



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 24 MAY
The Day of Pentecost

8.00 am – Low Mass
Fr Alex

10.45 am – High Mass
Fr Alex

**6.30 pm – Solemn Evensong
and Benediction**
Fr Alex



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, Tina Warnes

DEPARTED Fr Godfrey Higgins

YEARS' MIND

Sunday Nancy Blankley, Frances Eddleston
Tuesday Margaret Buckle, William Hardy, Richard Benson
Thursday John Robertson, Nesta Walker, Bill Syratt
Saturday Ellen Rooks

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 26	2.30 pm	Communion at Abbeydale	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 27	8.00 pm	Candlelight Concert with Rock Choir	
Thursday 28	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
Friday 29	6.15 pm	Wedding rehearsal	
	<u>7.00 pm</u>	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 30	12.30 pm	Wedding of Dominic Mather and Emma Haworth	
Sunday 31	8.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
<i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.45 am	High Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	6.30 pm	Solemn Evensong	Fr Marc (H: Fr Alex)
JUNE			
Tuesday 2	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Thursday 4	11.00 am	Low Mass <i>with social time</i>	Fr Alex
<i>Corpus Christi</i>	7.30 pm	High Mass <i>followed by drinks</i>	Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth)
Friday 5	9.30 am	Playtime	
	12.30 pm	Organ Recital	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Saturday 6	1.00 pm	Wedding of Tom Williams and Sophie Bolton	
	6.30 pm	Plainchant Mass	Fr Alex
Sunday 7	8.00 am	BCP Holy Communion	Fr Kenneth
<i>Trinity I</i>	9.00 am	Breakfast Praise	Fr Alex
	10.45 am	High Mass	Fr Alex (H: Fr Kenneth)
	6.30 pm	Choral Evensong	Fr Marc

NOTICES

Fr Godfrey Higgins RIP

With great sadness, but with unshakeable hope in the resurrection promises of Our Lord, we share the news that Fr Godfrey died on Wednesday evening, strengthened by the rites of the Church. Please pray for Fr Godfrey, and for Philippa and the family.

Solemn Evensong and Benediction this evening

The choir sings George Dyson's *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in F* and Edward Elgar's wonderful anthem, *The Spirit of the Lord*.

May Day Cake Sale, thank you

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought and donated to our cake sale which raised £179.60 for St Margaret's Mission Fund.

Stewardship renewal – thank you!

Thank you to everyone who responded to our appeal to review their regular giving to St Margaret's. The response rate was over 40%—a record! Pledges to increase giving came to an additional £620 per month, the equivalent of over £7,450 per year—and we will be able to claim Gift Aid on the vast majority of these. We are truly grateful for your continuing generosity.
Alison Stretton, Stewardship Secretary.

Wedding Invitations

Dom and Emma and Tom and Sophie would like to invite members of the congregation to share their wedding service celebrations with them, and a drink afterwards in church. Dom and Emma's wedding is on **Saturday 30 May at 12.30 pm**, and Tom and Sophie's wedding is the following week, **Saturday 6 June at 1.00 pm**. They promise to be grand musical occasions! We wish our couples every blessing.

Corpus Christi

Thursday 4 June

Join us as we celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist with Masses at 11.00 am followed by social time in the hall, and at 7.30 pm with drinks.

Organ Recital

Friday 5 June, 12.30 pm

This recital on Friday 5 June at 12.30 pm varies from 17th century North German (Buxtehude), via Anglo-German romanticism (Brahms, Elgar, either side of 1900), to 20th century French adventures (Alain, Duruflé). The programme ends with a flourish in Elgar's march, Pomp and Circumstance no 4 in G. *Christopher.*

Plainchant Mass

Saturday 6 June, 6.30 pm

All are welcome to come to this beautiful celebration of the Mass, sung almost entirely to ancient plainchant. The Mass lasts around 35 minutes. There's no obligation to sing if you're not comfortable to do so, but you can give it a go or simply let it wash over you!

Changes to High Mass times

Please note that the following Sundays' service times will be different: on **Sunday 28 June** Fr Marc will celebrate Mass for the first time with High Mass at **4.00 pm** (all are welcome!) Fr Alex will celebrate Low Masses at 8.00 am and 10.45 am. On **Sunday 12 July** the High Mass will be at **6.30 pm**, in place of Evensong, owing to Ilkley Half Marathon road closures (Low Mass at 8.00 am will take place as normal).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Candlelight Concert with Rock Choir

Wednesday 27 May, 8.00 – 9.00 pm (at St Margaret's)

100+ singers from local Rock Choirs in Keighley, Ilkley, Leeds and Wakefield, joined by the Rockie Band, will perform a programme by candlelight featuring well-loved pieces from artists such as Stevie Wonder, George Ezra, Keane, and Guns & Roses and many more! **This special event is free to attend, with donations invited on a 'pay as you feel' basis.** All proceeds will be shared between St Margaret's and 'Leeds Dads,' Rock Choir's chosen local charity. For your free ticket: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/rockchoiryorkshire/2116264> or let Vickie know you would like to attend!

Anchor Project meal and talk

Wednesday 3 June, 7.00 pm, at Christchurch Café

An evening to mark Refugee Week 2026: enjoy a delicious home-cooked Middle Eastern meal, followed by a talk on the Anchor Project, and how it supports asylum seekers and refugees in Bradford. Book your tickets by calling Chris Knamiller on 01943 430634. Donations on the night (suggested minimum £15 per person, cash only please). Proceeds to be shared between the Anchor Project for refugees in Bradford, and MAP (Medical Aid for Palestine).

Ilkley and Otley Choral Societies in concert

Saturday 13 June, 7.00 pm (at St Margaret's)

Experience three masterworks of sacred music spanning more than a century of composition. **The programme is headlined by John Rutter's *Magnificat* (1990), *Gloria* by Francis Poulenc (1960) and *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Gabriel Fauré (1864).** The choirs will be led by Musical Director Alex Kyle, with organ accompaniment by Robert Sudall, and featuring professional guest Soprano Sarah Fox. This concert promises a richly uplifting musical journey not to be missed. Tickets £20, available from Eventbrite, the Grove Bookshop Ilkley, or from choir members and on the door at concerts.

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Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) donors

CAF donors should already be aware that CAF Vouchers (Charity Cheques) are being phased out. Please note that we will no longer be able to accept these from 1 June. If you have any queries, please contact the Charities Aid Foundation direct or speak to Alison, the Stewardship Secretary.

New paper for booklets

We are experimenting with more environmentally-friendly paper for our 'one-off' booklets and office printing, which we hope to be able to use permanently if the photocopier can manage it. Please bear with us while we try new things.

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.

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.**

