



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 30th March 2025

The Fourth Sunday of Lent – Mothering Sunday

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time.

Notices

As work on the church continues, please take extra care and respect the cordoned off areas

Readers Needed for the reading of the Passion on Palm Sunday and the rest of Holy Week. Speak to Sam Schad

Help Deliver Easter Cards – contact Claire

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

Benefice youth pilgrimage 4-8 August in Pembrokeshire – contact Eva, Lucy or Claire for more information.

SMI Tea & Talks – talk from Head Gardener at Trinity Kate Burtonwood Wed 9 Apr 1.30

Jazz at St Giles': Gabriel Latchin Trio Sat 5 Apr 7:30pm St Giles' Church

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

Services on Sunday 6 April

8:00am – **Holy Communion** at St Giles'

10:30am – **Holy Communion**

at St Margaret's

6:30pm – **Choral Evensong** at St Giles'

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Dr Anne Holmes

Hymn 364 (185)

God is love: let heav'n adore him

Collect

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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.

Exodus 2:1-10

²Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and

pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 127.1-4 (*see overleaf*)

Colossians 3:12-17

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the

one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Anthems

Ave Maria

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971)

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

John 19:25b-27

²⁵And that is what the soldiers did.

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' ²⁷Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

Hymn 457 (ii)

The King of love

Communion Anthem

Ave maris Stella

Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

Hail O star of the ocean

God's own mother blest

ever sinless Virgin

gate of heavenly rest

*Break the sinners' fetters,
make our blindness day,
Chase all evils from us,
for all blessings pray.*

*Keep our life all spotless,
make our way secure
till we find in Jesus,
joy for evermore.*

*Praise to God the Father,
honour to the Son,
in the Holy Spirit,
be the glory one. Amen.*

Post Communion

Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the
breast
you feed us in this sacrament with the
food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your
goodness
to grow in grace within the household
of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn 408 (i)

Love divine, all loves excelling

*Please do stay behind for refreshments
after the 10:30 service, served at the
back of church*

6:30pm Choral Evensong At St Giles'

(Book of Common Prayer, sung)

*Please join us for the evening service at
St Giles'.*

Prayer Requests

Sick: Julia, Caroline, Christina, Edward,
Ian, Rosemary

Psalm 127: 1-4

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- 1 Unless the Lord / builds the / house :
those who / build it / labour in / vain.
- 2 Unless the Lord / keeps the / city :
the / guard keeps / watch in / vain.
- 3 It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest *
eating the / bread of / toil :
for he / gives . his be- / lov-ed / sleep.
- 4 Children are a / heritage . from the / Lord :
and the / fruit . of the / womb . is his / gift.

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