



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER

Christ the King

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Service

Fr Marc (Homily: Fr Alex)

10.45 am – High Mass

Fr Alex

6.30 pm – Solemn Evensong

and Benediction

Fr Alex



IN OUR PRAYERS

Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Teresa Cannell, Anne Clarke, Roy Clarke, David Coleman, Margaret Cooke, Joyce Cross, Ramone Guha, Alan King, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Johnny Ratcliffe, Philip Rowbottom, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED June Fernandez, Peter Maw, John Sampson

YEARS' MIND

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| Sunday | Hugh Kitching, Geoffrey Blake |
| Tuesday | Hilda Booth |
| Wednesday | Milvy Kuchartschuk |
| Friday | Andrea Bedford, Susan Houlston |
| Saturday | David Coulton |

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

CHURCH DIARY

Morning Prayer is held Monday through Friday at 9.00 am—all welcome

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| Tuesday 25 | 6.00 pm | Contemplative Mass | Fr Alex |
| Wednesday 26 | 2.00 pm | Holy Communion at Mayfield View | |
| Thursday 27 | 11.00 am | Low Mass <i>with social time</i> | Fr Alex |
| Friday 28 | 9.30 am | Playtime | |
| | 6.30 pm | Junior singers rehearsal | |
| | 7.45 pm | Choir rehearsal | |
| Saturday 29 | 6.30 pm | Plainchant Mass | Fr Alex |
| Sunday 30 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex |
| <i>Advent I</i> | 9.15 am | Family Service | Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc) |
| | 10.45 am | Litany and High Mass | Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth) |
| | 6.30 pm | Advent Procession | |
| DECEMBER | | | |
| Tuesday 2 | 9.30 am | Christmas Tree Festival set up | |
| | 6.00 pm | Contemplative Mass <i>by candlelight</i> | Fr Alex |
| Wednesday 3 | 2.00 pm | Pastoral care meeting <i>in the meeting room</i> | |
| Thursday 4 | 11.00 am | Low Mass <i>with social time</i> | Fr Alex |
| | 4.00 pm | Christmas Tree Festival set up | |
| Friday 5 | 9.30 am | Playtime | |
| | 10.00 am | Christmas Tree Festival 'til 6.00 pm | |
| | 6.30 pm | Junior singers rehearsal | |
| | 7.45 pm | Choir rehearsal | |
| Saturday 6 | 10.00 am | Christmas Tree Festival 'til 5.00 pm | |
| Sunday 7 | 8.00 am | Low Mass | Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc) |
| <i>Advent II</i> | 9.15 am | Godly Play | Catherine Gibson |
| | 10.45 am | High Mass | Fr Kenneth (H: Fr Marc) |
| | 6.30 pm | Choral Evensong | Fr Marc (H: Catherine G) |

NOTICES

Flowers today

Flowers today have been given by Martin and Marianne O'Halloran in memory of Geoffrey Sydney Blake.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction this evening

Please join us for this beautiful service. The choir sings Bryan Kelly's lively setting of the canticles in C, and his anthem 'Rejoice, the Lord is King,' along with Edward Elgar's beautiful 'O salutaris hostia.'

Christmas Tree Festival - a request for your support

Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December

Refreshment stall: I am looking for people who could give a couple of hours of their time to help on the refreshments stall on Friday 5 December at the Christmas Tree Festival. Selling our cakes and making tea and coffee at the back of church for our visitors.

I have divided the day into four two-hour slots, 10.00 am to 12 etc. until 6.00 pm, this to include setting up and clearing away at the end. We shall need 2/3 people to fill each slot. I hope pupils from Ilkley Grammar School will volunteer on Saturday. Many thanks to the people who have already offered their support.

Baking: I would also be very grateful to anyone who could make a cake, tray bake, scones, cookies or buns for our refreshment stall. All cakes are very welcome, much looked forward to by visitors and help to raise funds for our Christmas charity. Thank you. *Judith.*

Welcomers and stewards: We also need welcomers to give people a warm welcome to St Margaret's and stewards to answer questions and ensure the smooth and safe running of the day. The sign-up rota for this is also divided into four two-hour slots. Many thanks for your help in making this a really great festival. *Anne.*

Stewardship at St Margaret's

Recently the PCC has been carefully considering our financial situation, and particularly how we can encourage regular giving and one-off donations to the church. It costs around £3500 every week to operate our church activities, maintain our beautiful buildings, and contribute towards the cost of ministry in less affluent parts of the diocese. We rely entirely on the generosity of our congregation, visitors and supporters, **and we thank each of you once again for your support.**

We have made some changes around the church and hall to advertise our financial position and encourage more people to support us as conveniently as possible, most of which you will see today:

- A new information board at the card reader by the entrance to church.
- Handy leaflets giving information about how to make a regular donation, and how to leave a legacy to the church in your will.
- A new card reader in the hall lobby for those who enter or exit that way, for example when refreshments are served upstairs, and for our regular hall users.
- Clearer information in the order of service on how to give at the Offertory.

We are planning to hold our annual Stewardship Sunday in the spring, but if you don't already make a regular donation to the church we encourage you please to consider today whether you might assist us by joining the Parish Giving Scheme or setting up a standing order—more information is in the new leaflet by the card reader. **Thank you once again.** *St Margaret's Parochial Church Council.*

Cake Sale – thank you

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought and donated to our Mission Fund cake sale. Together we raised £173.32. And thanks to Linda W for organising it.

Tree decorations – donations of Christmas sweets and toiletry treats!

Our Christmas charity, *Staying Put*, is taking part in the Christmas Tree Festival on 5 and 6 December. We would like to invite the congregation to donate tree decorations so we can decorate the tree on their behalf—Christmas chocolates and children's treats, small gifts and toiletries which will be gifted to women, men and children who are survivors of domestic abuse.

Donations can be brought to church on Sunday 30 November or to the meeting room on the mornings of Tuesday 25 November or 2 December. Please email the church office if you would like more information: stmargaretschurchpa@gmail.com.

Daylight Notes

The new Daylight Notes for January to April 2026 are available to pick up from the back of church. Payment is not required until March 2026. If you would like to understand the bible better the Daylight Notes help a lot. There are some spare booklets available to take and try at the back of church. For more information, please speak to Fr Bernard.

Advent Procession

Sunday 30 November, 6.30 pm

Join us for this highlight of the liturgical year, as we mark the First Sunday of Advent with our beautiful Advent Procession. Please invite a friend if you can, and indeed to all our special services in Advent and Christmas (details below).

Organ Recital

Friday 12 December, 12.30 pm

The organ recital on Friday 12 December at 12.30 pm will consist of the whole of Messiaen's thrilling suite of nine meditations on the Nativity, aka 'La Nativité du Seigneur'. Lasting about 45 minutes, it contains wonderfully colourful organ sounds, harmonies and rhythms which cannot fail to stimulate the senses, and inspire our appreciation of the true meaning of Christmas, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord. The final toccata entitled Dieu parmi nous – God among us – is the perfect start to the Christmas celebrations.

Christmas Service Dates

Sunday 21, 9.15 am – Christingle Service. **Sunday 21, 6.30 pm** – Service of Lessons and Carols. **Christmas Eve, 3.00 pm** – Crib Service. **Christmas Eve, 10.00 pm** – 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass. **Christmas Day, 10.00 am** – Mass of Christmas Day.

The Gift of Jesus – Advent un-wrapped

Exploration of the Liturgical Season of Advent a Day of Reflection led by Canon Dennis Cassidy at The Briery, Ilkley on Saturday 6 December 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. £25pp including a soup lunch and dessert and all refreshments. For more information and to book, contact the Administrators on 01943 607287 or admin@briery.org.uk

Steeton Male Voice Choir Concert

Thursday 11 December, 6.30 pm, at St Margaret's

Steeton Male Voice Choir is joined by Addingham Primary School for a Christmas concert on Thursday 11 December, 6.30 pm. Tickets: Adults, £10; children free. Tel: 07704 123176 or email tickets@steetonmalevoicechoir.co.uk

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 07867 880409 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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