

ST GILES' CHURCH, OXFORD

2 MARCH 2025 | SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

(Proper 4) BCP: Quinquagesima

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': Gershwin with the Gabriel Latchin Trio Sat 5 Apr 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)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 13.1-end

Gospel: Luke 18.31-end

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Claire Browes

Hymn 343

Bright the vision that delighted

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer
with him
and be changed into his likeness, from
glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Exodus 34.29-end

29 Moses came down from Mount Sinai.
As he came down from the mountain
with the two tablets of the covenant in
his hand, Moses did not know that the
skin of his face shone because he had
been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron

and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99 (*see overleaf*)

2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9.28-36

²⁸ Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Hymn 440

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Communion Anthem

O Lord increase my faith

Henry Loosemore (d. 1670)

O Lord, increase our faith, strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; endue

us with wisdom, charity and patience, in all our adversity, sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Post Communion

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 234

Christ, whose glory fills the sky

*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 Dr Siân Grønlie

Hymn 148 – *The God of Abraham*

Psalm: 89.5-12 (p. 174)

Old Testament: Exodus 3.1-6

New Testament: John 12.27-36a

Hymn 115 – *Now the green blade*

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Year's Mind:

4th – Shirley Martineau (2013)

4th – Sumie Smith (2011)

4th – Robin Alden (2014)

4th – Jean Darke (2021)

5th – Cyril Warman (2001)

5th – Bill Baylis (2012)

6th – Basil "Tich" Lewis (2007)

6th – Brenda Boughton (2012)

6th – Beggy Briant (2015)

8th – Catherine Jenner (1999)

8th – Nanette Woolgar (2014)

8th – Phyllis Coleman (2000)

PSALM 99

- 1 The Lord is King, * be the people | never • so im- | patient :
he sitteth between the cherubims, * be the earth | nev-er | so un- | quiet.
 - 2 The Lord is | great in | Sion :
and | high a- | bove all | people.
 - 3 They shall give | thanks un-to thy | Name :
which is great, | won-der- | ful and | holy.
 - 4 The king's power loveth judgement, * thou hast pre- | par-ed | equity :
thou hast executed | judgement • and | righteousness in | Jacob.
 - 5 O magnify the | Lord our | God :
and fall down before his | footstool • for | he is | holy.
 - 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, * and Samuel among such as |
call up-on his | Name :
these | called up-on the | Lord • and he | heard them.
 - 7 He spake unto them out of the | cloud-y | pillar :
for they kept his testimonies, | and the | law that • he | gave them.
 - 8 Thou heardest them O | Lord our | God :
thou forgavest them O God, * and | punishedst • their | own in- | ventions.
 - 9 O magnify the Lord our God, * and worship him upon his | ho-ly | hill :
for the | Lord our | God is | holy.
- 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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