

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

23 FEBRUARY 2025 | 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

(Proper 3) BCP: Sexagesima

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. Contact Sian.

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

Art Workshop Sat 8 Mar at Christ Church – for children cross benefice. Contact Sian.

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 2 March

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 Dr Anne Holmes

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11.19-31

Gospel: Luke 8.4-15

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President:

Revd Claire Browes

Preacher:

Revd Dr Siân Grønlie

Hymn 383

Jesu, Lover of my soul

Collect

Almighty God,

you have created the heavens and the earth

and made us in your own image:

teach us to discern your hand in all your works

and your likeness in all your children;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns

supreme over all things,

now and for ever.

Genesis 2.4b-9, 15-end

4 In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵when no plant

of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; ⁶but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— ⁷then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. ⁸And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her

to the man. ²³Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.'

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Psalm 65 (*see overleaf*)

Revelation 4

⁴I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' ²At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! ³And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. ⁴Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. ⁵Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; ⁶and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: ⁷the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. ⁸And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy,

the Lord God the Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.'

⁹And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Luke 8.22-25

²² One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

Hymn 354

Eternal Father, strong to save

Communion Anthem

Bist du bei mir (BMV 508)

J S Bach (1685-1750)

Post Communion

God our creator,
by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,

and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:

may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 434

Oft in danger, oft in woe

*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: Dyson in F

Responses: Ayleward

Hymn 266 – *The Lord reigns*

Psalm: 147.13-end (p. 273)

Old Testament: Genesis 1.1-2.3

New Testament: Matthew 6.25-end

Anthem: Bairstow, *Save us o Lord*

Hymn 245 – *God, that madest earth*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward, Ian, Rosemary

Year's Mind:

23rd: Mary Stephanie Timoney (2004),
23rd: Ann Taylor (2017), 24th: Marguerite Yvonne Offord (1998), 25th: Olive Sayce (2013), 26th: Adrian Hollis (2013), 27th: Suheil Musallam (2010), 28th: Graham Williamson (2010), 1st: Marjorie Booth (2000)

PSALM 65

- 1 Thou, O God, art | prais'd in | Sion :
and unto thee shall the | vow • be per- | form'd in Je- | rusalem.
- 2 Thou that | hearest • the | prayer :
unto | thee shall | all flesh | come.
- 3 My misdeeds pre- | vail a- | gainst me :
O be thou | merci-ful | unto • our | sins.
- 4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, * and re- | ceivest • unto | thee :
he shall dwell in thy court, * and shall be satisfi'd with the pleasures of thy
house, | ev'n of • thy | ho-ly | temple.
- 5 Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, * O God of | our
sal- | vation :
thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, * and of them that re- |
main in • the | broad — | sea.
- 6 Who in his strength setteth | fast the | mountains :
and is | girded a- | bout with power.
- 7 Who stilleth the | raging • of the | sea :
and the noise of his waves, * and the | mad-ness | of the | people.
- 8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be a- | fraid at • thy |
tokens :
thou that makest the outgoings of the | morning • and | evening • to |
praise thee.
- 9 Thou visitest the | earth, and | blessest it :
thou | makest • it | ve-ry | plenteous.
- 10 The river of God is | full of | water :
thou preparest their corn, * for so thou pro- | vid-est | for the | earth.
- 11 Thou waterest her furrows, * thou sendest rain into the little | valleys • there- |
of :
thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, * and | blessest • the | in-crease |
of it.
- [12] Thou crownest the year with • thy | good-ness, * and thy | clouds drop |
fatness.
- 13 They shall drop upon the | dwellings • of the | wilderness :
and the little hills shall re- | joice on | eve-ry | side.
- 14 The folds shall be | full of | sheep :
the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that | they shall | laugh and |
sing.
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.