

## June Newsletter

Welcome to the June edition of our (brand new) Church newsletter! June is going to be a busy month! There are lots of exciting services and events going on at St Margaret's and around the Diocese including what will be a fantastic Church picnic!

In this newsletter you will also discover what we will be praying for as a Church family this month.

If this is your first time with us or are visiting, we're happy you are joining us today! If you have any questions or would like to find out more about St Margaret's then please speak to a member of our welcome team, Churchwarden or Service leaders. We hope you will join us for after-service refreshments (we make a great cup of tea!)

## Church News

- Revd. Mark Watson resumed his duties at Christchurch Windhill on 19th May, and will later take on other projects in agreement with Bishop Toby. There are no immediate plans for Mark to take on duties at SMCF although he officially remains Priest-in-Charge. To read the full letter from Archdeacon Andy Jolley about Mark's future, please go to the 'Your PCC' section of the church noticeboard.
- Olau Thomassen officially became the new Churchwarden on 15th May.
- At the PCC meeting on 13th May, Pippa Jones was elected PCC Secretary and Treasurer. Lynn Wiggan was elected PCC Chair.
- We have started working with a freelance administrator, Amy Milner, who has done a fantastic job with this newsletter
- The PCC and Leadership team will have an away day on the 23rd June to explore the purpose and values of SMCF. All members of SMCF will have opportunity to feed into this process (more information to follow soon).

## Services

**Sunday 2nd June - 10am:** Service of the Word with preacher Colin Wright  
"Accept (and don't judge) one another"

**Sunday 9th June - 10am:** Holy Communion with guest celebrant Revd Dale Barton and preacher Jamie Dow  
"Speak well of one another"

**Sunday 16th - 10am:** United service (all-age worship)  
"Holy kiss! Express your love for one another"

We would love to see all members of St. Margaret's join together to learn from one another.

**Sunday 23rd - 10am:** Holy Communion with guest celebrant and preacher Bishop Graham Dow  
"Serve one another"

**Sunday 30th - 10am:** Service of the Word with guest preacher Archdeacon Andy Jolley  
"Agree with one another"

Please note: baptism by immersion is available for anyone interested

# ◀ Dates for your diary ▶

**Sunday 2nd June - 7.30 till 10.30pm:** Men's pub night at The Fox

**Thursday 6th - 2.00 till 3.30pm:** Over 50s Meeting: Holy Communion (BCP) led by Revd Mary Fisher  
*Please come in through the bottom door on St Margaret's Road.*

**Wednesday 12th June - 12pm:** Over 50s Meal (church hall)

**Wednesday 12th June - 5pm:** Church prayer

We will start by eating together (bring and share) and then aim to start praying at 6pm

**Sunday 16th June - 12pm till 4pm -** Church Picnic at East Riddlesden Hall - Bring your own picnic and have fun!

**Thursday 4th July - 7.30pm:** Grace night - A great opportunity for the women of our church to come together and encourage one another.

## Regular Weekly Events

**Tuesdays:** 9.45-11.45am - PATCH

**Wednesdays:** 10am-12pm - Places of welcome cafe & knitting group

**Thursdays:** 10.15-11.45am Keep-Fit for the Over 50's Christ Church Windhill

**Thursdays:** 6.30-7.15pm -Homework club

## Shipley Christians Together

**Sun 2nd June :**7.30pm - Live @ Costa Coffee with a shot of faith

**Sun 9nd June:** Pentecost Praise in Lister Park (see leaflets in church)

**Thur 20th June:** 12 noon - Pray for Shipley town centre prayer walk (meet by Shipley Sheep in Market Square)

## From the Diocese

**Mondays - 24th June, 1st, 8th &15th July 2019 - 7:30 - til 9:30pm:** The E-word - Reimagining Evangelism ( 4-part course)  
Pudsey Parish Church, Pudsey LS28 8BE

For more details please visit: <https://learning.leeds.anglican.org/course/the-e-word-bradford-and-leeds-2-2/>

**Mon 3rd June 7:30pm:** Leading Intercessions Training at St. Michael and All Angels Cottingley BD16 1AL

**Sunday 16th June - 3.30pm:** Eucharist to mark the Silver Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood.  
At Ripon Cathedral. Tickets required: Speak to Olau if you would like to attend

**June 8th - 10am-4pm:** Environmental Mission Training day. Learning. Practical Workshops  
at St Mark's Church Harrogate HG2 AYG. Tickets £10

### Discipleship to Discovery:

Saturday 22nd June: 10am – 4pm @ St. Mary's Oxenhope BD22 9QJ

***Please see church noticeboard or speak to Olau / Pippa for more details on any of the above services & events***

# Prayer Space

## St. Margaret's Mondays

We are continuing to use Mondays as a day to pray for our church together, throughout the course of our daily lives. We know there is power when we pray together, and God delights to hear, speak and answer our prayers! So, each Monday we'll have a focus for prayer on which we can join together to seek God. We'll use the prayer points below as a focus for each Monday of the month (though you can pray for SMCF however God leads), so please set a reminder for yourselves to pray, and let's see what God will do!

**Week 1 (3 June) - Leadership:** Please pray for the PCC and Leadership who have an away day on 23 June, looking at identity, purpose, and values. Pray that God will give clarity and unity about who we are as a fellowship.

**Week 2 (10 June) - Community and outreach:** Please pray for the Over 50's lunch that meets monthly, that God would use it to bless those who come, and that meaningful conversations can take place. Pray for strength and wisdom for the team who run it. Please also pray for the Big Picnic on 16 June, that friendships will grow and we'll have fun together!

**Week 3 (17 June) - Church ministries:** Please pray for Grace Nights, quarterly nights for women in the church to gather to enjoy cake, worship, be in the Word, and pray. Pray for Beth as she leads this ministry, and for God to continue to touch the lives of the women who come, to encourage and build them up! The next one is 4 July.

**Week 4 (24 June) - Discipleship and growth:** Let's pray that God strengthens our hospitality muscles! Pray that we can "host" one another well in our conversations and in our homes as well and that we can more deeply experience Christ's hospitality toward us.

**Week 5 (1 July):** Let's give THANKS today! Thank God for whatever you're thankful for, big or small! He gives all sorts of gifts to us each day :)

Also we continue to pray for all those suffering in body, mind, spirit or grief, especially:

Revd Mark Watson - Revd Andrew Taylor - Ron Reed - Mike Allcock  
Shirley & Alan Wainman- Barbara Dearden - Dori Somers - Meg Bradley- Edna Clough

## Prayer Chain

Don't forget that the prayer chain is available to anyone who would like confidential prayer for themselves or a friend. Please use the blue box in church, or telephone Anne Ward on 01274 581061.



**Missed a sermon? Listen again to all our sermons & talks via our website!**

The July edition of the newsletter will be available for Sunday 30th June. The submission deadline will be **Wednesday 26th June**, please send any submissions to [churchwarden@smcf-church.org.uk](mailto:churchwarden@smcf-church.org.uk). Thanks

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