



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER

Advent I

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr Kenneth

9.15 am – Family Service

Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Marc)

10.45 am – High Mass

Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Kenneth)

6.30 pm – Advent Procession



ADVENT

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, Robin Shaw, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson

DEPARTED June Fernandez, Peter Maw, John Sampson

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Polly Collins
Monday	Joan Kitching, John Peter Isles
Tuesday	Edwin Newbould, Margaret Newton
Wednesday	Anne Rhodes
Thursday	Ann Babidge, Arthur Brown
Friday	Herbert Charles Phillips, Nancy White, Barbara France, Peggy Butterfield
Saturday	Gladys Baker, Arthur Hewitt, Marion Twigg, Brian Whittam

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

Tuesday 2	9.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer is in the choir vestry</i>	
	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 <i>'til 6.00 pm</i>	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 6	10.00 am	Christmas Tree Festival <i>'til 5.00 pm</i>	
Sunday 7	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
<i>Advent II</i>	9.15 am	Godly Play	Catherine Gibson
	10.45 am	High Mass and Holy Baptism	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Marc (H: Catherine B)
Monday 8	9.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer is in the choir vestry</i>	
	9.00 am	Ilkley Grammar School (IGS) rehearsal	
	6.30 pm	IGS Christmas concert	
Tuesday 9	9.00 am	<i>Morning Prayer is in the choir vestry</i>	
	2.00 pm	Christmas Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass Fr Alex	
Wednesday 10	4.00 pm	Christmas Communion at Abbeydale	
Thursday 11	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i> Fr Kenneth	
	6.30 pm	Steeton Male Voice Choir concert	
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>Advent III</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	High Mass	Fr Kenneth (H: Fr Alex)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)

Changes to church opening times

To allow set-up for upcoming events the church will be closed to visitors on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 December, **but services are unaffected**. Morning Prayer will be held in the choir vestry on the following dates: Tuesday 2, Monday 8 and Tuesday 9.

Advent Procession
This evening, 6.30 pm

Join us this evening 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).

Christmas Tree Festival - a request for your support
Friday 5 and Saturday 6 December

Baking: I would 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 urgently need more 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. Some stewarding jobs will be seated so you do not need to be on your feet for long periods of time. The sign-up rota for these jobs is also divided into four two-hour slots. Please help if you can at this thoroughly enjoyable event. *Anne.*

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 survivors of domestic abuse. **Donations can be left in church today or brought to the meeting room on the mornings of Tuesday 2 or Thursday 4 December.** For 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.

Booklet of Advent reflections

Revd Isobel has produced a booklet of Advent reflections which members of the congregation are welcome to take from the back of the church.

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.

New exhibition in the hall

Our latest exhibition in the hall is by Julia Collington, an artist with a Fine Art degree from Bradford College. Julia's work is influenced by Postmodernism and Abstract Expressionism. Politics and its influence on our everyday lives across architecture, sculpture and fashion, poetry and music, shape Julia's creative choices in colour, texture and tone. To purchase a painting contact Julia on 079097 14823. A donation of 20% from the sale of each painting is made to St Margaret's Development Fund.

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

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