



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 19 April 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St Margaret's, 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

St Margaret's Annual meetings will be held at midday **today**, open to members of the electoral roll.

BCP Evening Prayer tonight in the Lady Chapel tonight at **6pm**, as part of our new cycle (see below):

New Evening Service Evening services at St Margaret's at **6.00pm** as follows:

1st Sunday – BCP Holy Communion

2nd Sunday – Taizé Service

3rd Sunday – BCP Evening Prayer

4th Sunday – Contemplative Prayer

Holy Communion for the feast of St George – this Thursday (**23 April**), 12.30pm at St Giles' and 8pm at St Margaret's.

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

Next Sunday's services (26 April):

10.30am Parish Eucharist (St Mark the Evangelist)

6.00pm Contemplative Prayer (in the Lady Chapel)

Prayer Requests

Sick: Caroline, Christina, Rosemary, Maria, Stella.

Year's Mind:

19th – Winifred Broughton (2012)

– Brooke Tindall (2012)

21st – John Davey (2017)

– Stuart Brand (2017)

23rd – John Healey (2013)

25th – Jeanne Needham (2017)

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10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(Common Worship, sung)

Opening Hymn: 443

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Collect

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 2.14a, 36–41

14 Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd in Jerusalem: ³⁶‘Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.’

37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ ³⁸Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm 116.1–7 (*see overleaf*)

Epistle: 1 Peter 1.17–23

17 If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

22 Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gradual Anthem

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee

Edward Bairstow (1874–1946)

The text of this anthem can be found in the hymnal, no. 385.

Gospel: Luke 24.13–35

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things

that have taken place there in these days?’

¹⁹He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,’ ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ ²⁵Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’

²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven

and their companions gathered together.

³⁴They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’

³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Offertory Hymn: 486

We have a gospel to proclaim

Communion Anthem

Greater Love Hath No Man

John Ireland (1879–1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. Alleluia.

Post Communion

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final Hymn: 362 (tune: 185)

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Psalm 116.1-7

John Robinson



- 1 I love the Lord,
for he has heard the voice of my | sup-pli- | cation; •
because he inclined his ear to me
on the | day I | called to | him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me;
the pains of | hell took | hold of me; •
by grief and | sor-row | was I | held.
- 3 Then I called upon the | name • of the | Lord: •
'O Lord I | beg you • de- | liver • my | soul.'
- 4 Gracious is the | Lord and | righteous; •
our | God is | full of • com- | passion.
- 5 The Lord watches | over • the | simple; •
I was brought very | low — | and he | saved me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, | O my | soul, •
for the | Lord • has been | gracious to | you.

Second part again:

- 7 For you have delivered my | soul from | death, •
my eyes from | tears • and my | feet from | falling.