



ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

8 DECEMBER 2024 | 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP: Second 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

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 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 15 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 Claire Browes

Epistle: Romans 15.4-13

Gospel: Luke 3.1-6

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

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Hymn 12

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Collect

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power

and come among us,

and with great might succour us;

that whereas, through our sins and wickedness

we are sore let and hindered

in running the race that is set before us,

thy bountiful grace and mercy

may speedily help and deliver us;

through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,

to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Baruch 5.1-9

⁵Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.

² Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;

put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

³ for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.

⁴ For God will give you evermore the name,

‘Righteous Peace, Godly Glory’.

⁵ Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;

look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east

at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them.

⁶ For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

⁷ For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low

and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

⁸ The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God’s command.

⁹ For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Benedictus (see overleaf)

Philippians 1.3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God’s grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Anthem

Rejoice in the Lord

Henry Purcell (1659 – 1695)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice.

Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be careful for nothing; but in ev’ry thing by pray’r and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Philippians 4.4-7

Luke 3.1-6

³In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ²during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,
'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;
⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' '

Hymn 10

Long ago, prophets knew

Communion Anthems

He shall feed his flock

G F Handel (1685 - 1759)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd,
and He shall gather the lambs with His arm;
and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40.11

Adam lay ybounden

Boris Ord (1897-1961)

ADAM lay ybounden,
Bounden in a bond:
Four thousand winter
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,
An apple that he took,
As clerkès finden
Written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been,
The apple taken been,
Nè had never Our Lady
Abeen heavenè Queen.

Blessèd be the time
That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen
Deo gracias!

Hymn 16

Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling

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

Please note that there is **no evening
service today.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

9th – Peggy Smith (2011)

10th – Mary Hall Danby Bloch (2003)

10th – Earland Clear (2003)

13th – Harold Padfield

Elisabeth Warman (2001)

BENEDICTUS

- 1 Blessed be the | Lord • God of | Israel :
for he hath visited | and re- | deemed his | people ;
- 2 And hath raised up a mighty sal- | va-tion | for us :
in the | house of • his | ser-vant | David ;
- 3 As he spake by the mouth of his | ho-ly | Prophets :
which have | been • since the | world be- | gan ;
- 4 That we should be | saved from • our | enemies :
and from the | hands of | all that | hate us ;
- 5 To perform the mercy | promised • to our | fore-fathers :
and to re- | member • his | ho-ly | Covenant ;
- 6 To per- | form the | oath which he | sware • to our | fore-fa-ther | Abraham :
- 7 That he would give us, that we being delivered out of the | hand of • our |
enemies :
might | serve — | him with-out | fear ;
- 8 In holiness and | righteousness • be- | fore him :
all the | days — | of our | life.
- 9 And thou child shalt be called the | Prophet of • the | Highest :
for thou shalt go before the face of the | Lord • to pre- | pare his | ways ;
- 10 To give knowledge of salvation | unto • his | people :
for the re- | mis-sion | of their | sins ;
- 11 Through the tender | mercy of • our | God :
Whereby the | dayspring • from on | high hath | visited us ;
- 12 To give light to them that sit in darkness, * and in the | shadow • of | death :
And to guide our | feet in-to the | way of | peace.
Glory | be • to the | Father :
and to the Son, | and • to the | Ho-ly | Spirit ;
As it was in the beginning, * is now, and | ever • shall | be :
world without | end, A- | — | men.

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