



St Margaret's Church

The parish of Oxford Ss Philip & James with St Margaret

Sunday, 26 April 2026

St Mark the Evangelist (transferred)

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

Contemplative Prayer this evening in the Lady Chapel 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 Eucharist

2nd Sunday – Taizé Service

3rd Sunday – BCP Evening Prayer

4th Sunday – Contemplative Prayer

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

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

Next Sunday's services (3 May):

10.30am 'Together' Eucharist (Ss Philip & James)

6.00pm BCP Eucharist (*in the Chancel*)

Prayer Requests

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

Year's Mind:

26th – Bobbie Ward (2009)

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10:30am

Parish Eucharist

(Common Worship, sung)

Opening Hymn: 457 (2nd tune)

The King of love my shepherd is

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.

Psalms 119.9–16 (*see overleaf*)

Epistle: 1 Peter 1.17–23

7 Each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Gradual Anthem

Bone Pastor

Hilarión Eslava (1807–78)

Bone pastor, panis vere,
Jesu, nostri miserere:
Tu nos pasce, nos tuere:
Tu nos bona fac videre
In terra viventium.

*Good shepherd, true Bread,
Jesus, have mercy on us:
Feed us, protect us,
Make us to see good things
in the land of the living.*

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: 310

We hail thy presence glorious

Communion Anthem

Ave Verum, Op. 2, No. 1

Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria
Virgine:

vere passum, immolatum

in cruce pro homine:

cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et
sanguine:

esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis
examine.

O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,

O Jesu Fili Mariae. Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born from the Virgin
Mary:*

*You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of humanity.*

*From whose pierced flank flowed water and
blood:*

Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.

O sweet Jesus, O pious Jesus

O Jesus, Son of Mary. Have mercy on me.

Amen.

Post Communion

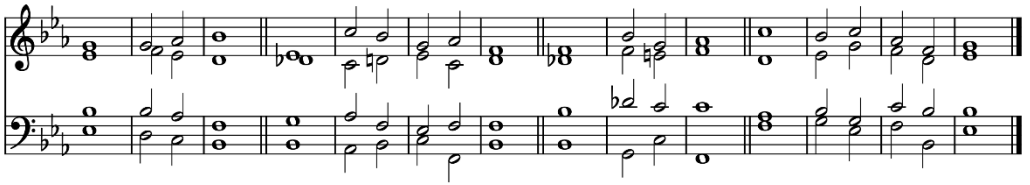
Almighty God, who on the day of
Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the
apostles with the wind from heaven and
in tongues of flame, filling them with joy
and boldness to preach the gospel: by
the power of the same Spirit strengthen
us to witness to your truth and to draw
everyone to the fire of your love;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

Final Hymn: 338 (omit * verses)

At the name of Jesus

Psalm 119.9-16

Noel Rawsthorne



- 9 How shall young people | cleanse their | way ♦
to keep themselves ac- | cord-ing | to your | word?
- 10 With my whole heart | have I | sought you; ♦
O let me not go a- | stray from | your com- | mandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden with- | in my | heart, ♦
that I | should not | sin a- | gainst you.
- 12 Blessed are | you O | Lord; ♦
O | teach — | me your | statutes.
- 13 With my lips have | I been | telling ♦
of all the | judge-ments | of your | mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the | way of · your | testimonies ♦
than | in all | manner · of | riches.
- 15 I will meditate on | your com- | mandments ♦
and | con-tem- | plate your | ways.
- 16 My delight shall be | in your | statutes ♦
and I will | not for- | get your | word.