



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 14 September 2025 **13th Sunday After Trinity / Leavers' Service**

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

Call for spare threads, wool, wooden curtain hoops, jam jars, and small glass or plastic bottles - talk to Eva

Scientists - would you be prepared to come and talk to Year 6 pupils about faith and science? Talk to Eva.

Faith & Spirituality Group Tue 16 Sep 5:15pm St Anne's College - speak to Siân

Tea & Talks at SMI: Wed 1 Oct 1:45pm talk on crystals. Entry £2.

Daily Prayer:

- Morning Prayer

Tue-Fri 8:30am at the Vicarage

- Individual quiet prayer

Mon-Fri 12-2pm at St Giles'

Services on Sunday 21 September

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

10:30am - **Listening Service**

at St Margaret's

12:30pm - **Said Eucharist**

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 Claire Browes

Hymn 339

Be thou my vision

Collect

Almighty God,

who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:

help us to proclaim the good news of your love,

that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross,

and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Proverbs 8.1-31

¹Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.

⁵O simple ones, learn prudence;
acquire intelligence, you who lack it.

6Hear, for I will speak noble things,
 and from my lips will come what is right;
 7for my mouth will utter truth;
 wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
 8All the words of my mouth are righteous;
 there is nothing twisted or crooked in
 them.
 9They are all straight to one who
 understands
 and right to those who find knowledge.
 10Take my instruction instead of silver,
 and knowledge rather than choice gold;
 11for wisdom is better than jewels,
 and all that you may desire cannot
 compare with her.
 12I, wisdom, live with prudence,
 and I attain knowledge and discretion.
 13The fear of the LORD is hatred of evil.
 Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
 and perverted speech I hate.
 14I have good advice and sound wisdom;
 I have insight, I have strength.
 15By me kings reign,
 and rulers decree what is just;
 16by me rulers rule,
 and nobles, all who govern rightly.
 17I love those who love me,
 and those who seek me diligently find me.
 18Riches and honor are with me,
 enduring wealth and prosperity.
 19My fruit is better than gold, even fine
 gold,
 and my yield than choice silver.
 20I walk in the way of righteousness,
 along the paths of justice,
 21endowing with wealth those who love
 me,
 and filling their treasuries.
 22The LORD created me at the beginning of
 his work,
 the first of his acts of long ago.
 23Ages ago I was set up,
 at the first, before the beginning of the
 earth.
 24When there were no depths I was
 brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding
 with water.
 25Before the mountains had been shaped,
 before the hills, I was brought forth—
 26when he had not yet made earth and
 fields,
 or the world's first bits of soil.
 27When he established the heavens, I was
 there,
 when he drew a circle on the face of the
 deep,
 28when he made firm the skies above,
 when he established the fountains of the
 deep,
 29when he assigned to the sea its limit,
 so that the waters might not transgress
 his command,
 when he marked out the foundations of
 the earth,
 30then I was beside him, like a master
 worker;
 and I was daily his delight,
 rejoicing before him always,
 31rejoicing in his inhabited world
 and delighting in the human race.

Psalm 27 (*see separate sheet*)

1 Peter 4.7-11

7The end of all things is near; therefore be
 serious and discipline yourselves for the
 sake of your prayers. 8Above all, maintain
 constant love for one another, for love
 covers a multitude of sins. 9Be hospitable
 to one another without complaining.
 10Like good stewards of the manifold
 grace of God, serve one another with
 whatever gift each of you has received.
 11Whoever speaks must do so as one
 speaking the very words of God; whoever
 serves must do so with the strength that
 God supplies, so that God may be glorified
 in all things through Jesus Christ. To him
 belong the glory and the power forever
 and ever. Amen.

Anthem

A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the gentle night to you

Moon and stars pour their healing light on
you
Deep peace of Christ the light of the world
to you

John Rutter (b.1945)

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Matthew 5.13-16

¹³“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Hymn

Lord, for the years your love has kept and
guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our
way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and
provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks
today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which
fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls
ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and
inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's
praise.

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and
care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and
nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our
prayer.

Lord, for our world when we disown and
doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in
pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without
him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may
reign.

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake
us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the
throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024).

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Communion Anthem

Ave verum corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine; Vere
passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; Cuius
latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine; Esto nobis
praegustatum mortis in examine. O Clemens, O
pie, O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariae.

*(True body, born of Mary the Virgin; that truly
suffered, sacrificed on the Cross for mankind. From
whose pierced side ran true blood. Let that body be
tasted by us before [we face] the trial of death. O
merciful, O holy, O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary.)*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791)

Post Communion

God our creator,
you feed your children with the true
manna,
the living bread from heaven:
let this holy food sustain us through our
earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

Dan Schutte (b. 1947), based on Isaiah 6.

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

Prayer Requests

Sick: Julia, Caroline, Christina, Rosemary

Year's Mind:

11th - Polly Holbrook (2019)
12th - Jose Harris (2023)
15th - Diana Mary Deans (2003)
19th - Roy Burbank (2001)
19th - Marcus Saville-Deane (2004)
20th - Jenner Snodgrass (1999)

Prayer Diary

Monday - Clergy and Leaders
Tuesday - Ss Philip and James Primary
School
Wednesday - Community and Elderly work
Thursday - The work of the St Margaret's
Institute
Friday - Children and Families work
Saturday - St Giles' Church and the work of
the Gatehouse

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