

What's On: April 2026

(including Holy Week & Easter)

The 'highlight' of April (although actually starting at the end of March) is Holy Week and Easter, the most sacred time of the year for the Christian Church. If you have never experienced 'the Triduum' – the liturgies of **Maundy Thursday**, **Good Friday** and **Easter Eve** – I'd encourage you to try to attend these deeply moving services. For more information on the services and events taking place in that week, please visit our website: stgilesstmargarets.org/holyweek

Other dates to particularly highlight in April include the **annual meetings** of both churches (19th for St Margaret's; 26th for St Giles') and the **jazz concert** on the 18th. Please also note the **new time for St Giles' Sunday evensongs** from the 19th, and the new programme of **Sunday evening services at St Margaret's**, from the same date.

All events are open to anyone from across the benefice and beyond (regardless of venue).

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH (The Annunciation of Our Lord)

12:30pm Said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

8:00pm Said Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

8:00pm 'Come and See' Lent course, online (*email Daniel*)

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

11:00am 'Come and See' Lent course, followed by soup-and-bread lunch, St Margaret's Church

SUNDAY 29 MARCH (Palm Sunday)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:00am Liturgy of Palm Sunday: beginning at St Margaret's Church and processing to St Giles' Church

6:30pm Liturgical performance of Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*, St Giles' Church

MONDAY 30 MARCH (Monday of Holy Week)

6:30pm BCP Holy Communion (with sermon), St Giles' Church

7:30pm Teen Film Night (ages 12-18), St Margaret's Church (*email Eva to book a place*)

TUESDAY 31 MARCH (Tuesday of Holy Week)

8:00pm Compline (Night Prayer), St Giles' Church

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL (Wednesday of Holy Week)

7:30pm Tenebrae Service, St Giles' Church

THURSDAY 2 APRIL (Maundy Thursday)

8:00pm Liturgy of Maundy Thursday, St Margaret's Church

Followed by the Watch, for those who wish to stay and pray

FRIDAY 3 APRIL (Good Friday)

10:00am Hot Cross Bun service, St Margaret's Church

Open to all; especially families of children aged 7 & under

10:30am BCP Mattins with Litany, St Giles' Church

12:00pm Meditations and silent prayer, St Margaret's Church

1:30pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday, St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 4 APRIL (Holy Saturday / Easter Eve)

8:00pm Liturgy of Easter, St Margaret's Church

with Easter Fire, the Vigil, and first Eucharist of Easter

SUNDAY 5 APRIL (Easter Day)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am 'Together' Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

Followed by Easter Egg hunt!

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL

2:30pm Memory Café, St Margaret's Institute (*contact Tricia*)

SATURDAY 11 APRIL

3:00pm Games Club (school years 3-6), St Margaret's Church (*email Eva to book a place*)

SUNDAY 12 APRIL (Second Sunday of Easter)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

MONDAY 13 APRIL

Deadline for applications for Benefice Manager vacancy

See stgilesstmargarets.org/benefice-manager for information

WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

7:15pm Benefice Book Group (*discussing Pearl by Siân Hughes - email Siân Grønlie*)

FRIDAY 17 APRIL

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

2:30pm SAMMYS (music and crafts for 0-7 year olds and families), St Margaret's Church

7:30pm Jazz at St Giles': The Holly Shearsmith Quartet
(see www.jazzatstgiles.com for more information)

SUNDAY 19 APRIL (Third Sunday of Easter)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church
Followed by St Margaret's Annual Meetings

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

3:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

6:00pm Contemplative Prayer, St Margaret's Church

WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

2:30pm Memory Café, St Margaret's Institute (*contact Tricia*)

THURSDAY 23 APRIL (St George, Patron & Martyr)

12:30pm Said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

8:00pm Said Holy Communion, St Margaret's Church

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

9–11am Little Fishes (toddlers' group), St Margaret's Church

SUNDAY 26 APRIL (St Mark, Evangelist - transferred)

8:00am BCP said Holy Communion, St Giles' Church

10:30am Parish Eucharist, St Margaret's Church

10:30am Sung Holy Communion, St Giles' Church
Followed by St Giles' Annual Meetings

3:30pm Choral Evensong, St Giles' Church

6:00pm Contemplative Prayer, St Margaret's Church

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