

ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

PEW SHEET **Sunday, December 18th 2022** **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



TODAY IN CHURCH

8.00 am **Low Mass**

Fr Alex

9.15 am **Family Service**

Fr Alex (Homily: Catherine Beaumont)

10.45 am **Sung Mass**

Fr Alex

6.30 pm **Service of Lessons and Carols**

10.45 AM SUNG MASS

Mass Setting *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: Missa Aeterna Christi munera*

Opening Hymn *1 (tune 19ii) Creator of the stars of night*

Collect God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading *Isaiah 7. 10 – 16*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

8.00 am: Psalm 80. 1 – 8 *(printed in the back of Common Worship)*

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn *18 Ye servants of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation

Drop down, O heavens, pour on earth your righteousness. Bring forth our Saviour, show the glory of our God. (*'Rorate cæli desuper'*)

Gospel Reading *Matthew 1. 18 – 25*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

<i>Homily</i>	<i>Fr Alex</i>
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	9 <i>Lo! he comes with clouds descending</i>
<i>Communion Motet</i>	<i>John Joubert: There is no rose</i>
<i>Communion Hymn</i>	17 <i>When came in flesh the incarnate Word</i>
<i>Post Communion Prayer</i>	Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
<i>Final Hymn</i>	11 <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel!</i>
<i>Organ Postlude</i>	<i>John Joubert: Prelude on 'Picardy'</i>

IN OUR PRAYERS

Departed

Years' Mind

Sunday	Leslie Hayes (Pr), Lilian Waterhouse, Hilda Bennett
Monday	Vera Padgett
Tuesday	Bill and Mary Partner, Mary Wilson
Wednesday	Ethel Perks, Helen Johnstone
Thursday	Jack Kidd, George Edwin Twigg (Eddy), David Hartley, John Collins
Friday	Hector Newton, Roy Walker, Richard Coakes, Norman Phillips
Saturday	John Fielding Lawson, Brenda Barrett

Please pray for the sick: Martin Ashby, Terry Ashworth, Jasper Boyton, Brian and Julie Holmes, Elizabeth Horn, Peter Jamieson, Fr Garth Kellett, Anna Lickley, Charlotte Lockhart, Philip Rowbottom, David Scottow, Kathleen Shilitoe, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Peter Waterhouse, Irene Whittaker, Wendy Williams, Ian Wilson.

FORTNIGHTLY CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer at 7.45 am and Evening Prayer at 5.15 pm daily (Tuesday to Friday)

Tuesday 20	2.00 pm	Mass at Troutbeck Care Home	Fr Alex
	6.00 pm	'Rorate cæli' Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 21	2.30 pm	Mass at Straven Care Home	Fr Alex
Thursday 22	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	'Blue Christmas' Service	Fr Alex
Saturday 24	3.00 pm	Crib Service	Fr Alex
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	10.00 pm	'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth Crawford)
Sunday 25	10.00 am	Mass of Christmas Morning	Fr Alex
<i>Christmas Day</i>			

No Morning and Evening Prayer til Tuesday 3 January

Monday 26	10.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>St Stephen</i>			
Tuesday 27	10.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>St John</i>	(6.00 pm	<i>No Mass this evening)</i>	
Wednesday 28	10.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Holy Innocents</i>			
<i>Thursday 29</i>	(11.00 am	<i>No Low Mass today)</i>	
Sunday 1 Jan.	10.00 am	Parish Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Naming of Jesus</i>			

NOTICES

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our stewardship renewal. Pledges received to date will increase our regular giving in 2023 by £205 per month, or £2,460 over the course of the year. We have also received some generous one-off donations. A further update will be given in January and a full report will be available at the APCM.

If you need to talk to anyone about your giving or would like help with the response form, please speak in confidence to the Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton, or to the Treasurer, Philip Tooke.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation at Christingle. Together we raised £181.85 for The Children's Society.

Emma Halliwell

We're very pleased to let you know that, God willing, Emma Halliwell will be ordained Deacon on Saturday 1 July 2023 in Bradford Cathedral, and will serve her curacy in the Benefice of Christ Church, Skipton, and St Mary the Virgin, Carleton, with the Revd Canon Kathia Shoesmith. Please pray for Emma and her family over the coming months.

'Rorate cæli' Masses

Tuesdays in Advent, 6.00 pm

Our Contemplative Mass takes on a slightly different appearance through Advent, as we await the coming Saviour, the Light of the World. 'Rorate cæli' Masses (from the Latin Advent introit, 'Pour down, O heavens, from above') are a beautiful Advent tradition, and will see our Lady Chapel lit by candles for our spacious and contemplative Tuesday evening service. Please join us.

The asylum seekers' hats and gloves appeal turned from a goodwill gesture into a mercy mission yesterday. Bradford temperatures plummeted below freezing so we decided to get as many hats and gloves as we could and deliver them to the men in hotels yesterday - just over 200 men now have warm hats and gloves. Another Bradford charity contributed too but the magnificent donation from St Margaret's, now standing at £410.35, is by far the most generous. Thank you all again. Ros Beeson

DIARY DATES

Service of Lessons and Carols

THIS EVENING, 6.30 pm

Join us for the traditional service of Lessons and Carols, with readings of the Incarnation and beautiful Christmas carols and anthems. Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

Care Home Christmas Masses

Fr Alex will be celebrating Masses in our care homes before Christmas, with carols and a short telling of the Christmas story led by Catherine Gibson. Members of our congregation are welcome to join us for any of these visits. The homes may require you to wear the masks they provide, and the signing-in procedure may take a little longer than in pre-Covid times, so please arrive in good time.

Tuesday 20th December at 2.00 pm: Troutbeck (Crossbeck Road, LS29 9JP)

Wednesday 21st December at 2.30 pm: Straven (Queen's Road, LS29 9QL)

'Blue Christmas'

Thursday 22nd December, 6.30 pm

A Churches Together in Ilkley initiative, hosted this year by St Margaret's. A 'Blue Christmas' service is often held around the longest night of the year, and is an opportunity to hold before God anything that makes this time of year difficult for us; be it bereavement, or loss or disappointment of any kind.

Crib Service

Christmas Eve, 3.00 pm

Do invite families especially to come along to this lovely service. Children gather at the front of church and we place the crib figures together as we hear the Christmas story, and sing carols. Refreshments afterwards in the parish hall.

'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve, 10.00 pm

Please note the slightly earlier time of 10.00 pm this year – as we begin our worship it will be midnight in Bethlehem, and they will be joyfully celebrating Christmas Day in the place of Christ's birth.

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Christmas at St Margaret's

NOVEMBER

Sunday 27

ADVENT PROCESSION 6.30 pm

readings and music for Advent, from darkness to light

DECEMBER

Friday 2

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 10.00 am - 7.00 pm

Saturday 3

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 10.00 am - 6.00 pm

Sunday 4

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 3.00 pm

celebrate Christ's light with oranges, candles, and sweets!

Sunday 18

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 6.30 pm

the traditional Christmas service of readings and music

Thursday 22

'BLUE CHRISTMAS' 6.30 pm

for any who feel lonely, bereaved, or anything but joyful

Saturday 24

CRIB SERVICE 3.00 pm

telling the Christmas story while we build the crib

'BETHLEHEM' MIDNIGHT MASS 10.00 pm

our celebration begins as it turns midnight in Bethlehem

Sunday 25

MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY 10.00 am

JANUARY

Sunday 1

PARISH MASS 10.00 am



Friday 6

MASS FOR THE EPIPHANY 7.30 pm