



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Notices

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

Help needed at St Margaret's – if you can help with readings, intercessions and refreshments speak to Frances.

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

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

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

Benefice Magazine Winter Edition available online.

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 – **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 Daniel Walters

Collect

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, 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.*

*And two are for the prophets
And for the light they bring,
They are candles in the darkness
All alight for Christ the King.*

Opening hymn:

*Hark! A herald voice is calling:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'*

*Startled at the solemn warning,
Let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all sloth dispelling,
Shines upon the morning skies.*

*Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
Comes with pardon down from heaven;
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
One and all to be forgiven;*

*So when next he comes in glory,
And earth's final hour draws near,
May he then as our defender
On the clouds of heaven appear.*

*Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
To the Father and the Son,
With the co-eternal Spirit,
While unending ages run. Amen.*

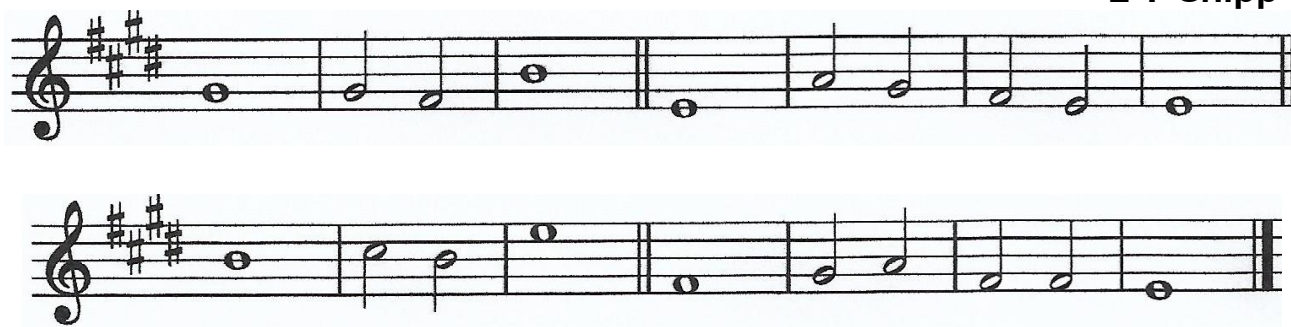
*Tune: W H Monk (1823 – 1889)
From the Latin
Tr E Caswall (1814 – 1878)*

Baruch 5.1-9

- ⁵ Take 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

E T Chipp



- 1 Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel :
Who has come to his / people and / set them / free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour :
born of the / house . of his / servant / David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God / promised of / old :
to save us from our enemies * from the / hands of / all that / hate us.
- 4 To show / mercy . to our / ancestors :
and to re- / member his / holy / covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham :
to set us / free . from the / hands of our / enemies.
- 6 Free to / worship him . without / fear :
holy and righteous in his / sight . all the / days of our / life.
- 7 And you child shall be called the prophet of the / Most / High :
for you will go before the / Lord . to pre- / pare his / way.
- 8 To give his people / knowledge . of sal- / vation :
by the for- / giveness of / all their / sins.
- 9 In the tender com- / passion . of our / God :
the dawn from on / high shall / break up- / on us.
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the / shadow of / death :
and to guide our / feet in-to the / way of / peace.

Philippians 1.3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴ constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵ because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ I 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. ⁷ It 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. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰ to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹ having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Anthem

Rorate coeli desuper

Josef Rheinberger (1839 - 1901)

*Rorate caeli desuper et nubes pluant
iustum.*

*Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down
righteousness:*

Aperiatur terra et germinet salvatorem.

*let the earth open,
and let it bring forth a Saviour.*

Luke 3.1-6

³ In 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, ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as 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." '

Offertory hymn:

LONG ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew.
Come to make all things new;
Bear his People's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes,
When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?

God in time, God in man,
This is God's timeless plan:
He will come, as a man,
Born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Mary, hail! Though afraid,
She believed, she obeyed.
In her womb God is laid;
Till the time expected
Nurtured and protected.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Journey ends! Where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
Stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
Jesus comes!
Jesus comes!
We will make him welcome!

Music from Piae Cantiones 1582
Words: F Pratt Green (1903 - 2000)

Communion Anthem:

And the glory of the Lord

George Frideric Handel (1685 - 1759)

*And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
And all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

Post Communion

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn:

*The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.*

*Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.*

*Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.*

*The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy name.*

*For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.*

Tune: William Jones (1726 - 1800)

Words: John Milton (1608 - 1674)

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

6:30pm Choral Evensong 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:

10th – Lawrence Middleton (2019)

11th – Sheila Weatherhead (2015)

12th – Richard Giles (2003)

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