



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER Advent II

8.00 am – BCP Holy Communion

Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Marc)

9.15 am – Godly Play

Catherine Gibson

10.45 am – High Mass and Holy Baptism

Fr Alex (Homily: Fr Marc)

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong

Fr Marc (Homily: Catherine Beaumont)



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 John Sampson

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Dorothy Beanlands, Leonard Hardaker (pr)
Tuesday	John Stanley Gelder
Thursday	Mary West, James Bateman, Bob Morgan
Friday	Duncan MacKinley, Helen Priestman, James Ingham
Saturday	Alwyne Wormald

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

Monday 8	9.00 am	Morning Prayer is in the choir vestry	
	9.00 am	Ilkley Grammar School (IGS) rehearsal	
	6.30 pm	IGS Christmas concert	
Tuesday 9	9.00 am	Morning Prayer is in the choir vestry	
	2.00 pm	Christmas Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass <i>by candlelight</i>	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	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 14 <i>Advent III</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	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)
Tuesday 16	2.00 pm	Christmas Communion at Riverview	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass <i>by candlelight</i>	Fr Alex
Thursday 18	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 19	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.45 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 20	10.30 am	Carol singing at Ilkley Railway Station	
Sunday 21 <i>Advent IV</i>	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	9.15 am	Christingle Service	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	High Mass	Revd Isobel (H: Fr Marc)
	6.30 pm	Service of Lessons and Carols	Fr Alex

NOTICES

Advent Procession – thank you

A big 'thank you' to all who contributed to our Advent Procession last week, including organisers, welcomers, those serving refreshments, and of course Christopher and our wonderful musicians! It was a splendid occasion, as always. If you missed it then do find our YouTube channel, where you can watch it again (turn the volume right up for the first part!)

Scam email

Yet another email is circulating purporting to be from Fr Alex – if you receive anything, please double-check the email address, and only respond to anything with the email address fatheralexcrawford@icloud.com

Weekly Envelopes for 2026

Boxes of weekly envelopes for 2026 are now available to pick up from the back of church. If you have any queries or would like to move to standing order, please contact our Stewardship Secretary, Alison Stretton.

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.

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.

Lunch Club

There is no lunch club in December due to the busyness of the season.

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.

Temporary banking hub at the library

Cash Access UK has opened a temporary home for the banking hub in Ilkley at the library on Station Road. Customers of all major banks can visit any weekday between 9.00 am–5.00 pm to carry out regular cash transactions including cash withdrawals and deposits as well as checking balances or paying bills.

The hub also offers a community banker service where customers can talk to their own bank in a private space about more complicated issues on the day their bank is in the hub: Monday: HSBC (coming soon); Tuesday: Halifax; Wednesday: NatWest; Thursday: Santander; Friday: Barclays. Cash Access UK has secured a permanent home for the hub located at 1 Wells Road, due to open early next year. <https://www.cashaccess.co.uk/hubs/ilkley-west-yorkshire/>

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

From Ilkley Great Get Together: free school meals in the holidays.

Ilkley Great Get Together is providing 100+ Christmas food parcels to families of 240 children in Ilkley who access Free School Meals. The Christmas food parcels are a real treat for these families. We are short of Christmas cakes this year, so if anyone at church would be willing to donate we would be very grateful. We are also collecting mince pies, Christmas crackers and treats. Please drop donations at 30 Nelson Road, Ilkley, LS29 8HN, by 16 December.

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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