



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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

Notices

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

New Electoral Roll Forms available at the
10.30am service or online at
stmargaretsoxford.org/electoral-roll

Advent Compline by Candlelight every
Weds at 8.00pm from 4 Dec at St Giles'

SMI Tea & Talks – Put an End to Crisis
talk Wed 4 Dec 1.30pm

Church building update on the website:
stmargaretsoxford.org/redevelopment

Benjamin Grønlie Concert at St Giles'
Sun 15 Dec 4.00pm – tickets online

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 – **Parish Eucharist** at Phil & Jim
6:30pm – **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

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

www.StGilesStMargarets.org

10:30am

Parish Eucharist at Phil & Jim School

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Claire Browes

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of
darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to
us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his
glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns
with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Advent Wreath Song

*The holly and the ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the merry Advent candles
And the bright and shining King.*

*O one is to remind us
To wake from sleep and sing,
We are waiting for Christ Jesus,
We are waiting for our King.*

Opening hymn:

*Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
O Jesu, Saviour of us all,
Regard thy servants when they call.*

*Thou, grieving at the bitter cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst come to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heavenly grace.*

*Thou camest, Bridegroom of the bride,
As drew the world to evening-tide,
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,
The Son of Man, yet Lord divine.*

*At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow,
and things in heaven and earth shall own,
That thou art Lord and King alone.*

*To thee, O Holy One, we pray,
our judge in that tremendous day,
preserve us, while we dwell below,
from every onslaught of the foe.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.*

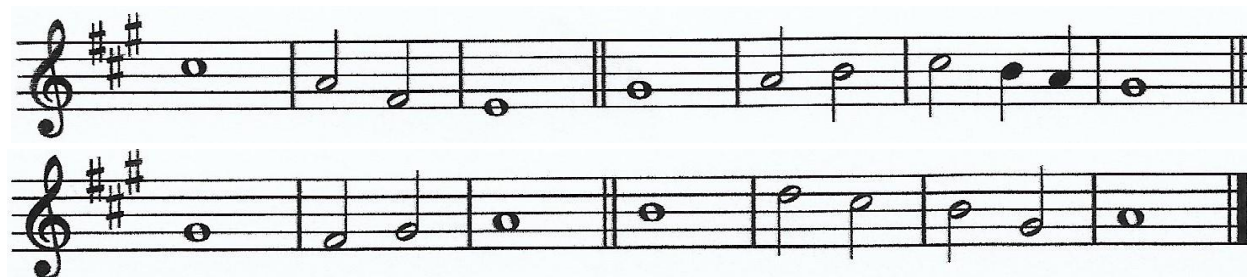
*From the Latin
Tr J. M. Neale 1818-66*

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.'

Psalm 25: 1-9

The Rev'd Sir Frederick Ouseley



- 1 To you O Lord I lift up my soul * O my God in / you I / trust :
let me not be put to shame *
let not my / ene-mies / tri-umph / over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be / put to / shame :
but let the / treacherous be / shamed . and frus- / trated.
- 3 Make me to know you / ways O / Lord :
and / teach / me your / paths.
- 4 Lead me in your / truth and / teach me :
for you are the God of my salvation *
for you have I / hoped / all the day / long.
- 5 Remember Lord your com- / passion and / love :
for / they . are from / ever- / lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my / youth or . my trans- / gressions :
but think on me in your goodness O Lord *
ac- / cording . to your / steadfast / love.
- 7 Gracious and upright / is the / Lord :
Therefore shall he teach / sinners / in the / way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in / doing / right :
and / teach his / way . to the / lowly.

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- 9 All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth :
to those who keep his / cove-nant / and his / testimonies.

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.

Anthem

People, look east

trad. arr. Malcom Archer (b.1952)

*People, look East. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.*

*Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Guest is on the way.*

*Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Rose is on the way.*

*Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Star is on the way.*

*Angels announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the East.
Set every peak and valley humming
With the Word, the Lord is coming.
People, look East and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.*

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.'

Offertory hymn:

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling
the watchmen all the air are filling,
arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! No more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying,
'where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
raise high your torches bright!'
Alleluia!

The wedding song
swells loud and strong:
go forth and join the festal throng.

Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
she stands and waits with eager eyes;
see her Friend from heaven descending,
adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.

Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son!
Hosanna!

Let us prepare
to follow there,
where in thy supper we may share.

Every soul in thee rejoices;
from earth and from angelic voices
be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
thy presence never more shall leave us,
we stand with angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
the bliss thou dost bestow.

Alleluia!
Grant us to raise,
to length of days,
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

Music: Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)
Words: Philipp Nicolai
Tr F. C. Burkitt (1864-1935)

Communion Anthem:

Rejoice in the Lord alway

Anon. (16th Century) attributed to John Redford (c.1500-47)

*Rejoice in the Lord alway,
and again I say, rejoice.
Let your softness be known unto all men:
the Lord is at hand.
Be careful for nothing:
but in all prayer and supplication,
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.
And the peace of God,
which passeth all understanding,
shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.*

Post Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn:

*Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.
Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.*

Tune: John Stainer (1840-1901)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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

6:30pm Advent Carol Service at St Giles'

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Please join us at St Giles' this evening for Evening Prayer.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Katharine, Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian, Rosemary

Year's Mind:

2nd – Max Saint (2007)

3rd – Ruth Tomkinson (2010)

5th – Nicholas Kneale (2010)

7th – Clare Weiner (2023)

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