

ST. MARGARET'S **ILKLEY**

Sunday 21 January: **Epiphany III**

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Service

Fr Alex

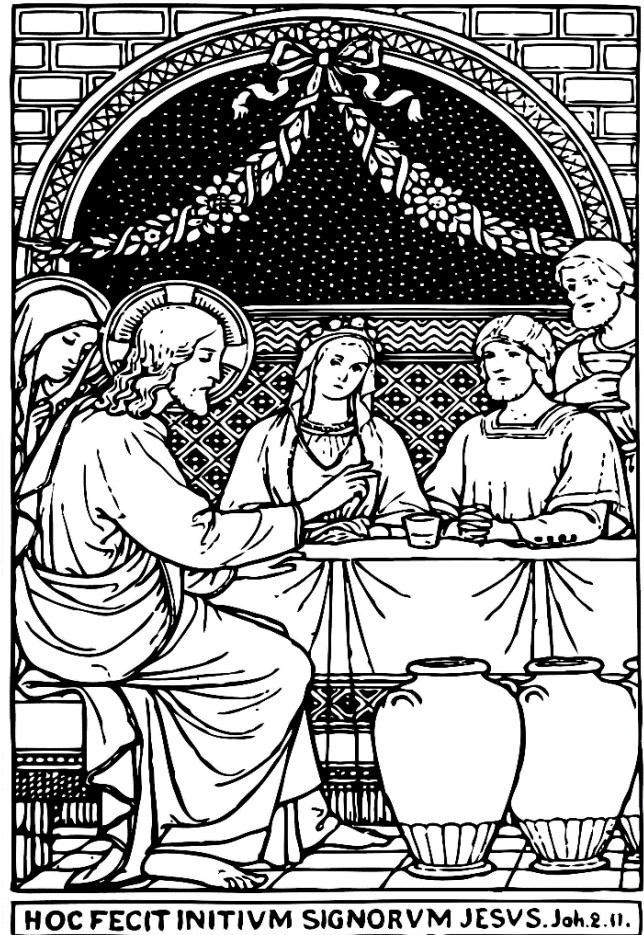
10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

Homily: Catherine Gibson

*Flowers today are given by Anne Eaton
in loving memory of Ben*



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, Alex Taylor, Shirley Thompson.

Departed: Shiona Dawson, Robert Haworth, Dorothy Parkinson

Years' Mind:

Sunday Paul Woodhouse

Monday John Baggaley

Tuesday Molly Berry, Kenneth Chamberlen, Chris Hartley,
Constance Hanson, Roy Allen, Charles Holloway

Thursday John Edwin Barfield

Friday Grace Garlick, Doris Hughff, Richard Harry White, Jean Gadsden,
Val Hutton

Saturday Harold Bird, Arthur Douglas Roberts, Basil Rooks

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

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in D

Introit Hymn

(tune 351) *Jesus, come! for we invite you*

Jesus, come! for we invite you,
Guest and Master, Friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding,
Speak, and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting,
Hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! transform our pleasures,
Guide us into paths unknown;
Bring your gifts, command your servants,
Let us trust in you alone:
Though your hand may work in secret,
All shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come in new creation,
Heav'n brought near in power divine;
Give your unexpected glory
Changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith of your disciples—
Come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! surprise our dullness,
Make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine,
All the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches,
Taste your love, believe, and live!

(Christopher Idle, after John 2. 1 – 4)

Collect

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 19. 6 – 10

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunder-peals, crying out, 'Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready; to her it has been granted to be clothed with fine linen, bright and pure'—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.' And he said to me, 'These are true words of God.' Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, 'You must not do that! I am a fellow-servant with you and your comrades who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.'

8.00 am: Psalm 128 (printed in the back of the black Common Worship book)

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 366 *God of mercy, God of grace*

Gospel Acclamation

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Gospel Reading **John 2. 1 – 11**

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Homily *Fr Alex*

Offertory Hymn 56 *Songs of thankfulness and praise*

Communion Motet *Vaughan Williams: O taste and see*

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is : blest is the man that trusteth in him. (*Psalm 34. 8*)

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

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns, now and forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 443 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Organ Postlude *Ralph Vaughan Williams: Rhosymedre*

6.30 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns	46 (ii), 8, 347
Psalm	33. 1 – 12
Setting	Herbert Sumsion in A
Anthem	Christopher Rathbone: Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Readings	Jeremiah 3. 21 – 4. 2	Titus 2. 1 – 8, 11 – 14
Organ Postlude	Johann Sebastian Bach: Schmücke dich (Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness) BWV 654	

CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 23	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 24	10.00 am	Fabric Committee meeting <i>in the meeting room</i>	
Thursday 25	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	7.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	
Friday 26	9.30 am	Playtime	
	2.00 pm	Funeral of Dorothy Parkinson	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 28	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Epiphany IV</i>	9.15 am	Family Service	(H: Catherine B)
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex (H: IR)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex
Tuesday 30	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
FEBRUARY			
Thursday 1	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex

Friday 2	9.30 am	Playtime	
Candlemas	11.00 am	Low Mass	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	7.30 pm	Sung Mass <i>followed by drinks</i>	
Sunday 4	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>II before Lent</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play <i>in the hall</i>	Catherine G
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex

NOTICES

Stewardship Renewal – thank you

I would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to all who have taken part in our stewardship renewal that we advertised towards the end of last year. We encouraged everyone to consider prayerfully their giving to St Margaret’s, and the response has been wonderful. The ministry of this church is enabled almost entirely by the generosity of our congregation, as is our contribution towards the costs of ministry in other churches in the Diocese. **Thank you** for your giving and thank you to all who contribute to our common life in all sorts of other ways too. Fr Alex.

Stewardship Renewal, 2023-24

Monthly increase before Gift Aid = just under £647

Annualised = just over £7760

One-off donations = £2800

Open the Book

The Open the Book team visits Ashlands School this week with the story of The Storm on the Lake.

Bible Reading Notes

I shall be ordering Bible notes for May 2024 to April 2025 at the end of January. There is a sample copy at the back of church. If you would like to place an order, please contact Betty Gribbin. The cost will be £15 for the year payable by 28 January; cash only please. Betty.

Enquirers’ Course

We’re planning to offer a course for adults who wish to explore the faith, on Thursday evenings in February, with food and drink. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please do let them know, and ask them to register their interest with me: fatheralexcrawford@icloud.com Please pray that God will send people to take part.

Parish Pilgrimage to Durham

I would really like to organise a parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Cuthbert in Durham Cathedral, almost unique among English shrines in still containing the original saintly remains. St Bede is also buried in the cathedral (as is part of St Oswald). If we stayed for two or even three nights, we could take a trip up to Lindisfarne, and explore the spirituality of more of the northern saints in that beautiful and holy place. Just outside Durham is the ruin of Finchale Priory, the site of the hermitage of St Godric (d. 1170), who is the earliest-known composer of songs in English for which the original music exists – we could hear his music sung while we pray amidst the ruins! There are lots of other lovely possibilities, including worship in “the best cathedral on planet earth” (Bill Bryson).

At this stage it would be helpful to know a rough number of pilgrims, so please let me know if you’d like to be involved. I imagine we’d look at two or three nights in early June, staying together in a Premier Inn or similar, and perhaps hiring a minibus to travel there and back.
Fr Alex.

DIARY DATES

Funeral of the late Dorothy Parkinson RIP

Friday 26 January, 2.00 pm

Dorothy’s funeral will be held in church on Friday 26 January at 2.00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

The Feast of Candlemas

Friday 2 February

Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, draws the long Christmas season to its close. Join us at **11.00 am** for Low Mass, or **7.30 pm** for Sung Mass with candles lit throughout the church and a glass of wine afterwards. Lent comes very quickly this year, and the liturgy at 7.30 pm ends by literally turning us away from the crib at the east, and towards the font at the west, the symbol of Christ’s tomb, as we prepare for the holy season. We also have Christopher’s organ recital at 12.30 pm (see below).

Organ Recital

Friday 2 February, 12.30 pm

This is a very mixed programme: a **Bach** Trio Sonata from about 1720); a grand piece by Sir Walter **Alcock**, the Introduction and Passacaglia written for the Three Choirs Festival of 1933; a Fantasia by Orlando **Gibbons** from about 1620; and my new ‘**Moody Suite**’ composed just last September and October. Christopher.

Carers Retreat 2024
Friday 7 June 4.00 pm to Sunday 9 June 3.00 pm,
Parcevall Hall, BD23 6DG

This retreat is especially for those who live with or care for loved ones who struggle with physical or mental health challenges. There will be space to rest and time to receive from God, and opportunities to learn from Scripture and other spiritual resources about compassion and love for those who care deeply for others. The retreat is led by Revd Henriette Howarth. More details and booking information can be found at <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/event/carers-retreat/> For more information, please contact henriette.howarth@leeds.anglican.org

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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