

ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

12 FEBRUARY 2023 | 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

BCP: Sexagesima

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

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TODAY'S SERVICES

8:00 am HOLY COMMUNION

(BCP, said)

President: Revd Daniel Walters

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:19-31

The Gospel: Luke 8:4-15

10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION

(Chamber Choir)(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher: Revd John Chorlton

Readings, music and prayers for this service can be found overleaf.

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

6:30 pm EVENING PRAYER

(BCP) (said)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters

Psalm: 148 (p. 274)

First reading: Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Second reading: Revelation, chapter 4

This service will take place in the Lady Chapel.

PRAYERS & READINGS

for 2 before Lent

Hymn 140: *Holy Spirit, come, confirm us*

Collect

Almighty God, who hast created the heavens and the earth and hast made us in thine own image: teach us to discern thy hand in all thy works and thy likeness in all thy children; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament *Genesis 1.1–2.3*

¹ In the beginning when God created^{*} the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^{*} swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so.

¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.

And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so.

¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²²God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, 'Let us make humankind^{*} in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^{*} and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

²⁷ So God created humankind^{*} in his image,

in the image of God he created them;* male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' ²⁹God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Psalm 136:1-9 (p. 256)

New Testament *Romans 8.18-25*

¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴For in* hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes* for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Anthem *Why do the nations* – G F Handel (1685-1759) (Words: see Psalm 2, p 24)

Gospel *Matthew 6.25-end*

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,* or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God* and his* righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Hymn 439: Praise to the Holiest

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

O God our creator, by whose gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of thy Church: may we who have been nourished at thy table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 342: *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick:

Sue Street, George Pulford,
Yvonne White, William Goldsmith,
Melanie Florence, Alison Bickmore,
Margaret Pinsent.

RIP:

Year's Mind:

12th – Shan Tyrwhitt (2000);
15th – Grace Miller (2013);
16th – Patricia Hay-Edie (2001);
Catherine Barrington Ward (2012)

SERVICES & EVENTS THIS WEEK

Evening Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 5:30pm

Next Sunday (19th February)

Sunday next before Lent/Quinquagesima

Holy Communion (BCP), 8:00am
Holy Communion (CW), 10:30am
Evensong (BCP), 6:30pm

NOTICES

◆ **Piano Recital:** Benjamin Grønlie, St Giles' organ scholar, performs works by Chopin, Debussy and Scriabin.

Sunday 19th February, 4:30pm at St Giles'. Tickets: £10/£5, via Eventbrite or on the door.

◆ **St Giles' Gardening Group** resumes again after the winter break this Saturday 18th Feb 10.30am – 12 noon. Helen: hedodd@gmail.com

◆ **Ash Wednesday** is on 22nd February. Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at 12:30pm at St Giles' (said) and 8pm at St Margaret's (sung).

◆ DEC Turkey/Syria Earthquake

Appeal: The Disasters Emergency Committee brings together 15 leading aid charities, including Christian Aid, which our church supports. These charities and their local partners are among the first responders providing urgent help. Please go online to www.dec.org.uk if you would like to donate. The UK Government will match £ for £ up to £5 million donated by the public to this appeal. *Helen Dodd*

◆ **Homes for Ukraine:** There are families who are looking for somewhere safe to live with their children while they plan their next step. Hosts are needed who have two or more spare bedrooms.
ukrainerresponse@oxfordshire.gov.uk

◆ **Ukraine – One Year On.** An evening of stories from Ukraine; updates on Innovista's response to the war, and an overview of their vision for 2023. On 24th February at 7:30 pm at St Andrew's Church. Free. More info at bit.ly/3EnNfcP

◆ Next **Climate Café** is at Common Ground Workspace 37-38 Little Clarendon St. Sunday 12th 2.30 - 4pm. More info at icon.org.uk

Please send notices to notices@st-giles-church.org by Thursday, 12 noon.