



23 NOVEMBER 2025 | CHRIST THE KING

BCP: Sunday Next Before Advent

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

NOTICES

Christmas services See the posters in church or visit bit.ly/49xDucf

Exploring Faith and Spirituality Group next meets on Tues 25 Nov at 5:15pm to discuss Julian of Norwich – contact Siân

Advent Carol Service featuring the choirs of St Giles' and St Margaret's, Sun 30 Nov, 6.00pm at St Margaret's

Guess the chocolates in the tub for £1 at the back of church.

Bring and Buy Christmas Tabletop Sale – contributions needed to Jane Finnerty or Helen Dodd.

Daily Prayer:

- Morning Prayer

Tue-Fri 8:30am at the Vicarage

- Individual quiet prayer

Mon-Fri 12-2pm at St Giles'

- Evening Prayer

Mon-Sat 5.30pm at St Giles'

Services on Sunday 30 Nov (Advent 1)

8:00am – Holy Communion

10:30am – Holy Communion

6:00pm – Advent Carol Service (at St Margaret's)

More at: www.StGilesStMargarets.org

8:00am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Book of Common Prayer, said)

The text of the collect and readings are in the brown Book of Common Prayer.

President: Revd Claire Browes

For the Epistle: Jeremiah 23.5–8

Gospel: John 6. 5-14

10:30am

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

President and Preacher:

Revd Daniel Walters

Communion setting:

Harold Darke (1888-1976)

Mass in F major

Opening Hymn 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Collect

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Jeremiah 23.1-6

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

5 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Psalms 46 (*see overleaf*)

Colossians 1.11-20

11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were

created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gradual Anthem

Edward Bairstow (1874-1946)

The King of Love my Shepherd is

Words for this anthem can be found at number 457 in the hymn book.

Luke 23.33-43

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have

been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Offertory Hymn 134

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Communion Anthem

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt (BWV 112)

Der Herr ist mein getreuer Hirt,
Hält mich in seiner Hute,
Darin mir gar nicht mangeln wird
Irgend an einem Gute,
Er weidet mich ohn Unterlass,
Darauf wächst das wohlschmeckend
Gras
Seines heilsamen Wortes.

*The Lord is my faithful shepherd
he holds me in his protection,
where there is nothing lacking to me
at all of any goodness,
he puts me out to pasture continually
where grows the sweet-tasting grass
of his holy word*

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the
fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Final Hymn 394

Let all the world in every corner sing

*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 Daniel Walters

Hymn 134 *The head that once was
crowned with thorns*

Psalm: 72.1-7 (p. 140)

Old Testament: 1 Samuel 8.4–20

Canticles: Adrian Batten (1591-1637)
Fourth service

New Testament: John 18.33–37

Anthem: William H. Harris (1883-1973)
Behold the Tabernacle of God

Hymn 394 *Let all the world in every corner
sing*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Alison, Chris Henry

Year's Mind:

23rd – Mary Stanley (2016)

24th – Richard Browne (2010)

28th – David Bunn (2014)

PSALM 46

- 1 God is our | hope and | strength :
a very | pre-sent | help in | trouble.
- 2 Therefore will we not fear, though the | earth be | moved :
and though the hills be carried | into • the | midst of • the | sea.
- 3 Though the waters thereof | rage and | swell :
and though the mountains shake at the | tem-pest | of the | same.
- 4 The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the | city • of | God :
the holy place of the | taber-nacle | of the • most | Highest.
- 5 God is in the midst of her, * therefore shall she | not • be re- | moved :
God shall | help her • and | that right | early.
- 6 The heathen make much ado, and the | kingdoms • are | moved :
but God hath shewed his voice, and the | earth shall | melt a- | way.

Second part:

- 7 The Lord of | hosts is | with us :
the God of | Ja-cob | is our | refuge.
- 8 O come hither, and behold the | works of • the | Lord :
what destruction he hath | brought up- | on the | earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease in | all the | world :
he breaketh the bow, and knappeth the spear in sunder, * and burneth the |
cha-riots | in the | fire.
- 10 Be still then, and know that | I am | God :
I will be exalted among the heathen, and I will be ex- | alt-ed | in the | earth.
- 11 The Lord of | hosts is | with us :
the God of | Ja-cob | is our | refuge.
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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