



12 JANUARY 2025 | BAPTISM OF CHRIST

BCP: The First Sunday After the Epiphany

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

First Communion – children 7+ are welcome to come and prepare to take Holy Communion – speak to Claire

Benefice Book Group 7:15pm 30 Jan at St Anne's, book: Orbital. Contact Siân

Midweek Eucharists restart this week: every Weds at 12.30pm in St Giles'.

Monthly Bible Study begins on Thu (16 Jan) at 12.30pm in St Giles'.

Jazz at St Giles': Post Bop Jazz Showcase Sat 8 Jan 7:30pm

Benefice youth pilgrimage 4-8 August in Pembrokeshire – contact Claire for more information.

Daily Prayer at St Giles':

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

Services on Sunday 19 January

- 8:00am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
- 10:30am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'
- 6:30pm – **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

President: Revd Claire Browes

Epistle: Romans 12.1-5

Gospel: Luke 2.41-end

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Dr Anne Holmes

Deacon:

Revd Claire Browes

Hymn 12

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Collect

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by
water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling
as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Isaiah 43.1-7

43 Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,

and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

⁶ I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29 (see overleaf)

Acts 8.14-17

14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵ The two

went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷ Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Anthem

Tomorrow shall be

John Gardner (1917 - 2011)

Luke 3.15-17, 21, 22

15 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John 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. ¹⁷ His 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.'

21 Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

Hymn 486

We have a gospel to proclaim

Communion Anthem

O for the wings of a dove

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Translation:

Hear my prayer, O God, incline Thine ear!

*Thyself from my petition do not hide.
Take heed to me! Hear how in prayer I
mourn to Thee,
Without Thee all is dark, I have no guide.*

*The enemy shouteth, the godless come
fast!
Iniquity, hatred, upon me they cast!
The wicked oppress me, Ah where shall I
fly?
Perplexed and bewildered, O God, hear my
cry!*

*My heart is sorely pained within my breast,
my soul with deathly terror is oppressed,
trembling and fearfulness upon me fall,
with horror overwhelmed, Lord, hear me
call!*

*O for the wings, for the wings of a dove!
Far away, far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
and remain there for ever at rest.*

New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976)

*Here we bring new water from the well
so clear,
For to worship God with, this happy New
Year.*

*Sing levy-dew, sing levy-dew, the water
and the wine,
The seven bright gold wires and the
bugles that do shine.*

*Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon
her toe;
Open you the West Door and turn the
Old Year go.*

*Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon
her chin;
Open you the East Door and let the New
Year in.*

Ave Verum

Edward Elgar (1857 – 1934)

*Translation:
True body, born of Mary the Virgin; that
truly suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for*

*mankind. From whose pierced side ran true
blood. Let that body be tasted by us before
[we face] the trial of death. O merciful, O
holy, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.*

Post Communion

*Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed
yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved
Son:
by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our
rebirth
through the waters of the new
creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Hymn 57

*The race that long in darkness pined
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 Daniel Walters

Setting: Gibbons, Short Service

Responses: Reading

Hymn 352

Crown him with many crowns

Psalm: 46 (p. 99)

Old Testament: Isaiah 55.1-11

New Testament: Romans 6.1-11

Communion Anthem

*There shall a star
Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)*

Hymn 294

Just as I am, without one plea

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

PSALM 29

- 1 Bring unto the Lord, O ye mighty, * bring young | rams un-to the | Lord :
ascribe unto the | Lord — | worship • and | strength.
- 2 Give the Lord the honour | due un-to his | Name :
worship the | Lord with | ho-ly | worship.
- 3 It is the Lord, that com- | mandeth • the | waters :
it is the glorious | God that | maketh • the | thunder.
- 4 It is the Lord that ruleth the sea, * the voice of the Lord is mighty in |
op-er- | ation :
the voice of the | Lord • is a | glo-rious | voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord | breaketh • the | cedar-trees :
yea, the Lord | breaketh • the | cedars • of | Libanus.
- 6 He maketh them also to | skip • like a | calf :
Libanus also and Sirion, | like a | young — | unicorn.
- 7 The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire, * the voice of the
Lord | shaketh • the | wilderness :
yea the Lord | shaketh • the | wilderness • of | Cades.
- 8 The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to bring forth young, * and
discovereth the | thick — | bushes :
in his temple doth | every • man | speak of • his | honour.
- 9 The Lord sitteth a- | bove the | water-flood :
and the Lord re- | maineth • a | King for | ever.
- 10 The Lord shall give | strength un-to his | people :
the Lord shall give his | people • the | blessing • of | peace.
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.