



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 7 January: The Epiphany

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Godly Play

Catherine Gibson

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

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: Dorothy Parkinson, Irene Whittaker

Years' Mind:

Sunday Sarah Hewitt, Margaret Elizabeth Armitage

Monday Jack King, Janet Aldred

Wednesday Mary Holdsworth, Frederick Singleton, Ashley Crawford, Peter Brook

Thursday Campbell Aird

Friday Norman Mitchell Draper

Saturday Arthur Clyde Babidge

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 *John Ireland in C*

Introit Hymn 47 *As with gladness men of old*

During the hymn the figures of the Magi are placed within the Crib and incense is offered

Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading **Isaiah 60. 1 – 6**

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

8.00 am: Psalm 72. 1 – 15 *(printed in the back of the black Common Worship book)*

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 48 *Bethlehem, of noblest cities*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading **Matthew 2. 1 – 12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you,

Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Homily *Fr Alex*

Offertory Hymn 36 *The first Nowell the angel did say*

Communion Motet *Herbert Howells: Here is the little door*

Here is the little door, lift up the latch, O lift!	Bend low about his bed, for each he has a gift;
We need not wander more but enter with our gift;	See how his eyes awake, lift up your hands, O lift!
Our gift of finest gold,	For gold, he gives a keen-edged sword,
Gold that was never bought nor sold;	(Defend with it thy little Lord!)
Myrrh to be strewn about his bed;	For incense, smoke of battle red,
Incense in clouds about his head;	Myrrh for the honoured happy dead;
All for the Child that stirs not in his sleep,	Gifts for his children, terrible and sweet,
But holy slumber holds with ass and sheep.	Touched by such tiny hands and O such tiny feet.

(G K Chesterton)

Communion Hymn 49 (ii) *Brightest and best of the sons of the morning*

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we who with the wise men have been drawn by your light discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of Chalk

Let us pray. Creator of the heavens, who by the light of a star led the Magi to the feet of the Christ-child to worship him, the Word made flesh: so guide us in our journey through this year, that by our faithful travelling, Christ may be made known to all we meet; and that we may find our journey’s end in him, who is the one true Light.

And so we ask you to bless this chalk, that those who see its sign on our church and our homes may know that these are places of welcome and peace, and of rest for the journey. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 52 *O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*

Organ Postlude *Herbert Howells: Fugue, chorale and epilogue*

*You are very welcome to take with you a piece of chalk and a blessing card,
so you can pray the Epiphany blessing at the entrance to your own homes.*

6.30 PM CHORAL EVENSONG

Hymns 46 (ii), 51, 23
Psalm 98
Setting Charles Villiers Stanford in C
Anthem arr. Christopher Rathbone: We three kings
Readings Isaiah 60. 1 – 9 John 2. 1 – 11
Organ Postlude Dietrich Buxtehude: Fantasia on Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern
(How brightly shines the morning star)

CHURCH DIARY

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

Tuesday 9	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 11	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	12 noon	Staff meeting	
Friday 12	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 14	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Epiphany II</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	(H: Catherine B)

Tuesday 16	10.15 am	Christmas Tree Festival debrief	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 18	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	12.30 pm	Lunch Club	
	5.00 pm	Reception into church: Irene Whittaker	Fr Alex
Friday 19	9.30 am	Playtime	
	1.45 pm	Funeral of Irene Whittaker	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 21	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Epiphany III</i>	9.15 am	Family Service	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	(H: Catherine G)

NOTICES

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.

Lunch Club

Thursday 18 January, 12.30 pm

The next lunch club takes place on Thursday 18 January. The cost will be £7.00 for the meal and £2.00 for a glass of wine. Tickets will be on sale on Sunday 14 January or people can call Sandy on 01943 603222 to book a place. Places on a first come, first served basis. Arrivals from 12.00 pm with lunch served at 12.30 pm.

Funeral of the late Irene Whittaker RIP

Friday 19 January, 1.45 pm

Irene's funeral will be held in church on Friday 19 January at 1.45 pm followed by a reception in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend. Irene will be received into church the evening before, at 5.00 pm.

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: fatheralex crawford@icloud.com Please pray that God will send people to take part.

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.

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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