



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 10 December: Advent 2

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

3.00 pm – Christingle Service

Fr Alex



There is no Choral Evensong this evening

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick: Jasper Boyton, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Roy Clarke, Joyce Cross, Gwyneth Hartley, Anna Lickley, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Philip Rowbottom, Sheila Scott, John Semple, Matthew Smith, Vasos Stavrou, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Irene Whittaker.

Departed: Geoffrey Blake

Years' Mind:

Monday Mary West, James Bateman, Bob Morgan

Tuesday Duncan MacKinley, Helen Priestman, James Ingham

Wednesday Alwyne Wormald

Thursday Dennis Hardisty, Harold Cockcroft, Angela Halton, Jennifer Darvill

Please continue to pray for the people of Sudan, whose Church is linked with our Diocese of Leeds.

10.45 am – SUNG MASS

Mass Setting *Lodovico Viadana: Missa Hora Passa*

Opening Hymn 12 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Collect O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 40. 1 – 11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

8.00 am: Psalm 85. 8 – 13 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

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

Gospel Acclamation

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

Gospel Reading **Mark 1. 1 – 8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and

all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Homily *Fr Alex*

Offertory Hymn 55 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed!*

Communion Motet *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: Rorate cœli desuper*

Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above and let the clouds pour down righteousness: let the earth open and bring forth the Saviour. Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation: come, O Lord, and do not delay. Alleluia. (Introit for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, from Isaiah 45. 8 and Psalm 85. 7)

Communion Hymn 275 *Blessed Jesu, Mary's son*

Post Communion Prayer

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 2 (tune 128) *O heavenly Word of God on high*

Organ Postlude *Christopher Rathbone: Postlude on 'Crüger' op 151 no 4*

CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer in church, Monday to Friday, at 9.00 am. All welcome.

(There is no morning prayer on Monday 11 December)

Monday 11	6.30 pm	Ilkley Grammar School concert	
Tuesday 12	6.00 pm	'Rorate' Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Advent book club <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Wednesday 13	4.00 pm	Care Home Communion <i>at Abbeydale</i>	Fr Alex
Thursday 14	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Steeton Male Voice Choir concert	
Friday 15	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 17 <i>Advent III</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Kenneth (AC)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex
Tuesday 19	2.00 pm	Care Home Communion <i>at Troutbeck</i>	Fr Alex
	6.00 pm	'Rorate' Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Advent book club <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Wednesday 20	2.00 pm	Care Home Communion <i>at Straven</i>	Fr Alex
Thursday 21	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
Friday 22	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 23	6.30 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Fr Alex
Sunday 24 <i>Advent IV</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	3.00 pm	Crib Service	Fr Alex
	10.00 pm	'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass	Fr Alex
Monday 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00 am	Mass of Christmas Morning	Fr Alex (KC)

NOTICES

Christingle

THIS AFTERNOON, 3.00 pm

We finish the Christmas Tree Festival weekend with the **Christingle service at 3.00 pm** – bringing our community together for a family-friendly, joyful celebration of light and hope.

Christmas Tree Festival - thank you!

So many people have given so much time and energy to organise this year's festival, and I would like to say a hearty THANK YOU to all of them, whether planning, stewarding, serving, or helping in any way, and especially to Joanne Tomlinson who has coordinated the event so brilliantly. There was such a warm and welcoming atmosphere in church throughout, and I think it was a wonderful advert for our church community. Please pray that many who visited us will be drawn to come back again for services this Christmas and into the new year. Fr Alex.

'Rorate' Masses – Tuesdays in Advent, 6.00 pm

Our Contemplative Mass takes on a different character in Advent as we share in the ancient tradition of the 'Rorate' Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Over the weeks we will hear the account of the incarnation from Mary's perspective, from the Annunciation, through the Visitation, to the birth in Bethlehem. The Mass will be lit by candlelight, and followed by the Advent Book Club at 6.30 pm. Do join us for these beautiful celebrations.

Christmas Services

Please note details of our Christmas services further on in this booklet. As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, our service schedule will be slightly different. We will celebrate Mass of Advent IV at 8.00 am, **but there will be no Sung Mass at 10.45 am.** The Crib Service takes place at 3.00 pm, and the 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass at 10.00 pm. Mass on Christmas Day is at 10.00 am.

Weekly Envelopes for 2024

Boxes of weekly envelopes for 2024 are now available to pick up from the back of church. If you have any queries or would like to move to standing order, please contact our Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton.

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent stewardship letter, particularly to those who have signed up for the first time and for some generous one-off donations. Any remaining letters have now been either posted out or hand delivered. There is still time to return response forms to the Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton, via the box at the back of church or by post. A full update will be given at the beginning of the new year.

DIARY DATES

Advent Book Club

Tuesdays 12 and 19 December, after the 6.00 pm Mass

Our book club continues on the next two Tuesdays – all are welcome to join us, even if you missed the first session. We had a really good discussion last week.

Steeton Male Voice Choir

Christmas concert with Addingham Primary School

Thursday 14 December, 6.30 pm

Join Steeton Male Voice Choir and the children of Addingham Primary School for their joyous Christmas concert. tickets@steetonmalevoice.co.uk or call 07704 123176.

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.

Abbeydale: Wednesday 13 December, 4.00 pm

Troutbeck: Tuesday 19 December, 2.00 pm

Straven: Wednesday 20 December, 2.00 pm

Lunch Club

Thursday 21 December, 12.30 pm

The next lunch club takes place on Thursday 21 December. The cost will be £7.00 for the meal and £2.00 for a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 17 December or people can call Sandy on 01943 603222 to book a place. There will be 42 places on a first come, first served basis. Arrivals from 12.00 pm with lunch served at 12.30 pm.

Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday 23 December, 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.

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

Join us for our beautiful 'Midnight' Mass, beginning as it turns midnight in Bethlehem. We pray especially for peace in the land of Christ's birth this year.

GIVING

We rely on your generous donations to fund the work of our church, and to support the cost of ministry in the diocese. Please consider making a regular donation to St Margaret's. Thank you for your support.

REGULAR GIVING is via the Parish Giving Scheme: visit www.parishgiving.org.uk and search for 'Ilkley St Margaret;' or by bank standing order. Please contact Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary: astretton1@virginmedia.com or on 01943 430024 for more details.

ONE-OFF DONATIONS can also be made via the Parish Giving Scheme online, the card reader by the entrance to the church, or by scanning the QR code on the right with your mobile phone. Cash donations can be put in the large safe opposite the welcomers' table. Please use Gift Aid where possible to allow us to increase the value of your gift at no cost to you. **Thank you.**



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Christmas at St Margaret's

Sunday 3 December, 6.30 pm

ADVENT PROCESSION

readings and music for Advent, from darkness to light, followed by drinks

Friday 8 and Saturday 9, all day

CHRISTMAS TREES

join us for Ilkley's Christmas Tree Festival, with music and refreshments

Sunday 10, 3.00 pm

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

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

Saturday 23, 6.30 pm

LESSONS AND CAROLS

the traditional Christmas service of readings and music, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

3.00 pm

CRIB SERVICE

a family re-telling the Christmas story while we build the crib, followed by refreshments

10.00 pm

BETHLEHEM MASS

a beautiful 'Midnight' Mass to bring in Christmas, as it turns midnight in Bethlehem

Christmas Day, 10.00 am

MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

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