



16 MARCH 2025 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Proper 6) BCP: Second Sunday in Lent

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

Plant Trees at St Giles' Sat 29 Mar 10:30

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': Gabriel Latchin Trio Sat 5 Apr 7:30pm

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

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 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 Thessalonians 4.1-8

Gospel: Matthew 15.21-88

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Liz Carmichael

Introit

Mass for Four Voices

William Byrd (c.1540-1623)

Hymn 63

All ye who seek a comfort sure

Collect

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the
light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of
righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are
agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

7 Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' ⁸But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' ⁹He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalms 27 (see overleaf)

Philippians 3.17-4.1

17 Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. **4**¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Anthem

Lord let me know mine end

Maurice Greene (1696-1755)

Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live
Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee; and verily every man living is altogether vanity

For man walketh in a vain shadow, and
disquieteth himself in vain: he heapeth
up riches, and cannot tell who shall
gather them

And now, Lord, what is my hope: truly
my hope is even in thee

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine
ears consider my calling: hold not thy
peace at my tears

O spare me a little, that I may recover my
strength: before I go hence, and be no
more seen (Psalm 39.5-8,13,15)

Luke 13.31-end

31 At that very hour some Pharisees
came and said to him, 'Get away from
here, for Herod wants to kill you.' 32 He
said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for
me, "Listen, I am casting out demons
and performing cures today and
tomorrow, and on the third day I
finish my work. 33 Yet today,
tomorrow, and the next day I must be
on my way, because it is impossible
for a prophet to be killed away from
Jerusalem." 34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the city that kills the prophets and
stones those who are sent to it! How
often have I desired to gather your
children together as a hen gathers her
brood under her wings, and you were
not willing! 35 See, your house is left to
you. And I tell you, you will not see
me until the time comes when you
say, "Blessed is the one who comes in
the name of the Lord." '

Hymn 73

My God, I love thee; not because

Communion Anthem

Ich sehe schon im Geist (BWV 43)

J S Bach

Turn Thee unto me O Lord

William Boyce (1710-1779)

Turn Thee unto me, O Lord: O Lord, have
mercy upon me, for I am desolate and in
misery

The sorrows of my heart are enlarged: O
bring thou me out of my troubles

Look upon my adversity: and forgive me
all my sin

O keep my soul and deliver me: let me
not be confounded, for I have put my
trust in Thee

Post Communion

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of
ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all
adversities

which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts which may
assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 379

In the Cross of Christ I glory

*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: Gibbons, Second Service

Responses: Ayleward

Hymn 420 – O Jesus, I have promised

Psalm: 135-1.14 (p. 254)

Old Testament: Jeremiah 22.1-9, 13-17

New Testament: Luke 14.27-33

Anthem: Wesley, Wash me

Hymn 379 – In the Cross of Christ

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

20th – Helen Murray (2003)

20th – Jane Brereton (2000)

22nd – Pauline Moon (2012)

PSALM 27

- 1 The Lord is my light, and my salvation, * whom then | shall I | fear :
the Lord is the strength of my life, * of whom then | shall I | be a- | fraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, * came upon me to | eat up • my | flesh :
they | stum-bled | and – | fell.
- 3 Though an host of men were laid against me, * yet shall not my | heart • be a- | fraid :
and though there rose up war against me, * yet will I | put my trust in | him.
- 4 One thing have I desired of the Lord which I | will re- | quire :
even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, * to behold the fair beauty
of the | Lord • and to | visit • his | temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall | hide me • in his | tabernacle :
yea in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, * and set me | up up-on a | rock of |
stone.
- 6 And now shall he lift | up mine | head :
above mine | en-emies | round a- | bout me.
- 7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with | great – | gladness :
I will sing and speak | prais-es | unto • the | Lord.
- 8 Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I | cry un-to | thee :
have | mercy • up | on me, and | hear me.
- 9 My heart hath talked of thee, | Seek ye • my | face :
Thy | face Lord | will I | seek.
- 10 O hide not thou thy | face – | from me :
nor cast thy | servant • a- | way in • dis- | pleasure.
- 11 Thou hast | been my | succour :
leave me not, neither forsake me O | God of | my sal- | vation.
- 12 When my father and my | mother • for- | sake me :
the | Lord – | taketh • me | up.
- 13 Teach me thy | way O | Lord :
and lead me in the right | way be- | cause of • mine | enemies.
- 14 Deliver me not over into the | will of • mine | adversaries :
for there are false witnesses risen up a- | gainst me • and | such as • speak | wrong.
- 15 I should | utterly • have | fainted :
but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the | Lord • in the | land of • the | living.
- 16 O tarry thou the | Lord's – | leisure :
be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, * and | put thou • thy | trust • in the | Lord.
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.