



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 11th February 2024

The Sunday next before Lent

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(Common Worship, sung)

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

Sunday School: 0-7 year old's meet in the Lower Vestry, 8-12 year old's meet in the Upper Vestry and Teens meet in the porch. Please follow the other children and teenagers after the Collect.

President and Preacher:

Rev'd Dr Anne Holmes

Opening hymn: 234 (ii)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the
cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

2 Kings 2.1-12

²Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha,

'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

4 Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

6 Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire

and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Psalm 50.1-6 (see overleaf)

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9.2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they

looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Offertory hymn: 176 (493)

O vision blest of heavenly light

Communion Anthem

Cantate Domino

Claudio Monteverde (c.1567 – 1643)

<i>Cantate Domino</i> <i>canticum novum,</i>	<i>Sing to the Lord a new</i> <i>song,</i>
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<i>Cantate et benedicite</i> <i>nomini ejus:</i>	<i>Sing and give praise to</i> <i>his name:</i>
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<i>Quia mirabilia fecit.</i>	<i>for he has done</i> <i>marvellous deeds.</i>
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<i>Cantate et exultate et</i> <i>psallite</i>	<i>Sing and exult and</i> <i>praise.</i>
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<i>in cythara et voce</i> <i>psalmi:</i>	<i>in songs with the harp</i> <i>and the voice:</i>
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<i>Quia mirabilia fecit.</i>	<i>for he has done</i> <i>marvellous deeds.</i>
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From Psalms 97 & 95

Post Communion

Holy God,

we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:

may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn: 178

'Tis good, Lord, to be here

Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service, served at the back of church.

6:00pm Evening Prayer

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters

Opening hymn: 400 – *Light of the minds that know him*

Psalm: 2 (*page 24*)

Old Testament: 1 Kings 19.1–16

New Testament: 2 Peter 1.16–end

Final hymn: 252 – *The day thou gavest*

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday

12:30pm Holy Communion

(Common Worship, said)

Please join us at St Giles' for our afternoon Ash Wednesday service. A special pew sheet will be provided.

8:30pm Holy Communion

(Common Worship, sung)

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Prayer Requests

Sick: Julia Aston Smith, Caroline Cooke, Christina Dagleish, Edward Hawkes

RIP: Margaret Holmes (23rd January)

Year's Mind:

12th – Francis Woolley (2013)

12th – John Chatwin (2018)

13th – Anne Badenoch (2017)

15th – Ellen Tuffrey (2002)

16th – Harry Johnson (2009)

Psalm 50: 1-6

- 1 The Lord the most mighty / God has / spoken :
and called the world from the / rising . of the / sun . to its / setting.
- 2 Out of Zion * perfect in beauty * / God shines / forth :
our God / comes . and will / not keep / silence.
- 3 Consuming fire goes / out be- / fore him :
and a mighty / tempest / stirs a- / bout him.
- 4 He calls the / heaven / above :
and the / earth that . he may / judge his / people:
- 5 'Gather to / me my / faithful :
who have / sealed my / covenant with / sacrifice.'
- 6 Let the heavens de- / clare his / righteousness :
for / God him- / self is / judge.