

✚ ST GILES'

CHURCH, OXFORD

26 APRIL 2026 | MARK THE EVANGELIST (TRANS.)

BCP: St Mark the Evangelist (transferred)

Welcome to St Giles', especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind for refreshments after the 10:30 service, served at the back of church.

NOTICES

Read the full notices for this week at:
www.StGilesStMargarets.org

'Our Church, Our Future' update after the (shortened) 10:30am church service this morning – all welcome.

St Giles' Annual meetings will take place at approximately 12pm today, open to members of the electoral roll.

Sponsored Walk Yesterday Helen and Sarah-Jane, along with Sam from St Margaret's took part in a sponsored walk for Christian Aid. It's not too late to sponsor them here:
bit.ly/48ppUpZ

New times for Evensong A reminder that, Sunday Evensong services are now at the earlier time of **3.30pm**.

Holy Communion for the festival of Ss Philip and James – this Friday (1 May), 12.30pm at St Giles'

Benefice book group next meets on **Weds 20 May**, discussing *Small Boat*, by Vincent Delecroix. Contact Siân Grønlie for details.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Sick: Chris Henry, Stella, Brian

Year's Mind:

29th – Paul Turner (2005)

30th – Stanley Coates (2009)

2nd – Anne Brereton (2015)

SUPPORT ST GILES'

You can donate via our contactless machine, during the cash collection in the service, or using the QR code or URL below (**now updated**):



bit.ly/4sxlBAA

8:00AM

HOLY COMMUNION

(1662 Book of Common Prayer, said)

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

Epistle: Ephesians 4.7–16

Gospel: John 15.1–11

10:30AM

HOLY COMMUNION

(Common Worship, sung)

Opening Hymn: 374

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Collect

Almighty God,
who enlightened your holy Church
through the inspired witness of your
evangelist Saint Mark:
grant that we, being firmly grounded in
the truth of the gospel,
may be faithful to its teaching both in
word and deed;
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.

First Reading: Acts 15.35–end

³⁵But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, and there, with many others, they taught and proclaimed the word of the Lord.

³⁶After some days Paul said to Barnabas, 'Come, let us return and visit the believers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.' ³⁷Barnabas

wanted to take with them John called Mark. ³⁸But Paul decided not to take with them one who had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not accompanied them in the work. ³⁹The disagreement became so sharp that they parted company; Barnabas took Mark with him and sailed away to Cyprus. ⁴⁰But Paul chose Silas and set out, the believers commending him to the grace of the Lord. ⁴¹He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Gospel: Mark 13.5–13

⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

⁹'As for yourselves, beware; for they will hand you over to councils; and you will be beaten in synagogues; and you will stand before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them. ¹⁰And the good news must first be proclaimed to all nations. ¹¹When they bring you to trial and hand you over, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say; but say whatever is given you at that time, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. ¹²Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ¹³and you will be hated by all because of my name. But

the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Offertory Hymn: 457

The King of love my Shepherd is

Communion Anthems

*Almighty God, which hast instructed
thy Holy Church*

Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

O Almighty God,
who hast instructed thy holy Church
with the heavenly doctrine of thy
Evangelist Saint Mark:
Give us grace, that,
being not like children carried away with
every blast of vain doctrine,
we may be established in the truth of
thy holy Gospel;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

My shepherd is the living Lord
Thomas Tomkins (1572–1656)

My shepherd is the living Lord,
nothing therefore I need,
In pastures fair with waters calm
he sets me for to feed

He did convert and glad my soul
and brought my mind in frame
To walk in paths of righteousness
for his most holy name

Through all my life thy favour is
so frankly shew'd to me
That in thy house for evermore my
dwelling place shall be. Amen.

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.

Final Hymn: 381

Jerusalem the golden

3:30PM
CHORAL EVENSONG

(1662 Book of Common Prayer, sung)

Opening Hymn 374 (*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds*)

Psalm 45 (*p. 97 in the psalter*)

Canticles: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F (George Dyson, 1883–1964)

Old Testament Ezekiel 1.4–14

New Testament 2 Timothy 4.1–11

Final Hymn 381 (*Jerusalem the golden*)