

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Letter from Fr Bernard The Girl Who Said "Yes"

The song of Mary in the Magnificat, must be the most sung or recited verses of scripture ever. The Magnificat is set in the Prayer Book for Evensong daily. In most cathedrals and college chapels it is sung daily set to music by composers from pre-Reformation times to the present day.

Here at St. Margaret's it is not said daily now, but in normal times, it is sung at our service of Choral Evensong every Sunday evening. It is a song of a young girl who said "yes" when the Angel Gabriel made the staggering proposition to her in Luke, 1 v 30. "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favour with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son and you will give him the name Jesus". "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered, "May it be to me, as you have said." Then the angel left her, and Mary said, The Magnificat:

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm.
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things.
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel
as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed forever.
Amen.

This canticle tells us much about God's nature. He regards the lowliness of Mary to accept a very uncertain future. In contrast, he scatters the proud. He puts down the mighty and exalts the humble and meek. He fills the hungry but sends the rich away empty.

In our own discipleship, we should be humble and meek, discerning the will of God for us however difficult or downright impossible it appears to be. We should say, "Be it unto me according to your word." Then we and others may find the blessing of God through us.

PS Choral Evensong is broadcast every Wednesday on radio 3 at 3:30pm and repeated on the following Sunday at 3.00pm. In term time, Choral Evensong takes place from a variety of cathedrals, and can be watched on YouTube.

Let Us Pray

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.

Amen



THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Sunday, August 15th at 10.45am

First Reading: Eph 5. 15-20

Gospel Reading: John 6. 51-58

The Order of Service is [here](#)

In our Prayers

Departed Sheila Gill

Years' Mind

Monday Mary Jerry
Tuesday Eric Charles Hanson, Carol Naylor
Wednesday Lesley Simms
Thursday Mildred Pryde, Gerald Padgett
Saturday Barbara Greta Booth

Please pray for the sick: Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Lauren Green, Thomas Harrison (baby), May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, Lily McKay, Vivienne Swindells, Tony Warnes

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

Easing of Covid Restrictions – Worship at St Margaret’s

Please note that from Sunday, August 22nd, full seating will be reinstated in the nave. Although there is no seating plan, please be considerate of others when choosing your seat and in maintaining social distance, and use the whole of the church. Stewards will be available to help seat you, if required. We also encourage the following:

- The wearing of face masks in church, particularly when moving around, receiving communion and singing
- Use of hand sanitiser
- Offering the sign of Peace in a non-physical manner. There will be no physical offertory – the collection plate will be at the back of church.

It is particularly important that, if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms or feel unwell in any way, you do not attend church that week as a courtesy to other worshippers.

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 live-streamed services in churches within Leeds Diocese

Click [here](#) to reach live worship in churches across the Diocese.

Church Opening Hours

St Margaret’s is open from 9.30am - 4.00pm daily for private prayer and reflection (except Sunday mornings) - you are welcome to visit church at a time that suits you.

We ask you to continue to observe covid safe practices when you enter church. Please use hand sanitizer when you enter and leave church and take responsibility for your own social distancing. Although it is no longer a legal requirement to sign in we encourage you to scan the NHS QR code or sign in on the sheet provided. We have also kept the "Please clean me" notices for you to pick up on entering church. We kindly ask you to leave this notice on your seat when you leave church.

If you would like any prayer resources please bring these with you and take them away when you leave.



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

Sunday 15th August

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

10.45am High Mass

Celebrant: The Rt Revd David Hope

Sunday 22nd August

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.45am High Mass

Celebrant: Revd Kevin Barnard

Booking is no longer required for services at St. Margaret's

We encourage you to wear face masks
throughout the service, continue to use hand sanitiser
and maintain social distancing

The Family Service and Choral Evensong will resume
on Sunday, September 12th

DIARY DATES

The **Parish Office** will be closed on Friday, August 13th until Wednesday, August 18th.

The funeral of **Sheila Gill** will be held in church on Tuesday, August 17th at 11.15am to be followed by a wake in the Parish Hall.

Morning Prayer on Zoom **Wednesday, August 18th**

The Readers will be holding a service of Morning Prayer on Zoom on Wednesday, August 18th 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.

Ilkley Lit Fest Summer Fringe **19th August 2021**

Come and see local creatives perform in a range of artforms, in this free, outdoor event. For more details click [here](#).

Church Cleaning on Saturday, August 21st

We would like to have St Margaret's looking its best in preparation for Fr Alex's Institution and Induction on September 5th. Therefore, we would welcome volunteers to help with cleaning between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday, August 21st. If you can spare an hour or two, please contact Helen Buswell via stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Institution and Induction of Fr Alex, Sunday, September 5th

The Institution and Induction of Fr Alex will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, September 5th. As we need to know numbers for seating arrangements, if you would like to attend, please contact Vickie at stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com (or by phone if you are not on email) by Wednesday, August 25th with your postal address and an invitation will be sent out to you. (We ask that the congregation is seated by 2.40pm.) Please be aware that numbers may not allow social distancing.

CHRISTOPHER RATHBONE
ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Organ Recital

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

12.30PM

ST. MARGARET'S, QUEEN'S ROAD,
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Three preludes on Gibbons hymn-tunes
Charles Villiers STANFORD 1852 – 1924

Scherzo in E (Dix Pièces 1892)
Eugène GIGOUT 1844 – 1925

Fugues on B-A-C-H op 60 (1845) nos 1 & 2
Robert SCHUMANN 1810 – 56

Toccata, Fugue and Hymn on Ave Maris Stella op 28 (1931)
Flor PEETERS 1903 – 1986



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR
A FACE MASK IN CHURCH

NOTICES

St. Margaret's People - Can You Help?

Twenty-three Afghani interpreters and their families will soon arrive in Bradford, seeking refuge from persecution by the Taliban for their role in helping the British army. They will need these essential toiletries:

- Shower gel/bath gel
- Hand wash
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Hand/body lotion
- Sanitary towels (NOT tampons)

If you can donate any of these items please bring to church for collection on 15th and 22nd August. Ros will be making weekly deliveries to St Stephen's church, Bradford for the refugees over the next two weeks.

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's **Organ Recital** which raised £162.75 for the Music Fund.

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