask).
  - 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 [stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurcpa@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 [stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurcpa@gmail.com)



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## SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

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

**11.00am Sung Mass**

Celebrant: Revd Liam Beadle

Sunday 16th May

### THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**9.15am Family Service**

Homily: Catherine Beaumont

**10.45am Mass in Church**

Celebrant: Rt Rev David Hope

Booking is essential to [stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com).

Face masks must be worn in church

## 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.

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### **Morning Prayer on Zoom**

**Wednesday, May 12th**

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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.**

### **Notice for Private Prayer on Thursday, May 13th**

**Church will be open for private prayer on Thursday, May 13th between 9.00am and 10.00am only as**

**there is to be a service for**

**Ascension Day at 11.00am.**

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.

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## St Margaret's Virtual Choir

Listen [here](#)

This week's Virtual Choir item (courtesy of tech wizard Geoff Cloke) is a setting of words from last Sunday's gospel - the choir sang it last Sunday, live, as an Offertory anthem. The composer is Peter Aston, who was, I believe, professor of music at the University of East Anglia in Norwich.

'I am the true vine and my Father the husbandman. Every branch that bearers fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit. I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abide in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit. Herein is my father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples. As the father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. This my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you.' (from John 15)

Christopher

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### **Annual Parish Church Meeting 2021**

Thank you to everyone who attended the APCM on Tuesday, April 20th by Zoom. The Minutes of this meeting can be found [here](#) along with the names of those who were elected [here](#)

The Minutes from the PCC meeting that directly followed the APCM are also now available on the website [here](#).

Regards, Bethany Harrison, PCC Secretary

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### **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](mailto:ilkley.library@bradford.gov.uk) 01943 4362254.

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