



1 DECEMBER 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP: First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to St Giles', 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.

NOTICES

Benefice Advent Carol Service 6.30pm this evening at St Giles'

New Electoral Roll Forms available at the back of church or online at st-giles-church.org/electoral-roll

Advent Compline by Candlelight every Weds at 8pm from 4 Dec at St Giles'

Recycled Christmas Cards available at back of church – proceeds to Gatehouse

Jewellery Sale after services at back of church Sun 1, 8, 15 Dec.

Benjamin Grønlie Concert at St Giles' Sun 15 Dec 16:00 – tickets online

Toy Appeal – please donate new toys to labelled box at back of church by 7 Dec

Daily Prayer at St Giles':

- Morning Prayer Tue – Fri at 8.30am

- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

Services on Sunday 8 December

8:00am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'

10:30am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'

6:30pm – **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

For contact details and full notices, please visit our benefice website:

www.StGilesStMargarets.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

President: Revd Daniel Walters

Epistle: Romans 13.8-14

Gospel: Matthew 21.1-13

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Hymn 3

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away
the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to
visit us in great humility;
that in the last day
when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty to judge both the
quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit, now
and for ever.

Jeremiah 33.14-16

14 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalms 25.1-9 (see overleaf)

1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Luke 21.25-36

25 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a

cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

29 Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

34 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Hymn 11

O come, O come, Emmanuel!

Hymn 7

Hills of the North, rejoice

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

6:30pm
ADVENT CAROL
SERVICE

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant: Revd Daniel Walters
*A separate order of service will be
provided.*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

3rd – Ruth Tomkinson (2010)

5th – Nick Kneale (2010)

6th – Barbara Beatrix Taylor (1994)

PSALM 25.1-9

- 1 Unto thee, O Lord will I lift up my soul, * my God I have put my | trust in | thee :
O let me not be confounded, * neither let mine | ene-mies | tri-umph | over me.
 - 2 For all they that hope in thee | shall not • be a- | sham'd :
but such as transgress without a | cause • shall be | put to • con- | fusion.
 - 3 Shew me thy | ways O | Lord :
and | teach — | me thy | paths.
 - 4 Lead me forth in thy | truth and | learn me :
for thou art the God of my salvation, * in thee hath been my | hope — |
all the • day | long.
 - 5 Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy | ten-der | mercies :
and thy loving-kindnesses, which | have been | ever • of | old.
 - 6 Oh remember not the sins and of- | fences of • my | youth :
but according to thy mercy think thou up- | on me • O | Lord for • thy |
goodness.
 - 7 Gracious and | righteous • is the | Lord :
therefore will he teach | sin-ners | in the | way.
 - 8 Them that are meek shall he | guide in | judgement :
and such as are gentle, | them • shall he | learn his | way.
 - 9 All the paths of the Lord are | mercy • and | truth :
unto such as keep his | cove-nant | and his | testimonies.
- Glory | be • to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and • to the | Ho-ly | Ghost ;
- As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever • shall | be :
world without | end, A- | — | men.

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