



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 3 December: Advent I

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Kenneth

9.15 am – Godly Play *in the hall*

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Kenneth)

6.30 pm – Advent Procession



"Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come... And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick: Jasper Boyton, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, 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:

Sunday Anne Rhodes

Monday Ann Babidge, Arthur Brown

Tuesday Herbert Charles Phillips, Nancy White, Barbara France,
Peggy Butterfield

Wednesday Gladys Baker, Arthur Hewitt, Marion Twigg, Marjorie Anson.
Brian Whittam

Thursday Dorothy Beanlands, Leonard Hardaker (pr), David Chary

Saturday John Stanley Gelder

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 *William Byrd in four parts*

Litany in Procession *(printed from page 17 of the order of Mass booklet)*

Collect

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 64. 1 – 9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

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

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 14 *The advent of our God*

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 13. 24 – 37**

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Homily *Fr Kenneth*

Offertory Hymn 7 *Hills of the north, rejoice*

Communion Motet *Charles Wood: O thou, the central orb*

O thou, the central orb of righteous love,
Pure beam of the most High, eternal Light
Of this our wint'ry world, thy radiance bright
Awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
Gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height
Of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight
Gives measured grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
Our nature all shall feel eternal day
In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. *(H R Bramley)*

Communion Hymn 295 *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

Post Communion Prayer

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 15 *The Lord will come and not be slow*

Organ Postlude *Charles Villiers Stanford: Postlude on Gibbons' Song 22*

CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 5	9.30 am	Christmas Tree Festival set up	
	6.00 pm	'Rorate' Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Advent book club <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Thursday 7	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	3.00 pm	Christmas Tree Festival set up	
Friday 8	9.30 am	Playtime <i>with nativity</i>	
	10.00 am	Christmas Tree Festival	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 9	10.00 am	Christmas Tree Festival	
Sunday 10 <i>Advent II</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	<u>3.00 pm</u>	Christingle	Fr Alex
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>	
Thursday 14	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Steeton Male Voice Choir in 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

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.

Cake Sale

Thank you to all the people who baked, bought and donated to our Mission Fund Cake Sale. Together we raised £149.86.

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.

'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.

DIARY DATES

Advent Book Club

Tuesdays 5th, 12th, 19th December, after the 6.00 pm Mass

Please join us for a time of discussion and reflection on Advent themes on three Tuesdays in December, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm in the meeting room. The meeting follows the 6.00 pm Mass. This year's book is Gregory K. Cameron's *An Advent Book of Days*, offering a reflection each day on one of the 'main characters' of the great story of the incarnation. We'll be effectively reading it 'in advance,' reflecting on the days to come in three chunks: on the 5th, days 1 to 10; the 12th, days 11 to 18; the 19th, days 19 to 25. The book is available for around £10, or cheaper second-hand. Please let me know if you're having trouble finding it. Fr Alex.

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December

We hope you will join us at the Christmas Tree Festival on Friday 8 and Saturday 9 December. There will be plenty to enjoy – from the twinkling tree displays decorated by Ilkley community groups and charities, music from local schools, choirs and musicians, seasonal treats baked by the talented bakers of St Margaret's and much more. This year's Christmas Tree Festival once again includes the popular Mitten Tree - we are encouraging visitors to the festival to buy a new pair of gloves/mittens/socks or a woolly hat, or knit your own, to decorate the Mitten Tree in church, helping us to create a colourful, knitted display of winter warmers. All the cosies will help to keep children warm at Nell Banks' Outdoor Education Centre in Ilkley. (Mitten Tree Day traditionally takes place on December 6 as a fun holiday that encourages using and giving mittens to people who need them most.)

Volunteers urgently needed: Saturday afternoon stewards and cake makers!

More volunteers are needed to steward at the Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 9 December in the afternoon. If you can help, please speak to Anne Eaton on Sunday or give her a ring on 01943 607205. Donations of cakes are also required: please speak to Judith on Sunday or by email bbcsmith@talk21.com. Thank you!

Christingle Service

Sunday 10 December, 3.00 pm

We finish the Christmas Tree Festival weekend with the **Christingle service at 3.00 pm on Sunday 10 December** – bringing our community together for a family friendly, joyful celebration of light and hope.

Ilkley Quakers: Climate Cafe

Saturday 9 December, 2.00 pm

Do you find it difficult to cope with your feelings around climate change, and find yourself retreating into despair or denial, and the hope that maybe someone somewhere will sort it all out? This workshop is a gentle exploration of being with these difficult feelings, together, without a need to rush to action. The session will be about an hour, followed by refreshments. It is facilitated by Quakers Kate Graham and Joanne Cremins, based on a model developed by the Climate Psychology Alliance. It is free, and everyone is welcome. Please book in advance: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/climate-cafe-tickets-747448487547?aff=oddtcreator> or email Kate at kate@helpfultherapy.co.uk

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. For tickets email tickets@steetonmalevoice.co.uk or call 07704 123176.



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

<p>Christmas Eve 3.00 pm</p> <p>CRIB SERVICE</p> <p><i>a family re-telling the Christmas story while we build the crib, followed by refreshments</i></p>	<p>Christmas Eve 10.00 pm</p> <p>BETHLEHEM MASS</p> <p><i>a beautiful 'Midnight' Mass to bring in Christmas, as it turns midnight in Bethlehem</i></p>
<p>Christmas Day, 10.00 am</p> <p>MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	

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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