

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

9 FEBRUARY 2025 | 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(Proper 1) BCP: Fifth 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

Archdeacon Jonathan Chaffey sends his well wishes – full message online.

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

Midweek Eucharists have restarted: every Weds at 12.30pm in St Giles'.

Volunteers wanted for helping dismantle organ 24-28 Feb – talk to Mary

Jazz at St Giles': Donut Kings and GTC Big Band Sat 1 Mar 7:30pm

Benefice youth pilgrimage 4-8 August in Pembrokeshire – contact Claire

Little Fishes paused until St Margaret's reopens

St Giles' Choir Tour Bergamo 24-29 July 2025 – contact Nicholas Prozzillo

Daily Prayer at St Giles':
- Evening Prayer Mon – Sat at 5.30pm

Services on Sunday 16 February
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: Colossians 3.12-17

Gospel: Matthew 13.24b-30

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:
Revd Dr Anne Holmes

Deacon:
Revd Claire Browes

Hymn 146

Holy, holy, holy!

Collect

O God,
you know us to be set
in the midst of so many and great
dangers,
that by reason of the frailty of our
nature
we cannot always stand upright:
grant to us such strength and protection
as may support us in all dangers
and carry us through all temptations;
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 6.1-8

6In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

6 Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm 138 (see overleaf)

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

15I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was

raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Anthem

So God loved the world

Orlando Gibbons (1583 - 1625)

So God loved the world that he forsook the glorious heavens, men to dwell among.

Yea death, and hell, and grave He captive took; they could not hold His person from us long.

And being ascended to be glorified, rememb'ring still His mercy down did send the Holy Ghost we might be sanctified.

Thus whom He loves, He loves unto the end.

O Lord, this Holy Spirit take from us never, but purge, enlighten, sanctify us ever.

Amen.

Luke 5.1-11

5While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore.

Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' ⁵Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Hymn 332

All hail the power of Jesu's name

Communion Anthem

The call

Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958)

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Post Communion

Go before us, Lord, in all we do

with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive
everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 480

In Christ there is no East or West

*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)

Hymn 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Psalm: 2 (p. 24)

Old Testament: Wisdom 6.1-21

New Testament: Colossians 3.1-22

Hymn 345

Christ is the King, O friends rejoice!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian,
Rosemary

Year's Mind:

10th – Irene Ison (2017)

12th – Shan Tyrwhitt (2000)

12th – Francis Woolley (2013)

12th – John Chatwin (2018)

13th – Anne Badenoch (2017)

15th – Ellen Tuffrey (2002)

15th – Grace Miller (2013)

PSALM 138

- 1 I will give thanks unto thee O Lord with my | whole — | heart :
even before the gods will I sing | praise — | un-to | thee.
- 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy Name, *
because of thy loving- | kindness · and | truth :
for thou hast magnified thy | Name and thy | Word a-bove | all things.
- 3 When I called upon | thee thou | heardest me :
and en- | duedst · my | soul with · much | strength.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall | praise · thee O | Lord :
for they have | heard the | words of · thy | mouth.
- 5 Yea they shall sing in the | ways of · the | Lord :
that | great · is the | glory of · the | Lord.
- 6 For though the Lord be high, * yet hath he re- | spect un-to the | lowly :
as for the proud, * he be- | holdeth them · a- | far — | off.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, * yet shalt | thou re- | fresh me :
thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, *
and | thy right | hand shall | save me.
- 8 The Lord shall make good his loving- | kindness · to- | ward me :
yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; * despise not then the |
works of · thine | own — | hands.

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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