



29 DEC 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

BCP: Sunday after Christmas Day

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

Welcome to members of St Margaret's who are worshipping with us this morning.

No evening service tonight – Evensong will resume next Sunday [5 January]

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

SMI Tea & Talks – Chaucer's Wife of Bath talk Wed 8 Jan 1.30pm

Jazz at St Giles': A Child's Christmas – Sat 11 Jan at 7.30pm

Daily Prayer at St Giles':

- Morning Prayer Tue – Fri at 8.30am

- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

Services on Sunday 5 January

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

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

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

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8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

President: Revd Liz Carmichael

Epistle: Galatians 4.1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1.18-25

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Liz Carmichael

Hymn 25

God rest you merry gentlemen

Collect

Almighty God,

who wonderfully created us in your own image

and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,

so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

1 Samuel 2.18-20,26

18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. ¹⁹His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD'; and then they would return to their home.

26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the LORD and with the people.

Psalms 148:7-end (*see overleaf*)

Colossians 3.12-17

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2.41-52

41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' ⁴⁹He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Hymn 34

Once in Royal David's city

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at
Nazareth the life of an earthly
home:
help your Church to live as one family,
united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in
heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 27

How bright appears the Morning Star

*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:

1st – Heather Poole (2019)

2nd – Marj Kimber (2001)

3rd – Beulah Painting (2011)

4th – Ted Painting (2008)

4th – Sheila Phillips (2019)

PSALM 148:7-end

- 7 Praise the | Lord up-on | earth :
ye | dragons • and | all — | deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, | snow and | vapours :
wind and | storm ful- | filling • his | word;
- 9 Mountains and | all — | hills :
fruitful | trees and | all — | cedars;
- 10 Beasts and | all — | cattle :
worms | — and | feathered | fowls;
- 11 Kings of the earth and | all — | people :
princes and all | judg-es | of the | world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, * praise the |
Name of • the | Lord :
for his Name only is excellent, * and his | praise a-bove | heav'n and | earth.
- 13 He shall exalt the horn of his people, * all his | saints shall | praise him :
even the children of Israel, | even • the | people • that | serveth him.
- 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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