

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

St GILES' CHURCH



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SUNDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2018

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08:00 am HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)

Celebrant: The Vicar

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

Celebrant: Revd Tom Albinson

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

6 – Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Collect

O LORD, raise up we pray thee thy power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Baruch, chapter 5

Canticle

Benedictus

Second Reading

Philippians 1:3-11 (Read by Siân Grønlie)

Anthem

O Thou that Tellest from Messiah - G F Handel (1685-1759)

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high mountain: O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

IN THE fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."' '

Sermon

Revd Tom Albinson

Intercessions

Paul Rutterford

Hymn

431 – O thou who camest from above

Communion Anthem

Rorate Coeli (Plainsong)

(The words can be found at No 501 in the New English Hymnal)

Post Communion Prayer

HEAVENLY Father, who didst send thy Son to redeem the world and wilt send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he shall come again, we may be found ready to greet him with joyful love and steadfast faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn

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

Organ Voluntary

Prelude in C Major (BWV 547) - J S Bach (1685-1750)

Coffee is served in church after the Voluntary.

◆ **Congratulations** to Benjamin Grønlie on receiving his RSCM Gold Award with Honours.

◆ **Gatehouse cards** (blank, for your own message) will be on sale in church after the 10:30 am service, or from mcwilliamson1@btinternet.com - £1 each, or six for £5
Margaret Williamson

◆ **Sponsored Advent Fast in aid of St Giles' 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

6:30 pm	Choral Evensong with St Giles' Singers	Officiant: The Vicar
	<i>Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis: Weelkes 6th Service; Responses: Byrd</i>	
Introit	<i>Conceptia Tua</i> – Costanzo Porta (1528-1601)	
Hymn	10 – Long ago, prophets knew	
Psalm	75	
Reading	Isaiah 40:1-11	Read by Melanie Florence
Reading	Luke 1:1-25	Read by Melanie Florence
Anthem	<i>See, See, the Word is Incarnate</i> – Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)	
Sermon	Rajiv Sidhu (Ordinand from Wycliffe)	
Hymn	347 - Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove	
Hymn	16 – Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling	
Voluntary	<i>Carillon</i> – Louis Vierne (1870-1937)	

NOTICES

◆ **Decorating the Church:** St Giles' will be decorated at 3:30 pm on **Wednesday 12th December**. All volunteers will be most welcome.

◆ **New Chess Club:** St Giles' Chess Club will meet every Thursday in the Parish Rooms from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm, starting on **20th December**. Parishioners are all invited to the official opening on **Thursday 13th December** from 7:45 pm to 8:45 pm, when there will be wine and nibbles. *Rod Nixon*

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

◆ **Sunday 16th December (Third Sunday of Advent):** 8:00 am – Holy Communion (BCP); 10:30 am – Holy Communion; 6:30 pm – Evensong.

◆ **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 16th 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'.

◆ **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 **19th December** from 12 noon to 3:00 pm and all are welcome to come along to this. *Margaret Williamson*

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

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

WHAT'S ON AT ST GILES' THIS WEEK

Monday 10th December	3:30 pm 5:30 pm	Street Choir Evening Prayer
Tuesday 11th December	5:30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 12th December <i>(Ember Day)</i>	12 noon-3:00 pm 12:30 pm 3:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30-8:30 pm	Respite Café Eucharist Decorating the church Evening Prayer Chess Club (over 11s)
Thursday 13th December <i>(St Lucy, Martyr, 304)</i>	5:30 pm 7:45-8:45 pm	Evening Prayer Opening of new Chess Club
Friday 14th December <i>(St John of the Cross, 1591)</i>	1:15 pm 4:15-5:15 pm 5:30 pm	Taizé Service Chess Club (under 11s) Evening Prayer
Saturday 15th December <i>(Ember Day)</i>	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Carols Round the Christmas Tree Evening Prayer
Sunday 16th December (The Third Sunday of Advent)	8:00 am 10:30 am 6:30 pm	BCP Holy Communion Holy Communion Evensong

Prayer Requests - Cycle of Prayer: Week 3

Sick:	Heather Poole, George Pulford, Becca Henderson, Roy Darke, John Ashton, Andrew McLean
RIP:	Margaret Croft (21/11/2018) <i>(Funeral at St Giles' on Tues 18th December at 2 pm)</i>
Year's Mind:	9th – Peggy Smith (2011); 10th – Earland Clear (2003); Mary Bloch (2003); 13th – Harold Padfield (2014); 14th – Elisabeth Warman (2001); 15th – John Wood (2015)

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