

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

15 DECEMBER 2024 | 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP: Third 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 15 Dec.

Benjamin Grønlie Concert at St Giles' Today 16:00 – tickets online

Choir Christmas Party 21 Dec – speak to Nicholas for details

Daily Prayer at St Giles':

- Morning Prayer Tue – Fri at 8.30am
- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

Services on Sunday 22 December

8:00am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
10:30am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
6:30pm – **Carol Service** 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: 1 Corinthians 4.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 11.2-10

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

President:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Preacher and Deacon:

Revd Daniel Walters

Hymn 5

Hark! A herald voice is calling

Collect

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at thy first coming didst send thy messenger
to prepare thy way before thee:
grant that the ministers and stewards
of thy mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make
ready thy way
by turning the hearts of the
disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at thy second coming to judge
the world

we may be found an acceptable
people in thy sight;
who livest and reignest with the
Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Zephaniah 3.14-20

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away the
judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your
midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to
Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The LORD, your God, is in
your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with
loud singing

¹⁸ as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach
for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame
into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned
and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Psalm 146.4-end (see overleaf)

Philippians 4.4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I
will say, Rejoice.⁵ Let your gentleness
be known to everyone. The Lord is
near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything,
but in everything by prayer and
supplication with thanksgiving let
your requests be made known to
God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which
surpasses all understanding, will guard
your hearts and your minds in Christ
Jesus.

Anthem

O thou that tellest

G F Handel (1685-1759)

*O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion,
get thee up into the high mountain:
O thou that tellest good tidings to
Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with
strength;
lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the
cities of Judah, Behold your God!
Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and
the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

Luke 3.7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came
out to be baptized by him, 'You brood
of vipers! Who warned you to flee
from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits
worthy of repentance. Do not begin
to say to yourselves, "We have
Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell
you, God is able from these stones to
raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even
now the axe is lying at the root of the
trees; every tree therefore that does
not bear good fruit is cut down and
thrown into the fire.'

10 And the crowds asked him, 'What then should we do?' ¹¹In reply he said to them, 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.' ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, 'Teacher, what should we do?' ¹³He said to them, 'Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.' ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what should we do?' He said to them, 'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.'

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.' ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

18 So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Hymn 345

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!

Communion Anthems

This is the record of John

Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

*This is the record of John,
when the Jews sent priests and Levites
from Jerusalem to ask him,
Who art thou?*

*And he confessed and denied not, and
said plainly,
I am not the Christ.*

*And they asked him, What art thou
then? Art thou Elias?*

And he said, I am not.

Art thou the prophet?

And he answered, No.

Then said they unto him,

*What art thou? that we may give an
answer unto them that sent us.*

What sayest thou of thyself?

*And he said, I am the voice of him that
crieth in the wilderness,*

Make straight the way of the Lord.

Hymn 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King

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

6:30pm

CHORAL EVENSONG

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Officiant: Revd Claire Browes

Setting: Gibbons, Short Service

Anthem: Gibbons, *This is the record of
John*

Responses: Smith

Psalm: 50.1-6

Old Testament: Isaiah 35

New Testament: Luke 1.57-80

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

15th – John Wood (2015)

16th – John Rose (2004)

19th – Barbara Sanders (2012)

PSALM 146.4-end

- 4 Blessed is he that hath the God of | Jacob • for his help :
and whose | hope is • in the | Lord his | God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, * the sea, and | all that • therein | is :
who | keepeth • his | promise • for | ever.
- 6 Who helpeth them to right that | suf-fer | wrong :
who | feed — | eth the | hungry.
- 7 The Lord looseth | men • out of | prison :
the | Lord • giveth | sight • to the | blind.
- 8 The Lord helpeth | them that • are | fallen :
the Lord | car-eth | for the | righteous.
- 9 The Lord careth for the strangers; * he defendeth the | fatherless • and |
widow :
as for the way of the ungodly, * he | turneth • it | up-side | down.
- 10 The Lord thy God, O Sion, shall be King for | ev-er- | more :
and throughout | all — | ge-ne- | rations.
- 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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