



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 12 APRIL

Easter II

8.00 am – Low Mass

Fr David Hope

10.45 am – High Mass

Fr David Hope



IN OUR PRAYERS

Graham Birdsall, Ann Bruun, Alan Calder, Teresa Cannell, Joyce Cross, Ian Donougher, Sean Harrington, Betty James, Alan King, James McIntosh, Arnold Mahon, Pam Monkman, Stephen Pilling, Johnny Ratcliffe, Diana Rees-Jones, Philip Rowbottom, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Shirley Thompson, Lindsay Warden.

DEPARTED Roy Clarke, Sheila Naylor, Vaughan Stell

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Annie Elizabeth Forbes
Tuesday	William Johnston
Wednesday	Doreen Syratt
Friday	Joan Lightband
Saturday	Augustus Howell, Alastair Smith

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 14	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Revd Isobel
Thursday 16	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Revd Catherine Ogle
Friday 17	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 19	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter III</i>	9.15 am	Family Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	10.45 am	High Mass <i>followed by APCM</i>	Fr Alex
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Marc (H: Revd Isobel)
Tuesday 21	2.00 pm	Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 23	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
	12.30 pm	Lunch Club	
Friday 24	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 26	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
<i>Easter IV</i>	10.45 am	High Mass	Fr Alex (H: Revd Isobel)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Alex (H: Catherine G)

NOTICES

Holy Week – thank you!

I would like to say a huge ‘thank you’ to our wonderful servers, setter-uppers, welcomers, live-stream operators, flower arrangers, cleaners, and all who have contributed to our celebration of Holy Week and Easter Day in any way. It has been another powerful and moving time together, with lots of visitors: please pray that they will return. Special thanks go to Christopher and our musicians for the most beautiful music, and for their commitment to our worship. *Fr Alex.*

Easter Mass attendance:

Holy Saturday Easter Liturgy – 64

Easter Day Family Mass – 42

Easter Day BCP Holy Communion – 13

Easter Day High Mass – 96

There were also 11 communicants on Easter Day at Mayfield View Care Home. Total = 226.

No Choral Evensong this evening

A reminder that there is no Choral Evensong this evening while the choir takes a well-earned break after Holy Week.

Clergy notice

Fr Alex and family are on leave, along with Fr Kenneth and Kim, until Saturday 18 April.

Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our recent Stewardship appeal. There is still time! Please place any further forms in the safe at the back of church or hand to me in person. There will be an update in early May once the April bank payments have been processed. *Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary.*

St Margaret's Electoral Roll

The Electoral Roll has now been updated for 2026, and a copy is available for inspection at the back of the church. The Roll will be presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday 19 April.

Annual Parish Meetings and Vacancies

Sunday 19 April, after the 10.45 am High Mass

Our annual meetings will be held in Church on Sunday 19 April, immediately after our usual 10.45 am High 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. At the meetings there will be elections for the Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and Deanery Synod representatives. Churchwardens are elected annually. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected for a period of three years. If you would like to consider being a member of the PCC or Deanery Synod, please have a conversation with the Churchwardens or Fr Alex.

Copies of the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2025, 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.*

Lunch Club

Thursday 23 April, 12.30 pm

(we meet on the fourth Thursday for this month only)

The next Lunch Club takes place on Thursday 23 April at 12.30 pm when we will be celebrating Fr Godfrey and Philippa's 60th wedding anniversary. The cost is £8.00 for the meal with a glass of wine included in honour of Fr Godfrey and Philippa. Tickets are available from Sandy – call to book a place: 01943 603222 (last booking by Monday 20 April). Arrival from 12 noon.

Save the date – St Margaret’s Day

Sunday 19 July, 10.45 am

Advance notice of our patronal festival celebrations, taking place on **Sunday 19 July at 10.45 am**. It will be a very special day as we will unveil the large and beautiful icon of ‘St Margaret of the Moor’ that has been written for us in memory of Audrey and Peter Waterhouse, after their legacy given to the church. Fr David Hope, one-time Archbishop of York and Vicar of this parish, will come to preach and to bless the icon. The High Mass will be followed by our parish lunch. We’re also planning a public talk on the history and process of icon-writing, by the artist, Peter Murphy – more details on that to follow.

A bit of fun...

I thought I might let you know about some interesting parish history I recently discovered. The Community of the Resurrection (‘CR’) is the ‘patron’ of our parish (a patron technically presents the new incumbent of a church and has a role in the appointment process). CR took over the patronage in 1960 from a W. W. Spooner, an Ilkley grandee whose charitable trust still supports our music in the church. After a little research, it turns out this Spooner’s father was the Revd Dr William Spooner, Warden of New College Oxford, to whom the English-speaking world owes the word, ‘spoonerism.’ This churchman and academic was legendary in Oxford for his propensity to mix up words: he is said to have described Our Lord from the pulpit as “a shoving leopard,” and notoriously proposed a toast on the occasion of Queen Victoria’s diamond jubilee to “the Queer old Dean.” Apparently, he used to enjoy regular holidays to his family in Ilkley, and it seems inconceivable that he would not worship in the church of which his son was the patron. So if your clergy ever mix up our words in the pulpit, it’s not a mistake, we’re just following local custom... *Fr Alex.*

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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.**

