ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY

SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER
II before Advent

8.00 am – Low Mass
Fr Alex

9.15 am – Family Mass
Fr Alex

10.45 am – High Mass
Fr Kenneth (Homily: Fr Alex)

6.30 pm – Choral Evensong
Fr Kenneth



IN OUR PRAYERS

John Brown, 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, Philip Rowbottom, John Sunderland, Molly Sunderland, Tina Warnes, Oliver, Olivia Grace, Mike

DEPARTED Mike Sellers, Michael Whitaker, Gina Wild

YEARS' MIND

Sunday	Robert Bruce
Tuesday	Audrey South
Friday	Henry Ford, Pamela Banks, Jan Blake
Saturday	Geoffrey Turner

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

DIARY

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

Tuesday 17	2.00 pm	Communion at Straven House	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
Wednesday 18	11.00 am	Funeral of Mike Sellers	
Thursday 19	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Marc
	11.30 am	Social time	
	7.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Alex
	7.30 pm	PCC meeting	
Friday 20	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers' rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 22	**8.00 am**	**Low Mass**	Fr Marc
Christ the King	**10.45 am**	**High Mass**	Fr Alex (H: Fr Marc)
	6.30 pm	**Solemn Evensong and Benediction**	Fr Marc
Tuesday 24	4.00 pm	Communion at Abbeydale	
	6.00 pm	Contemplative Mass	Fr Marc
Wednesday 25	11.00 am	Funeral of Gina Wild	
	2.00 pm	Communion at Mayfield View	
Thursday 26	11.00 am	Low Mass	Fr Alex
	11.30 am	Social time	
Friday 27	9.30 am	Playtime	
	6.30 pm	Junior singers' rehearsal	
	7.30 pm	Choir rehearsal	
Sunday 29	**8.00 am**	**Low Mass**	Fr Alex
Advent I	**10.45 am**	**High Mass**	Fr Marc (H: Catherine G)
	6.30 pm	**Advent Procession**	

NOTICES

Cake Sale

There is a cake sale this morning after the 9.15 and 10.45 Masses – please consider buying something in support of the St Margaret's Mission Fund.

Choral Evensong

This evening the choir sings music by Ralph Vaughan Williams: his *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C*, and the anthem, *O taste and see*. All are welcome.

Church Christmas cards

Christmas cards are now available to buy at the back of church, this year showing off our newly-restored Lady Chapel reredos, at £5 for a pack of 10 (covering our costs only). The message inside reads: "May the joy of the angels and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas."

Christmas Tree Festival
Friday 4 and Saturday 5 December

This year we are hosting our fifth Christmas Tree Festival to which we welcome around 2000 visitors through our doors over two days. This wonderful event, showcasing our beautiful church decorated with 30 trees, is an important community event for St Margaret's Church and we really need your help. You could ask family members to help, no experience is needed and it's a lovely way to spend a few hours. We raised over £4,000 from cake sales and donations last year and we hope to raise the same again for this year's Christmas charity—Sue Ryder Manorlands Hospice.

How can you help or be involved to make our festival a great success?

Baking – Judith would be very grateful to anyone who can make a cake, tray bake, scones or buns for our refreshment stall. All cakes are very much appreciated, greatly enjoyed by our visitors and vital for the fundraising for our Christmas charity. Judith may be able to freeze any bakes made in advance, please discuss with her.

Refreshment stall – Judith is looking for help on the stall on Friday 4 December. Just a couple of hours to help sell tea, coffee and cake at the stall set up at the back of the church. The day is divided into two-hour slots, and we need two volunteers per slot.

Welcomers and stewards – Anne needs welcomers to give visitors to St Margaret's a warm and friendly welcome, answering questions, handing out programmes and ensuring a smooth and safe running of the day. We need help over the two days, and the days have been divided up into two-hour slots. Please feel free to sign up to more than one slot.

Poster distribution – Joanne would like help to distribute posters advertising the Christmas Tree Festival. Posters are available at the back of church – we hope you might ask your favourite shops, cafes and meeting places to display a poster on our behalf.

Clearing up – Joanne is looking for help to clear up the church starting at 5.00 pm on the Saturday for an hour or two. The trees will have been removed, and we need to return the chairs back to their positions and generally clean up.

You will find sheets at the back of the church for you to sign up for either baking or volunteering, and I cannot emphasise enough that the success of this event really needs your kind and very much appreciated help. Thank you. *Joanne Tomlinson.*

Clergy notice

Fr Marc has been on leave this week, and is returning on Tuesday.

Organ recital – thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported this month's organ recital which raised £201.25 for St Margaret's organ restoration fund. The next recital is on Friday 11 December at 12.30 pm, allowing for the Christmas Tree Festival which takes place the week prior.

Advent Procession

Sunday 29 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).

Advent study group

Tuesdays in Advent, after the 6.00 pm Contemplative Mass

We will be meeting on Tuesdays 1, 8, 15 and 22 December after the 6.00 pm Contemplative Mass, this year looking at Fr Kenneth's recent sequel (or is it prequel?) to his Passiontide hymn reflections. *He Came Down* is a book of reflections on hymns of Advent and Christmas. The book will be available to pick up in due course, but numbers are limited; if you'd like to attend, please use the sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Mass on Tuesdays in Advent is a special, candlelit celebration at which we trace Mary's journey from the Annunciation to the birth at Christmas (to which all are of course welcome, regardless of whether you plan to stay for the study group or not).

Advent and Christmas services

29 November – 6.30 pm Advent Procession
4 and 5 December – Christmas Tree Festival
20 December – 9.15 am Christingle Service and 6.30 pm Lessons and Carols
Christmas Eve – 3.00 pm Crib Service and 10.00 pm 'Bethlehem' Midnight Mass
Christmas Day – 10.00 am High Mass

Andrew's November 800 mile cycling challenge

Throughout November, I am taking on the challenge of cycling 800 miles on my Peloton bike, raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK in memory of my father, Terry, who sadly passed away in 2024. I would be very grateful for any support or sponsorship, however small, towards this worthwhile cause. Donations can be made online at www.tough-smudge.uk/give, or I will happily accept cash or card donations in person. To find out more about the challenge and follow my progress throughout November, please visit www.tough-smudge.uk/800. Thank you. *Andrew Smith.*

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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