



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY



SUNDAY 4 MAY
Easter III

8.00 am – Low Mass (p 5)
Fr Alex

9.15 am – Godly Play
Catherine Gibson

10.45 am – Sung Mass
Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong (p 7)
Fr Kenneth



Flowers today have been given by Angela Rowbottom remembering Noelle

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, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Bill Syrratt, Shirley Thompson

YEARS' MIND

Wednesday

Edward Abraham, Muriel Kershaw, Elsie Short

Thursday

Emily Dyson, John Proud

Friday

Christopher (John) Gibson, Francis Hughff, Camilla Vestergaard
Doris Treacher

Saturday

Anne Cornwall Jones, Sophie Nightingale, Ruth Wall, Margaret Moore

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

Monday 5	<i>(No Morning Prayer today)</i>		
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>	
Friday 9	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Memorial Service for John King	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 11	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter IV</i>	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
Tuesday 13	2.00 pm	Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 14	4.00 pm	Communion at Abbeydale	
Thursday 15	11.00 am	Requiem for Fr Andrew Wagstaff	Fr Alex
Friday 16	9.30 am	Playtime	
	1.00 pm	Outward Giving Group Meeting	
	4.30 pm	Wedding rehearsal	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 17	13.00 pm	Wedding of Eoin Byrne and Tabitha Clark	Fr Alex
Sunday 18	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter V;</i>	9.15 am	Family Service	Fr Alex
<i>Nicaea 1700th</i>	10.45 am	Sung Mass	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex

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

CHURCH NOTICES

A message from Alison Stretton

We have been touched by and so grateful for everyone's prayers for Edward over the last few months. He has a way to go but is improving every day. Thank you all. Alison.

Annual Parish Meeting, Electoral Roll, 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 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. The **Electoral Roll** is available for inspection and will be confirmed at the meeting (new names cannot be added til after the meeting).

Nominations have been received for Churchwardens:

Anne Eaton – Nominated by Val Smith, Seconded by Gill Oliver

Philip Tooke – Nominated by Catherine Gibson, Seconded by Philippa Higgins

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

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.

Requiem for Fr Andrew Wagstaff

Thursday 15 May, 11.00 am

Members of the congregation are invited to come together and give thanks for the life of the late Fr Andrew Wagstaff on this day, followed by refreshments in the hall.

May Day Cake Sale

Sunday 18 May

St Margaret's Mission Fund Cake Sale takes place on Sunday 18 May 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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Book of Nature Retreat

Friday 9 May, 4.00 pm to Sunday 11 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. 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. 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, for Ilkley women 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, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

READING **Acts 9. 1 - 6**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up
and have not let my foes triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you
and you have healed me.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;
give thanks to his holy name.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime.
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved.

You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'

Then you hid your face from me
and I was utterly dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried;
to the Lord I made my supplication:

'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper.'

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

GOSPEL READING John 21. 1 – 19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

POST COMMUNION

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

6.30 pm – CHORAL EVENSONG

HYMN 101 (ii) *The Lamb's high banquet we await*

PSALM 86

READING **Isaiah 38. 9 – 20**

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

A writing of King Hezekiah of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: I said: In the noontide of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years. I said, I shall not see the Lord in the land of the living; I shall look upon mortals no more among the inhabitants of the world. My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; I cry for help until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end.

Like a swallow or a crane I clamour, I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upwards. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my security! But what can I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it. All my sleep has fled because of the bitterness of my soul.

O Lord, by these things people live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. O restore me to health and make me live! Surely it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but you have held back my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. For Sheol cannot thank you, death cannot praise you; those who go down to the Pit cannot hope for your faithfulness. The living, the living, they thank you, as I do this day; fathers make known to children your faithfulness.

The Lord will save me, and we will sing to stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the Lord.

Here ends the first reading.

CANTICLES *Henry Purcell in G minor*

READING **John 11. 27 – 44**

A reading from the Gospel of St John.

Martha said to Jesus, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping,

and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Here ends the second reading.

COLLECT

Almighty God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

ANTHEM *Henry Purcell: O God, thou art my God (the text can be found at Psalm 63)*

HYMN 122 *Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise*

HYMN 446 *Sing Alleluia forth ye saints on high*

ORGAN *Johann Sebastian Bach: Pastorale (last section)*

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