



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 12th January 2025

Baptism of Christ

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

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 College, 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'.

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

Help needed at St Margaret's – please speak to Frances if you can go on the rotas.

SMI Tea & Talks – talk from economist Andrew Dilnot Wed 5 Feb 1.30pm

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 – **Parish Eucharist** at Phil & Jim

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

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

10:30am

Parish Eucharist at Phil & Jim School

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Deacon:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

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

Opening hymn:

**1 Brightest and best of the sons of
the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us
thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon
adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is
laid.**

(continued)

2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining,
Low lies his head with the beasts of the stall:
Angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.

3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
Odours of Edom, and offerings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would his favour secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration,
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

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

R Woodward



- 1 Ascribe to the Lord you / powers of / heaven :
 ascribe to the / Lord / glory and / strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour / due to his / name :
 worship the / Lord . in the / beauty of / holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters *
 the God of / glory / thunders :
 the Lord is up- / on the / mighty / waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in / oper- / ation :
 the voice of the / Lord . is a / glorious / voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord / breaks the / cedar trees :
 the Lord / breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon / skip . like a / calf :
 and / Sirion . like a / young wild / ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning *
 the voice of the Lord / shakes the / wilderness :
 the Lord / shakes the / wilderness of / Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
 and strips the / forests / bare :
 in his / temple / all cry / 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits en- / throned a-bove the / water flood :
 the Lord sits enthroned as / king for / ever/ more.
- 10 The Lord shall give / strength . to his / people :
 the Lord shall give his / people the / blessing of / peace.

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. ¹⁵The 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). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Anthem

Eastern monarchs, sages three

Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

Eastern monarchs, sages three,
Come with gifts in great plenty,
Worship Christ on bended knee
Cum Virgine Maria.

Gold, in honour of the King.
Incense to the priest they bring.
Myrrh for time of burying
Cum Virgine Maria.

On the feast-day of his birth
Set on thrones above the earth
Angels chant in holy mirth
Cum Virgine Maria.

Thus, to bless the One in Three,
Let this present company
Raise the voice of melody
Cum Virgine Maria.

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, ¹⁶John 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. ¹⁷His 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, ²²and 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.'

Offertory hymn:

The sinless one to Jordan came,
To share our fallen nature's blame;
God's righteousness he thus fulfilled,
and chose the path his Father willed.

Uprising from the waters there,
the voice from heaven did witness bear
that he, the Son of God, had come
to lead his scattered people home.

Above him see the heavenly dove,
the sign of God's the Father's love,
now by the Holy Spirit shed
upon the Son's anointed head.

How blest that mission then begun
To heal and save a race undone;
Straight to the wilderness he goes
To wrestle with his people's foes

Communion Anthem:

Come down, O Love divine

Sir William Harris (1883-1973)

Come down, O Love divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
and kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming:
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become my inner clothing,
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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.

Final hymn:

**1 The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
The people dwell in day, who dwelt
In death's surrounding night.**

**2 To hail thy rise, thou better Sun,
The gath'ring nations come;
Joyous as the reapers bear
The harvest treasures home**

**3 To us a Child of hope is born,
To us a Son is giv'n,
Him shall the tribes of earth obey,
Him all the hosts of heav'n.**

(continued)

4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
For evermore adores;
The Wonderful, the Counselor,
The great and mighty Lord.

5 His power increasing still shall spread;
His reign no end shall know:
Justice shall guard his throne above
And peace abound below.

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

Year's Mind:

14th – Bob Conley (2007)

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