



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY



CHRISTMAS EVE

8.00 am – Low Mass *Fr Kenneth*

3.00 pm – Crib Service *Fr Alex*

10.00 pm – 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass *Fr Alex*

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 am – Mass of Christmas Morning *Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Kenneth)*

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, Matthew Smith, Vasos Stavrou, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson.

Departed: Irene Whittaker

Years' Mind:

Sunday	John Fielding Lawson, Brenda Barrett
Monday	John Bryan, Timothy Halton, Winifred Mary Johnstone, Arthur Marshall, Geoffrey Newton
Tuesday	Annie Watchurst, Kathleen Partridge, Peter Allan
Wednesday	Richard Kitching, Rita Newton
Thursday	William Francis Molander, Charles Bainbridge
Friday	Winifred Senior, Anna Grylls
Saturday	Doris Wood

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

CHURCH DIARY

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

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

JANUARY

Tuesday 2	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 4	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 5	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 7	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>The Epiphany</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play <i>in the hall</i>	
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Kenneth

NOTICES

Christmas Appeal

Collections taken at our special Christmas services this year will support local foodbanks and our church energy fund. Please give generously to support families in need this winter, and to help us defray the costs of holding our services. Donations can also be left in the safe at the back of church or be made via the card reader. If you are a UK tax payer, please consider using Gift Aid, allowing us to increase the value of your gift at no extra cost to you.

Christmas Tree Festival donations

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Tree Festival such a successful and joyous event. In total we raised £2,386.85 of which the café sales contributed almost £1,500; the rest from card reader and cash donations. After expenses for the festival, we will be able to add £1,650 to our Christmas Appeal total.

Christmas Tree Festival – note from Judith

A big thank you to all those who provided cakes for the Christmas Tree Festival refreshment stall. We have many wonderful bakers at St Margaret's and everyone was delighted to have such a range of home baking to buy. Without so many lovely cakes to sell we simply wouldn't have been able to have raised the money that we did. Many thanks also to everyone who turned up to serve our visitors – it was tiring but worth it. Thank you all. Judith.

Christingle – thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the collection at the Christingle service. We will make a donation of £150 to The Children's Society. Thank you to Michelle Still for organising the Christingles.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed until Friday 29 December.

Organ Recital

Friday 5 January

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.

The Feast of the Epiphany

Sunday 7 January

This year we are transferring the Feast of the Epiphany one day later to Sunday 7 January, with our full schedule of Sunday services. Join us as we celebrate this rich and beautiful feast. Blessed chalk will be available to take home after all services, with which to mark the traditional Epiphany blessing upon your homes.

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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