

*The Joint Benefice of St Giles and St Philip & St James with St Margaret*

# St GILES' CHURCH



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**SUNDAY, 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**08:00 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)**

Celebrant: Revd Tom Albinson

**10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION** *(SG Singers)*

Celebrant: The Vicar

*The order of service follows that set out in the light green booklet. The music and words for the sung parts of the service can be found in the green hymn books, at No 542*

**Hymn**

3 – Come, thou long-expected Jesus

**Kyrie Eleison** *(sung by the choir)*

From: Lassus – *Missa Octavi Toni*

**Collect**

**A**LMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon us the armour of light, now and in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading**

Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Psalm**

25:1-9

**Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-end (Read by Susie Smith-Gibbins)

**Anthem**

*This is the Record of John* – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not." "Art thou the prophet?" And he answered, "No." Then said they unto him, "What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?" And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord.' "

**The Gospel** Luke 21:25-36

**J**ESUS said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

**Sermon**

The Vicar

**Intercessions**

William Johnson

**Hymn**

466 – Thou, whose almighty word

**Communion Anthem**

*The people that walked in darkness (from Messiah)*  
G F Handel (1685-1759)

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light, and they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

**Post Communion Prayer**

**O**LORD our God, as we wait for the coming of thy Son our Lord, preserve us in watchfulness and faith, that when he shall appear he may not find us asleep in sin but active to serve him and joyful to praise him; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

364 – God is Love: let heaven adore him (Tune: 185)

**Organ Voluntary**

*Wachet Auf – ruf uns die Stimme* - J S Bach (1685-1750)  
*Coffee is served in church after the Voluntary.*

***The Benefice Advent Carol Service, with the Combined Choirs,  
takes place at St Margaret's at 6:00 pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.***

<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Prayer (said)</b>	Officiant: Revd Martin Henig
<b>Psalm</b>	9	
<b>Reading</b>	Joel 3:9-end	Read by Mary MacRobert
<b>Reading</b>	Revelation 14:13-15:4	Read by Mary MacRobert

### NOTICES

◆ **2018 General Fund:** A deficit of over £9,000 is expected. Please join or sponsor the Advent Fast, which is raising money to reduce the deficit. Contact Rod Nixon for more information - [treasurer@st-giles-church.org](mailto:treasurer@st-giles-church.org)

◆ **The Gatehouse:** The box is now in church, and as usual, we are collecting scarves, gloves, pants, socks and small bars of chocolate for guests of The Gatehouse (90% of whom are male). Please bring your contributions (unwrapped). The present-wrapping event is on **19<sup>th</sup> December** from 12 noon to 3:00 pm and all are welcome to come along to this.  
*Margaret Williamson*

◆ **Gatehouse cards** will be on sale in church after the 10:30 am service, or from [mcwilliamson1@btinternet.com](mailto:mcwilliamson1@btinternet.com) - £1 each, or 6 for £5  
*Margaret*

◆ **Jazz at St Giles' - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – David Gordon Trio. 7:30 pm. Tickets: £15/£12 (concessions)/£8 (students)/£5 (children).

◆ **David Longrigg** will be selling copies of *The Oxford Pot* by Elizabeth Longrigg after the 10:30 am service on **2<sup>nd</sup> December**.

◆ **Advent Carol Service on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 6:00 pm at St Margaret's.**

◆ **Churchyard clean-up for Christmas:** 10 am-1 pm on **Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Dec**. If you can help, please let me know. Bring secateurs and shears, and equip yourself with gloves. It would be great if we could get a team of 6-10 people.  
*Andrew Bunch*

◆ **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December (Second Sunday of Advent):** 8:00 am – Holy Communion (BCP); 10:30 am – Holy Communion; 6:30 pm – Choral Evensong.

◆ **Carols Round the Christmas Tree** – 4:30 pm on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December.**

◆ **Congregational Photo:** Tom Albinson will be leaving at the end of the year and he would like to have a photo of the congregation as a memento of his time here. We are trying to arrange for this to be taken after the 10:30 am service on **Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Dec**. It would be great if as many people as possible could be here, so that we can get a picture of most of the people associated with St Giles'.

◆ **St Giles' Carol Service by Candlelight** – **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** at 6:30 pm.

◆ **St Giles' Choir:** The choir will be singing in *Southwark Cathedral* on **12<sup>th</sup> January 2019**; *Coventry Cathedral* on **29<sup>th</sup> June**; and *Peterborough Cathedral* on **6<sup>th</sup> July**. Contact Nicholas Prozzillo for further information.

## WHAT'S ON AT ST GILES' THIS WEEK

<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <i>(St Francis Xavier, Missionary, 1552)</i>	3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Street Choir Evening Prayer
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>(St John of Damascus)</i>	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	12 noon-3:00 pm 12:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Respite Café Eucharist Evening Prayer Chess Club (over 11s)
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>(St Nicholas of Myra)</i>	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>(St Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397)</i>	1:15 pm 4:15-5:15 pm 5:30 pm	Taizé Service Chess Club (under 11s) Evening Prayer
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>(The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)</i>	10:00 am-1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Churchyard clean-up Evening Prayer
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>(The First Sunday of Advent)</b>	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Choral Evensong

### Prayer Requests - *Cycle of Prayer: Week 2*

Sick:	Heather Poole, George Pulford, Becca Henderson, Roy Darke, John Ashton, Andrew McLean
RIP:	Jean Fooks (27/11/2018), Margaret Croft (21/11/2018), <i>(Margaret's funeral will take place at St Giles' on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:00 pm)</i>
Year's Mind:	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> – Ruth Tomkinson (2010); <b>5<sup>th</sup></b> – Nick Kneale (2010); <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> – Barbara Taylor (1994)

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