



ST. MARGARET'S ILKLEY

Sunday 28 January: Epiphany IV

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Service

Homily: Catherine Beaumont

10.45 am – Sung Mass

Fr Alex

Homily: Revd Isobel

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

Fr Alex



"He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

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, Ben Whittaker.

Departed: Shiona Dawson, Robert Haworth

Years' Mind:

Sunday Helen Thomas

Monday Mary Coultous

Wednesday Olive Klepper

Friday Brian Coates, Redvers Scott, Lois Rothwell

Saturday Emily Lyons

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

8.00 am and 10.45 am – MASS TODAY

Mass Setting *Charles Villiers Stanford in B flat*

Introit Hymn 452 *Stand up, and bless the Lord*

Collect

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 **Revelation 12. 1 – 5a**

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron.

8.00 am: Psalm 111 (*printed in the back of the black Common Worship book*)

10.45 am: Gradual Hymn 385 *Jesu, the very thought of thee*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Reading **Mark 1. 21 – 28**

The disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

- Homily** *The Revd Isobel Rathbone*
- Offertory Hymn** 498 *Son of God, eternal Saviour*
- Communion Motet** *Charles Villiers Stanford: Beati quorum via*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way and walk in the law of the Lord. (Psalm 119. 1)

- Communion Hymn** 358 (ii) *Father of heaven, whose love profound*

Post Communion Prayer

Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love: help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

- Recessional Hymn** 415 (tune 346) *O for a thousand tongues to sing*

- Organ Postlude** *Herbert Howells: Rhapsody in D flat*

6.30 pm – CHORAL EVENSONG

- Hymns** 46 (ii), 368 (tune: Guiseley (see below)), 431
- Psalm** 34. 1 – 10
- Setting** John Blow in F
- Anthem** Henry Loosemore: O Lord, increase my faith

O Lord, increase my faith, strengthen me and confirm me in thy true faith; endue me with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience. In all my adversity, sweet Jesu, say Amen. (*Anonymous*)

- Readings** 1 Samuel 3. 1 – 20 1 Corinthians 14. 12 – 20
- Organ Postlude** Johann Sebastian Bach: Trio sonata no 1 – Adagio

Tune for hymn 368:



CHURCH DIARY

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

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
Tuesday 6	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel
Thursday 8	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 9	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 11	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr David Hope
<i>Next before Lent</i>	9.15 am	Family Service	(H: Catherine G)
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr David Hope
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Revd Isobel

NOTICES

Holidays

Fr Alex is on retreat from Saturday 10 to Monday 12 February. Vickie is away, and the office is closed, between Monday 12 and Friday 16 February.

Bible Reading Notes – last chance!

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 today, 28 January; cash only please. Betty.

Organ recital donations

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £98.25 for the Music Fund.

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

Bonus Organ Recital!

Christopher Rathbone plays in Bradford Cathedral

Wednesday 31 January, 1.00 pm

Join Christopher for this free recital at Bradford Cathedral, beginning at 1.00 pm. Christopher plays a similar programme to the upcoming recital at St Margaret's with the Leighton fantasy on Veni Redemptor to replace Orlando Gibbon's Fantasia – a real treat in Bradford's most ancient place of worship.

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.

Mindfulness Day

Wednesday 7 February, The Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley

Our friends at The Briery have asked us to advertise a quiet day of prayer and reflection, underpinned by mindfulness practices to help deepen awareness of God's presence and action in our daily lives. 'The spice of life – tasting God in all things' is led by Angela Rogerson, and costs £48. The day begins with tea/coffee on arrival at 10.00 am, includes a two-course hot lunch, and ends with afternoon tea at 3.30 pm (all refreshments included in the cost). For more information and booking please contact Amanda or Beth on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

Heartfelt Cake Sale

Sunday 11 February

St Margaret's Mission Fund Cake Sale takes place on Sunday 11 February after the Family Service and Sung Mass. All cakes welcome. Please bring cakes to the Parish Hall from 8.30 am on the day of the sale or ring Linda Whittaker on 601144.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 14 February

The imposition of ashes will be offered at Low Mass at 11.00 am and the Sung Mass at 7.30 pm (with music from our choir and organist). Come and make a commitment to keeping a good and holy Lent. Keep an eye out for our Lent Booklet in the coming weeks, which gives details about all our services and events until Easter.

Lent Group

Tuesdays in Lent, 6.30 – 7.30 pm, in the meeting room

Advance notice of our Lent group, which will begin on Tuesday 20 February – but we'll start reading from Ash Wednesday. The companion book to that which we shared in our Advent Book Club last year, *An Easter Book of Days* introduces us afresh to the “characters of the cross and resurrection,” with fascinating details from the ancient traditions of the Church, as well as thought-provoking reflections. We read one ‘character’ a day at home, starting on Ash Wednesday, and each Tuesday come together to reflect on the characters we have met in our reading over the week. Each day is only a few paragraphs long, and very accessible. You will need to buy the book before Ash Wednesday.

Tuesday 20 February: characters 1 – 7

Tuesday 27 February: characters 8 – 14

Tuesday 5 March: characters 15 – 21

Tuesday 12 March: characters 22 – 25

Tuesday 19 March: reflections on some of the art used in the book

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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