

**DEDICATION FESTIVAL**  
**Sunday, September 12th 2021**

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**Letter from Fr Alex**

Dear Friends

Natalie, the children, and I would like to thank you all for the wonderful welcome we have received since arriving in Ilkley about a month ago. We have already fallen in love with the church and the area, and we're sure we're going to be really happy here. It is a great privilege to serve you as your Vicar, and I'm so excited for all that lies ahead.

Sunday afternoon's installation was a tremendous celebration and the perfect way to begin our time with you. I know that so much work went into organising it all, and I would like to thank especially our wardens Alison and Helen, Vickie our administrator, our splendid musicians and servers, all who contributed to the flowers and the organisation of the welcome, and the wonderful refreshments arranged by Judith, and everyone who came and sent good wishes.

It was particularly good to have Bishop Nick with us, and to hear his affirmation in his homily of our liturgical and spiritual tradition. "The Church of England needs strong catholic parishes," he said. I pray that our rich contribution to the life of the Church will continue to go from strength to strength.

Sunday's service also gave me great hope as we continue to move out of pandemic restrictions, for all that we might be able to do together in person once more. As part of this, we will be reviewing our pattern of services as we look to worship together through the week, as well as on Sundays.

**Pattern of service**

I will pray morning and evening prayer at 7.45 am and 5.15 pm in church, Tuesday to Friday, and hope to reinstate some midweek masses before too long. I intend the morning and evening offices to be beautiful and spacious, with simple plainchant and time for contemplation. I do hope you'll consider joining me from time to time to begin and end the working day in prayer.

We will also reinstate the 8.00 am Holy Communion on Sundays from October.

If you have any comments or suggestions about our pattern of services – perhaps there is something new you'd like to see? Or something that you desperately miss since Covid stopped everything? – please feel free to call me or send me an email. My details are below.

**News sheet**

Now that we are returning to some form of normality on Sundays, we will produce a brief weekly news sheet with notices of services and other events, available on the website and in church. This will replace the current e-letter and information sheet, though we're planning to produce a monthly letter and more detailed

news sheet so we can keep in contact with more people. If you have anything for inclusion, please send it to Vickie early in the week.

### **Contacting me**

I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone, and will be trying to get in touch with as many people as possible over the coming weeks. But please feel free to call me, or send me an email, or knock at the vicarage door if we haven't met yet (beware of children on bikes whizzing down the drive...). Please note that Monday is my rest day. My number is 01943 603647, and my email is fatheralex crawford@icloud.com

With my love and prayers,

Fr Alex

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### **Let Us Pray**

Lord, send your Spirit from heaven to sanctify our church  
that it may be a sign of your presence among us.  
Here may the Gospel be proclaimed with boldness.  
Here may the waters of baptism cleanse and renew us.  
Here may your people celebrate the memorial of  
Christ's risen presence.  
Here may prayer resound through heaven and earth,  
as a plea for the world's salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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**First reading:** 1 Peter 2:1-10

**Gospel reading:** John 10:22-29

The Order of Service is [here](#)

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### In our Prayers

**Departed** Peter Cheney, Matthew Reynish, Christine Sharpe

#### **Years' Mind**

**Sunday** Jean Rudge

**Tuesday** Maud Higgins

**Wednesday** Jean Millar

**Thursday** Joan Hartley

**Friday** Winifred Mary Barron, Thomas Johnston, William Wycliffe Spooner, Gladys Wormald

**Saturday** Timothy Booth

**Please pray for the sick:** Trevor Allen, Christine Atkinson, Ann Bruun, Joan Gelder, Thomas Harrison (baby), May Hughes, Fr Garth Kellett, Charlotte Lockhart, David Scottow, Vivienne Swindells.

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

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### 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 encourage you to scan the NHS QR code and use hand sanitizer as you come into church. If you would like any prayer resources please bring these with you and take them away when you leave.

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ST. MARGARET'S  
ILKLEY

## SERVICES AT ST. MARGARET'S

Sunday 12th September

### DEDICATION FESTIVAL

9.15am Family Service

Homily: Fr Alex

10.45am High Mass

Homily: Fr Alex

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 19th September

### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.15am Family Service

Homily: Catherine Gibson

10.45am High Mass

Homily: Fr Alex

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Morning Prayer 7.45am daily (Tuesday to Friday)

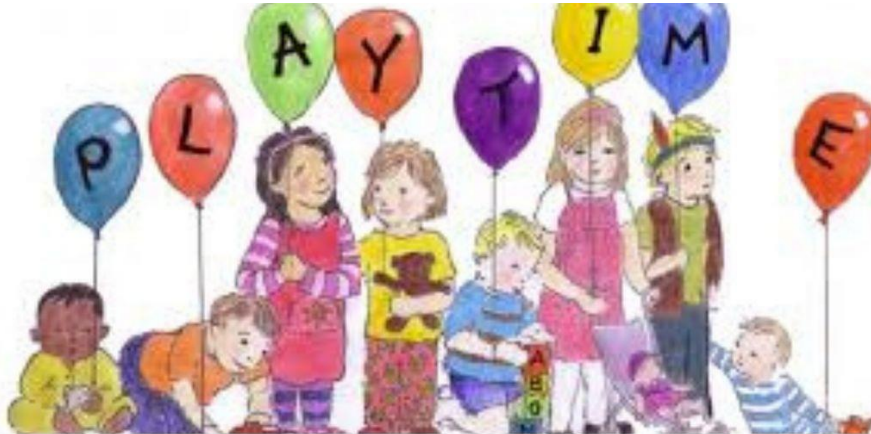
Evening Prayer 5.15pm daily (Tuesday to Friday)

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

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## DIARY DATES

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### **PLAYTIME IS BACK!!**

ST MARGARET'S PARISH HALL  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH  
9.30AM - 11.30AM  
£2.00 PER FAMILY

### **CALLING ALL PLAY TIMERS!**

Our well loved and much missed Playtime, with toys, songs and puppets, returns on Friday, September 10th. Each session will be open to 20 children and their parent/carer. Please bring your own drinks as refreshments will not be available.

**We look forward to seeing you again soon!**

Every Friday morning during term time

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

We encourage you to wear a face mask when moving round the building and use hand sanitizer on entry. Doors will be kept open so please bring an extra layer.

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**Sunday, September 12th** sees the return of the **Family Service at 9.15am** and **Choral Evensong at 6.30pm**.

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### **Mothers' Union meeting** **Friday, September 17th**

Mothers' Union members will be meeting again at 2.00pm on Friday, September 17th in the Parish Hall. We look forward to hearing how we all coped with isolation during the last two years and sharing survival tactics with one another. Items for the Bring and Buy stall will be welcome.



**Harvest Appeal for Mary's Meals**  
**Sunday, September 26th**

This year, we celebrate Harvest on Sunday, September 26th, when our guest speaker will be Krzysia Condliffe from Mary's Meals.

Mary's Meals sets up community-run school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. One daily meal is provided in a place of learning to attract chronically poor children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty. Community volunteers take turns to prepare, cook and serve the daily meal in each school, wherever possible using locally produced food.

**Just £15.90 feeds a child for a whole school year.**

There will be a retiring collection on the day. If possible, please use the white St Margaret's Gift Aid envelopes and mark "Harvest Appeal". These can 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 reference HARVEST or send a cheque made payable to "St Margaret's PCC" to Alison Stretton, 4 Oakburn Road, Ilkley LS29 9NN (please mark the back "Harvest Appeal" and let us know if you would like to Gift Aid your donation). Thank you.

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**Harvest Lunch**

On Sunday, September 26th we will be holding our celebration of Harvest. Following mass there will be a 'drinks and nibbles' get together in the Parish Hall. We would like to have our coffee / tea or wine with a few bites to accompany.

To do this we need your involvement! If everyone, who feels able to attend, could bring a small plate of individual items such as sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini bites, wrapped biscuits or buns, anything that can be picked up without disturbing whatever else is on the plate, we can create a sort of 'faith offering'.

At the back of church is a list that you can sign if you would feel comfortable attending and could give some idea of what you might bring. Definitely no crisps please! Alternatively, you could have a word with Alison Stretton or Helen Buswell.

We also need to enrol a few helpers please. I am away but Jane Armstrong will be around on Sunday, 19th September so you could also speak with her and let either Alison, Helen or Jane know if you could pour tea/coffee or wine, lay out food or give a hand with clearing up.

This is a 'toe in the water' start to something approaching the beginning of normality which will depend on you and what you want to be happening socially in church. *Best wishes to you all from Judith*

CHRISTOPHER RATHBONE  
ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

# *Organ Recital*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021  
12.30PM

ST. MARGARET'S, QUEEN'S ROAD  
ILKLEY

*Organ Sonata in C minor 1935/6*  
*Grave – Animato Canzona*  
*Percy WHITLOCK 1903 – 1946*

*Prelude and fugue in A major BWV 536*  
*J. Sebastian BACH 1685 – 1750*

*March on a theme of Handel op 15 no 2*  
*Alexandre GUILMANT 1837 - 191*



WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO WEAR  
A FACE MASK IN CHURCH

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## NOTICES

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### Parish Office

Vickie returns to the Parish Office (meeting room) on Tuesday and Thursday mornings each week between 9.15am and 12 noon. A reminder that the office telephone number is 01943 607015. She will be working from home on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings during the same hours and can be contacted at [stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com).

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### Retiring Collection for Link Dioceses

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection at last Sunday's service for the Institution and Induction of Fr Alex. Including Gift Aid, £211.83 will be forwarded to the Diocese to go to the Link Dioceses Fund.

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You are welcome to get in touch if you would like to speak to a member of St. Margaret's church family.

Fr Alex	01943 603647
Helen Buswell	01943 608146
Alison Stretton	01943 430024
Fr Bernard	01943 816253
Fr Godfrey	01943 603861
Jane Sheldon	01943 431288
Linda Whittaker	01943 601144

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