

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

16 FEBRUARY 2025 | 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(Proper 2) BCP: Septuagesima

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

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

Benefice Book Group meets again at 7.15 on 20 Mar, discussing *For Thy Great Pain Have Mercy on my Little Pain* by Victoria MacKenzie. Contact Sian.

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 23 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: 1 Corinthians 9.24-end

Gospel: Matthew 20.1-16

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Liz Carmichael

Deacon:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Hymn 333

All my hope on God is founded

Collect

Almighty God,
who alone can bring order
to the unruly wills and passions of sinful
humanity:
give your people grace
so to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, among the many changes of this
world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
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.

Jeremiah 17.5-10

⁵ Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals

and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.
They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,

whose trust is the LORD.

⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water,

sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹ The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰ I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Psalm 1 (*see overleaf*)

1 Corinthians 15.12-20

¹² If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been

in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Anthem

Like as we do put our trust in thee

Charles Wesley (1757 - 1834)

Like as we do put our trust in thee, let
thy merciful kindness,
O Lord, be upon us. Like as we do put
our trust in thee.

Luke 6.17-26

¹⁷ He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ ‘Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25 'Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.
'Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Hymn 417

O God, our help in ages past

Communion Anthem

But thou didst not leave

G F Handel (1685 - 1759)

But Thou didst not leave His soul in hell,
nor didst Thou suffer Thy Holy One to
see corruption.

Oh for the wings of a dove

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

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 of a dove!
Far away would I rove!
In the wilderness build me a nest,
And remain there for ever at rest.

Post Communion

Merciful Father,
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the
bread of life,
that those who come to him should
never hunger:
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,
that we may eat and drink with him
at his table in the kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns, now and for
ever.

Hymn 341

Blest are the pure in heart

*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 Martin Henig

Setting: Wood in D

Responses: Reading

Hymn 248 – *O Strength and Stay*

Psalm: 6 (p. 28)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17.5-10

New Testament: Wisdom 11.21-12.11

Anthem: Byrd, *O Lord rebuke me not*

Hymn 246 – *Holy Father, cheer our way*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry
Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian,
Rosemary

Year's Mind:

16th – Patricia Hay-Edie (2001)
16th – Catherine Barrington-Ward (2012)
16th – Harry Johnson (2009)
19th – Barbara Chadwick (2003)

PSALM 1

- 1 Blessed is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly, * nor stood in the | way of | sinners :
and hath not | sat in • the | seat of • the | scornful.
 - 2 But his delight is in the | law of • the | Lord :
and in his law will he | exer-cise him- | self • day and | night.
 - 3 And he shall be like a tree | planted • by the | water-side :
that will bring | forth his | fruit in • due | season.
 - 4 His leaf also | shall not | wither :
and look, whatsoever he | do-eth | it shall | prosper.
 - 5 As for the ungodly, it is not | so with | them :
but they are like the chaff, * which the wind scattereth a- | way • from the | face of • the | earth.
 - 6 Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to | stand in • the | judgement :
neither the sinners in the congre- | ga-tion | of the | righteous.
 - 7 But the Lord knoweth the | way of • the | righteous :
and the | way of the • un- | godly • shall | perish.
- 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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