

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

22 DECEMBER 2024 | 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP: Fourth 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

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

Daily Prayer at St Giles':

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

Services on Tuesday 24 December

11:00am – **Carols around the tree**
at St Giles'

2:00pm – **Children's Pop-Up Nativity**
at Phil & Jim

6:00pm – **Nine Lessons and Carols**
at Phil & Jim School

11:00pm – **Midnight Mass** at St Giles'

Services on Wednesday 25 December

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

10:30am – **Holy Communion**
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: Philippians 4.4-7

Gospel: John 1.19-28

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

President:

Revd Claire Browes

Hymn 186

Tell out, my soul

Collect

O God our redeemer,
who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of thy Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he shall come again to be our
judge;
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Micah 5.2-5a

² You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans

of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³ Therefore he shall give them up until
the time

when she who is in labour has
brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall
return

to the people of Israel.

⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock
in the strength of the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of
the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he
shall be great

to the ends of the earth;

⁵ and he shall be the one of peace.

Magnificat (*see overleaf*)

Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into
the world, he said,

'Sacrifices and offerings you have not
desired,

but a body you have prepared
for me;

⁶ in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, "See, God, I have come
to do your will, O God"

(in the scroll of the book it is written
of me).'

⁸ When he said above, 'You have
neither desired nor taken pleasure in
sacrifices and offerings and burnt-
offerings and sin-offerings' (these are
offered according to the law), ⁹ then
he added, 'See, I have come to do
your will.' He abolishes the first in
order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And it
is by God's will that we have been

sanctified through the offering of the
body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1.39-45

³⁹ In those days Mary set out and
went with haste to a Judean town in
the hill country, ⁴⁰ where she entered
the house of Zechariah and greeted
Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard
Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her
womb. And Elizabeth was filled with
the Holy Spirit ⁴² and exclaimed with a
loud cry, 'Blessed are you among
women, and blessed is the fruit of
your womb. ⁴³ And why has this
happened to me, that the mother of
my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴ For as soon
as I heard the sound of your greeting,
the child in my womb leapt for
joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed is she who believed
that there would be a fulfilment of
what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Hymn 57

The race that long in darkness pined

Hymn 48

Bethlehem, of noblest cities

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

6:30pm

CAROL SERVICE

Officiant: Revd Claire Browes

There will be a separate order of service.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

25th – Michael Lennox Brown (2009)

26th – Patricia Cotterell (2005)

28th – Jeanne Forster (2010)

MAGNIFICAT

- 1 My soul doth | magni-fy the | Lord :
and my spirit hath re- | joiced in | God my | Saviour.
- 2 For | he hath • re- | garded :
the | lowli-ness | of his | hand-maiden.
- 3 For be- | hold from | henceforth :
all gene- | rations • shall | call me | blessed.
- 4 For he that is | mighty • hath | magnified me :
and | ho-ly | is his | Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on | them that | fear him :
throughout | all — | ge-ne- | rations.
- 6 He hath shewed | strength • with his | arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagi- | na-tion | of their | hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the | mighty • from their | seat :
and hath ex- | alted • the | humble • and | meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with | good — | things :
and the rich he hath | sent — | empty • a- | way.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | ser-vant | Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, * Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.
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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