



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 25th September 2022

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

Welcome to St Margaret's, especially if you are visiting or worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay behind after the 10:30 service for refreshments. The church is equipped with a loop system: please switch your hearing aid to "T" position.

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www.stmargaretsoxford.org

Today's Services

10:30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher Revd Daniel Walters

Opening hymn 377 - Immortal, invisible, God only wise

First reading Amos 6.1a, 4-7

Psalm 146 *(see separate sheet)*

Second reading 1 Timothy 6.6-19

The Gospel Luke 16.19-end

Offertory hymn 373 - How shall I sing that majesty

Anthem Exsultate justi (Viadana)

Final hymn 398 - Lift up your hearts

Please note that this service is livestreamed on the Internet. Please speak to our welcome team if you have any concerns.

6:00 pm EVENING PRAYER

(BCP, said with hymns)

Officiant Revd Daniel Walters

Opening hymn 369 - Happy are they, they that love God

Psalm 135.1-14

First reading Nehemiah 2

Second reading John 8.31-38, 48-end

Final hymn 250 - Saviour, again to thy dear name

Prayers and Readings

for Trinity 15 / Proper 21

Collect

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:
grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amos 6.1a, 4–7

⁶ Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
the notables of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel resorts!

⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶ who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 (*see separate sheet*)

1 Timothy 6.6–19

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶ It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with

everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Luke 16.19–end

¹⁹ 'There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." ²⁵ But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us." ²⁷ He said, "Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment." ²⁹ Abraham replied, "They have Moses and the prophets;

they should listen to them." ³⁰ He said, "No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." ³¹ He said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead." '

Post Communion

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Distribution of Communion

At the distribution, please note:

- if you wish to receive **only the bread**, please stand before the **priest**; or
- if you wish to receive a host which has been **intincted** (dipped) in the wine by the priest, stand before the **chalice-bearer**.

Please do **NOT** dip the host yourself.

Prayer Requests

Sick: Margaret Holmes, Joan Johnson, Julia Aston Smith, Colin Cooke, Caroline Cooke.

RIP:

Year's Mind: Ken Matthews (25th), Charlie Boscott (25th)

Services & Events This Week

Morning Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 9:00am

Online Compline (via Zoom)

Monday 26th September, 8:00pm

Little Fishes

Friday 30th September, 9.00am

Next Sunday (2nd October)

Parish Eucharist (CW), 10:30am

Choral Evensong (BCP), 4:00pm

Notices

There will be a **Michaelmas Choral Evensong with supper on 2nd October at 4pm**. All welcome. Please talk to Sam Schad if you are able to bring some food to share or the sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

First Communion Classes for children who would like to receive communion (in school Years 3-8) will now be starting on **Thursday 6th October**. For more information please see the joint benefice website at <https://bit.ly/3LoFDJl>

Please join us for a **quiet service of reflection** to remember our children who have died at any age or in pregnancy at 4pm on Sunday 9th October. For more information please see Eva (eva@stmargaretsoxford.org). Please share this with friends and neighbours if appropriate.

A new season of **Tea and Talks** at the St Margaret's Institute begins on

Wednesday 5 October with "Homelessness and Drug Policy: how are they related and how can we help?" by Ben Scher, a TEDx speaker, homelessness worker and researcher. 1.30pm for 1.45pm; entrance £1 including tea and cake; all welcome. See smi-oxford.org.uk/events

The **Gatehouse Community Centre** at St Giles' parish rooms has now reopened its cafe for adults who are homeless, vulnerably housed or on low income, or looking for company and community.

The cafe operates 2 hours each, 6 days a week, offering meals for over 200 guests and we need help more than ever as demand continues to increase. If you have a few hours to spare each week, would you consider joining our friendly volunteer team? Or would you be able to join a food group supplying sandwiches and cake for our guests once a week/month? We use 8 loaves and 6 cakes every night!

If you're interested, please email admin@oxfordgatehouse.org, or if you'd like to explore further, do visit our website: www.oxfordgatehouse.org/volunteer.

Please send notices to smnotices@gmail.com by Thursday, 12 noon.

You can also find updates on our social media accounts:

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