



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 21 September 2025

Listening Service / St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

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.

First Communion classes for children aged 7+ starting on 15 Oct; admission on 23 Nov. Talk to Daniel.

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 27 September

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

10:30am – ***Parish Eucharist***

at St Margaret's

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

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

10:30am Listening Service

Officiant:

Revd Daniel Walters

Facilitator:

Rhodri Bowen (*Parish Development
Adviser, Diocese of Oxford*)

Hymn

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow:
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

William Williams (1717-91)

Trans. Peter Williams (1727-96)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

(John Hughes, 1873-1932)

The Gathering

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Listening to God and to each other

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, "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.

"You are the light of the world. A city built
on a hill cannot be hid. No one after
lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel
basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives
light to all in the house. In 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."

Final Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1632)

Tune: LUCKINGTON

(Basil Harewood, 1849-1949)

Blessing and dismissal

God, who has prepared for you a city with
eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that
city;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

12:30pm Holy Communion

(Common Worship, said)

President:

Revd Daniel Walters

Collect

O almighty God,
whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax
collector
to be an apostle and evangelist:
give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit
of gain
and the possessive love of riches
that we may follow in the way of your Son
Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

2 Corinthians 4.1–6

⁴ 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. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 9.9–13

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples.

¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

Post Communion

Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues
of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to
preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your
love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Julia, Caroline, Christina, Rosemary

Year's Mind:

22nd - Godfrey Victor Upshall (2012)

25th - Ken Matthews (2000)

25th - Charlie Boscott (2010)

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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