



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 5th February 2023

The Third Sunday Before Lent

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 10:30 service for refreshments. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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Today's Services

10:30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher

Revd Dr Anne Holmes

Opening hymn 440 (Omit *) Praise to the Lord, the almighty

First reading Isaiah 58.1-9a

Psalm 112 (*see separate sheet*)

Second reading 1 Corinthians 2.1-12

The Gospel Matthew 5.13-20

Offertory hymn 296 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Anthem Ave verum corpus (*Stopford*)

Final hymn 235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Please note that this service is livestreamed on the Internet. Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

6:00 pm CHORAL EVENSONG

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant Revd Daniel Walters

Introit View me, Lord (*Lloyd*)

Hymn 420

Responses Byrd

Psalm 4

First reading Amos 2.4-end

Canticles in B minor (*Noble*)

Second reading Ephesians 4.17-end

Lord's Prayer Stone

Anthem Save us, O Lord (*Bairstow*)

Hymn 373

Final hymn 461

Prayers and Readings

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Collect

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 58.1–9a

¹ Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

² Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practised
righteousness

and did not forsake the ordinance of
their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements,
they delight to draw near to God.

³ 'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on
your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to
fight

and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on
high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a
bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

⁶ Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the
hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;

when you see the naked, to
cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your
own kin?

⁸ Then your light shall break forth like
the dawn,
and your healing shall spring
up quickly;

your vindicator* shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your
rearguard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will
answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say,
Here I am.

Psalm 112.1–9 (see separate sheet)

1 Corinthians 2.1–12

¹ When I came to you, brothers and
sisters,* I did not come proclaiming the
mystery* of God to you in lofty words
or wisdom. ²For I decided to know
nothing among you except Jesus
Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came
to you in weakness and in fear and in
much trembling. ⁴My speech and my
proclamation were not with plausible
words of wisdom,* but with a
demonstration of the Spirit and of

power,⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Matthew 5.13–20

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your

light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,* not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.

¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks* one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Distribution of Communion

There is no expectation that you should receive from the common cup; if you prefer to receive in one kind (bread only), please do so.

Out of consideration to others, please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the chalice.

Post Communion

Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes, Julia Aston Smith, Colin Cooke, Caroline Cooke, Beth Fairbairn.

RIP:

Year's Mind:

Dick Southern (6/2/2001),

Irene Ison (10/2/2017)

Services & Events This Week

Morning Prayer

Tuesday–Saturday, 9:00am

Online Compline (via Zoom)

Monday 6th February, 8.00pm

Little Fishes (babies & toddlers)

Friday 10th February, 9.00am

Next Sunday (12th February)

The Second Sunday Before Lent

Parish Eucharist (CW), 10:30am

Evening Prayer (BCP), 5:30pm

Notices

The latest issue of **Pathways**, the Diocese of Oxford's magazine, features an article by our very own Revd Dr Anne Holmes on how to be resilient in an ever-changing world.

You can pick up a physical copy from church, or download an electronic version from the Diocese of Oxford's website: bit.ly/3RdGMpM

Interfaith Forum and Deus Ex Musica present **Awake, My Soul!** - a unique event combining performances of new sacred music with interfaith discussion. Monday 6th February, 6:30-8:00 pm at St Giles'. For more details and to register, visit bit.ly/3WUGbeD

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