



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 17 December: Advent 3

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass

Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

Fr Alex



"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness..."

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.

Years' Mind:

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

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 *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina: Missa Æterna Christi munera*

Opening Hymn 10 *Long ago, prophets knew*

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 61. 1 – 4, 8 – 11**

The servant of the Lord said: The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

8.00 am: Psalm 126 *(printed in the back of the black Common Worship book)*

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 3 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading **John 1. 6 – 8, 19 – 28**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Homily *Fr Alex*

Offertory Hymn 11 *O come, O come, Emmanuel!*

Communion Motet *Christopher Rathbone: Salve Regina*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, hail our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. (Marian hymn at Compline in Ordinary Time)

Communion Hymn 5 *Hark! a herald voice is calling*

Post Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 9 *Lo! he comes with clouds descending*

Organ Postlude *Johann Sebastian Bach: Fugue on 'Nun komm der heiden Heiland'*

6.30 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns	2, 8, 17
Psalm	89. 1 – 4, 19 – 26
Setting	Orlando Gibbons: Short Service
Anthem	Orlando Gibbons: This is the record of John <i>(for the text, see the Gospel reading on page 3)</i>
Readings	2 Samuel 7. 1 – 11, 16 Luke 1. 26 – 38
Organ Postlude	Dietrich Buxtehude: Nun komm der heiden Heiland

CHURCH DIARY

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

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 <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 22	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 23	6.30 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Fr Alex
Sunday 24	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Advent IV</i>	3.00 pm	Crib Service	Fr Alex
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	10.00 pm	'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass	Fr Alex
Monday 25	10.00 am	Mass of Christmas Morning	Fr Alex (KC)
<i>Christmas Day</i>			
Tuesday 26	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel
<i>St Stephen</i>			
Wednesday 27	9.30 am	Mass for St John	Fr Kenneth
<i>St John</i>			
Thursday 28	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
<i>Holy Innocents</i>			
Sunday 31	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Christmas I</i>	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex

NOTICES

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.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed between Friday 22 and Friday 29 December.

Lunch Club

Sadly, lunch club will not take place in December, but we look forward to seeing you all again in January.

Organ Recital

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £110 for the Music Fund.

DIARY DATES

Rorate Mass and Advent Book Club

Tuesday 19 December, 6.00 pm

All are welcome to join us for our final Rorate Mass and Book Club of Advent. We're reflecting on chapters 20 to 26 of the book, but you don't need to have read it to take part in the discussion or attended a previous meeting.

Care Home Christmas Masses

Our remaining care home Christmas Masses are:

Troutbeck: Tuesday 19 December, 2.00 pm

Straven: Wednesday 20 December, 2.00 pm

Service of Lessons and Carols

Saturday 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. Mulled wine and mince pies are served 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.

Organ Recital

Friday 5 January, 12.30 pm

This second recital of seasonal organ music has another five preludes from Bach's Orgelbüchlein (the Little Organ Book) culminating in his brilliant little In dulci jubilo setting. The five following pieces are slightly more substantial, but suitably modelled on the topic of Christmas: an Alsatian carol arranged by Guilmant; In dulci jubilo (again) almost perfectly disguised by Langlais; Sumsion's affectionate treatment of The holly and the ivy; an atmospheric late Messiaen meditation on the Isaiah prophesy Unto us a child is born; and Leighton's glorious Fantasy on O come, o come Emmanuel. Christopher.



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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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.

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