



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 27 APRIL
Easter II

8.00 am – Low Mass (p 6)
Fr Alex

10.45 am – Sung Mass
Fr Alex

There is no Family Service or Evensong today



IN OUR PRAYERS

Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Teresa Cannell, Anne and Francis Clarke, Roy Clarke, Margaret Cooke, Joyce Cross, Betty Gribbin, Ramone Guha, Leonie Marshall, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Johnny Ratcliffe, Philip Rowbottom, John Sampson, Robin Shaw, Edward Stretton, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Bill Syrratt, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED Pope Francis, Bob Simms

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	John Peill, Harold Hetherington
Monday	Irene Foster
Tuesday	Ada Deacon, Wheeler Smith
Thursday	Nan Hodgson
Friday	James Driver, Jackie Harrison, Patrick Roberts, Sam Walden (pr)
Saturday	Alice Leach

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

CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer, Monday through Friday, at 9.00 am—all welcome

Tuesday 29	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
MAY			
Thursday 1	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 2	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	6.30 pm	Junior Choir	
	7.45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Saturday 3	6.30 pm	Plainchant Mass	Fr Alex
Sunday 4 <i>Easter III</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	9.15 am	Godly Play	Catherine Gibson
	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	3.00 pm	Service at Abbeyfield	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex
Tuesday 6	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 8	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	<u>12.30 pm</u>	<u>Lunch Club</u>	
	2.30 pm	Communion at Glen Rosa	Fr Alex
Friday 9	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Memorial Service for John King	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Junior Choir	
	7.45 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Sunday 11 <i>Easter IV</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	Sung Mass followed by APCM	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Homily: Catherine B

CHURCH NOTICES

Holy Week – thank you!

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to our wonderful musicians, servers, welcomers, flower arrangers, cleaners, and all who have contributed to our celebration of Holy Week and Easter Day in any way. We were delighted to welcome visitors to our major liturgies – please pray that they will return. *Fr Alex.*

Easter Mass attendance:

Holy Saturday Easter Liturgy – 89

Easter Day Family Mass – 84

Easter Day Sung Mass – 110

Electoral Roll

The new Electoral Roll is available for inspection at the back of church during services until Sunday 11 May. The Roll will be confirmed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 11 May. New names cannot be added now until after the Annual Parish Meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting and Vacancies

Sunday 11 May, after the 10.45 am Sung Mass

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday 11 May, immediately after our usual (but slightly shortened) 10.45 am Sung Mass. Please do come along – the meeting is a great opportunity to hear about the church's activities over the last year, and all that makes up our shared life here. There are also some important elections that need to take place. There are a number of vacancies on the Parochial Church Council (PCC) – if you would like to consider being a member of the PCC, please have a conversation with the Churchwardens or Fr Alex.

Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended December 31, 2024, including the usual reports and more information about life at St Margaret's, are available from the back of church.

Nomination forms for all positions are available at the back of church and should be returned to me, Fr Alex or the current churchwardens.

Thank you. *Helen Pilling, Secretary to the PCC.*

Organ Recital

Friday 2 May, 12.30 pm

The recital on Friday 2 May at 12.30 pm is a selection of pieces requested by members of our regular organ recital audience. Composers include Buxtehude from the 17th century, Bach from the 18th, the Choral Song (and Fugue) by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (first organist of the rebuilt Leeds Parish Church in 1841) from the 19th century, and Cocker's Tuba Tune, Vierne's Berceuse and Dupré's Fugue in G minor from the 20th – nothing from the 21st century, I'm afraid! *Christopher.*

Lunch Club

Thursday 8 May, 12.30 pm

The next Lunch Club takes place on Thursday 8 May at 12.30 pm. The cost is £7 for the meal and £2.50 for a glass of wine. Tickets are available from Sandy, and you can call to book a place: 01943 603222 (last booking by Monday 5 May). Arrival from 12 noon.

Conservation works in church

We have been undertaking cleaning and conservation work on some of our precious furnishings in church. So far, all the stained glass windows (save the east window) have been professionally cleaned, as have the stations of the cross, the font and pulpit, and the statue of Our Lady (which has undergone an amazing transformation!) This has been paid for out of the fire damage fund. Do take some time to admire again our beautiful art work. There is still more to be done, including the lady chapel reredos and the high altar paintings.

JJ Community Transformation – thank you

JJ Community Transformation in Uganda wishes to thank St Margaret's for its recent donation of £200 which has been used to buy five desks and five stools for the secondary school and to repair some broken furniture. Copies of Bethan and Horace's most recent newsletter are now available at the back of church.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Two Retreats at Parcevall Hall

The Book of Nature Retreat

Friday 10 May, 4.00 pm to Sunday 12 May, 3.00 pm, at Parcevall Hall

Led by Revd Debby Plummer, this retreat focuses on thanksgiving for God's creation, inspired by Franciscan spirituality. In the midst of pressing concerns about environmental catastrophe, there will be time to seek peace and hope in nature and faith. Debby, a Third Order Franciscan and retreat leader, will lead sessions of reflection and prayer focussing on creation, destruction, and restoration. On Sunday, there will be a Eucharist with a creation inspired liturgy. Cost: £225.

Retreat for Extroverts

Thursday 15 May, 4.00 pm to Friday 16 May, 3.00 pm, at Parcevall Hall

Led by Revd Matt Woodcock, extrovert priest and contributor to Pause for Thought on Radio 2, this 24 hour retreat is designed for people who find restoration and renewal in the company of others, and who think a retreat would surely be too quiet. There will be short quiet times, but also lots of time for discussion, bible study and activity. The retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and inspiration. Cost: £99

For more information go to <https://www.parcevallhall.org.uk/> and for booking, email admin@parcevallhall.org.uk

Brilliant Breakfast,

Saturday 24 May, 8.30 – 11.00 am, All Saints' Church Hall

I'm helping to organise a Brilliant Breakfast supported by the King's Trust. We're inviting Ilkley women to the Brilliant Breakfast on Saturday 24 May, from 8.30 – 11.00 am at All Saints' Church Hall. The social event will raise funds to help young women create better working lives for themselves through access to training, job opportunities and career support. The King's Trust also funds grants to cover the costs of work clothes, childcare, equipment or even a young woman's commute to work before her first pay cheque—essential for disadvantaged or out of work young women.

Drop in with friends, colleagues and daughters to share a delicious breakfast and convivial atmosphere while making a difference to the next generation of young women. We're asking for donations of £15 for breakfast which could contribute towards essential course materials for an aspiring young female entrepreneur. To attend the breakfast, make a donation and for more information go to <https://events.kingstrust.org.uk/fundraisers/RiseandShineIlkley/brilliant-breakfast> We'd love you to join us and help young women build their best futures. *Thank you, Vickie (Parish Administrator).*

'The Trumpets shall Sound' – Concert by Ille Litui Olicanae

Saturday 7 June, 7.00 pm (at St Margaret's)

The largest gathering of Trumpets possibly ever, in Ilkley! A great selection of music written for groups of up to 8 trumpets will be performed, with music for voice, organ and timpani. Profits will be donated to St Margaret's. Music written for eight trumpets is comparatively rare, and as a result, concerts for eight trumpets are rare, too! A concert like this has not been seen in Ilkley for over 15 years, and possibly a lot longer. Take a chance, and hear music performed that you may never hear again!

Tickets: adults £12, concessions £8.00, from www.eventbrite.co.uk (search for 'trumpets Ilkley') and available on the door. See Geoff Cloke for more details.

8.00 am – LOW MASS

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

READING Acts 5. 27 - 32

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

PSALM 150

Alleluia. O praise God in his holiness;
 praise him in the firmament of his power.
Praise him for his mighty acts;
 praise him according to his excellent greatness.
Praise him with the blast of the trumpet;
 praise him upon the harp and lyre.
Praise him with timbrel and dances;
 praise him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise him with ringing cymbals;
 praise him upon the clashing cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
 praise the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING John 20. 19 – 31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

POST COMMUNION

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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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