



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 22nd December 2024

Fourth 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.

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

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 Phil & Jim School

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:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Preacher and Deacon:

Revd Daniel Walters

Collect

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming
as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Opening hymn:

- 1 O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel,
That into exile drear is gone
Far from the face of God's dear Son.
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*
- 2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating men from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.
- 3 O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty,
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.
- 4 O come, thou root of Jesse! draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From neither hell, thy people save.
- 5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.
- 6 O come, o come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations! show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, adapted from a French missal by Thomas Helmore (1811-90)

Words: Cologne 1710, based on the ancient Advent Antiphons

Tr: T. A. Lacey (1853-1931) and Editors of the New English Hymnal

Advent Wreath Song

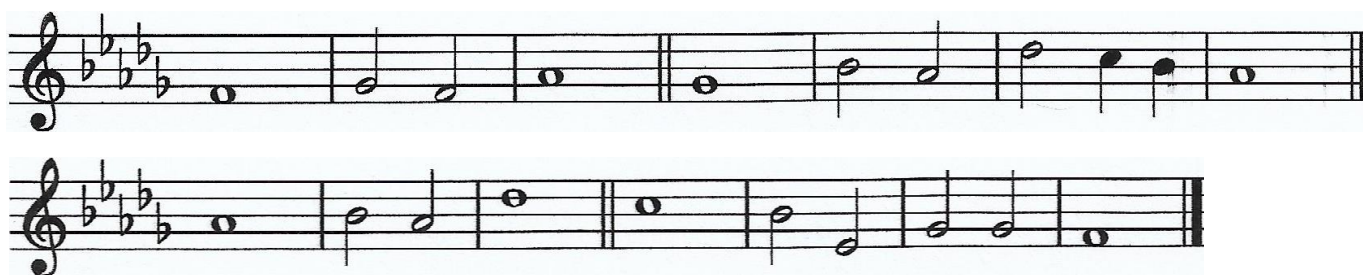
The holly and the ivy
Are dancing in a ring,
Round the merry Advent candles
And the bright and shining King.
O one is to remind us
To wake from sleep and sing,
We are waiting for Christ Jesus,
We are waiting for our King.
And two are for the prophets
And for the light they bring,
They are candles in the darkness
All alight for Christ the King.
And three for John the Baptist,
He calls on us to sing,
"O prepare the way for Jesus Christ,
He is coming, Christ our King."
And four for mother Mary,
"I cannot see the way,
But you promise me a baby,
I believe you. I obey.
And all are for God's people
In every age and day,
We are watching for His coming,
We believe and we obey.

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

Joseph Barnby



- 1 My soul proclaims the / greatness . of the / Lord :
My spirit re- / joices in / God my / Saviour.
- 2 He has looked with favour on his / lowly / servant :
From this day all gener- / ations will / call me / blessed.
- 3 The Almighty has done / great things / for me :
And / holy / is his / name.
- 4 He has mercy on / those who / fear him :
From gener- / ation to / gener- / ation.
- 5 He has shown / strength . with his / arm :
And has scattered the / proud in / their con- / ceit.
- 6 Casting down the / mighty . from their / thrones :
And lifting / up the / lowly.

Second half

- 7 He has filled the / hungry . with good / things :
And sent the / rich a- / way / empty.
- 8 He has come to the aid of his / servant / Israel :
To re- / member his / promise of / mercy.
- 9 The promise / made . to our / ancestors :
To / Abraham . and his / children for / ever.

Hebrews 10.5-10

⁵Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

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

⁷Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God"
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me).'

⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Anthem

Ave Maria (1865 version)

Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Luke 1.39-45

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

Offertory hymn:

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of His Word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name!
Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age the same;
His holy Name, the Lord, the mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight;
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of His Word!
Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure.
Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and forevermore!

Tune: WOODLANDS (Walter Greatorex, 1877-1949)

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

Communion Anthem:

Gabriel's Message - Basque Carol

Arranged by Sir David Willcocks (1919 - 2015)

The angel Gabriel from Heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

'For known a blessed Mother thou shalt be,
All generation laud and honour thee,
Thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold.
Most highly favoured lady,' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said,
'My soul shall laud and magnify his Holy Name.'
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Tr: Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

Post Communion

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of the promised saviour:
fill us your servants with your grace,
that in all things we may embrace your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final hymn:

- 1 LO! he comes with clouds descending,
Once for favoured sinners slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold him,
Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing
Shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion
Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To his ransomed worshippers:
With what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
High on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

Tune: HELMSLEY (melody noted by T. Olivers, 1725-99)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

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

6:30pm Christmas Carol Service at St Giles'

Please join us at St Giles' this evening for this special service.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Katharine, Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian, Rosemary

Year's Mind:

22nd – Philip Perry (2007)

22nd – Colin Cooke (2023)

22nd – Louisa Bullows (2012)

27th – Margaret Ruth (Peggy) Bainbridge (2004)

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