



St Margaret's Church

Sunday, 27th November 2022

The First Sunday of Advent

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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Today's Services

10:30 am PARISH EUCHARIST

(Common Worship, sung)

President and preacher Rev'd Dr

Stephen O'Connor

Opening hymn 16 - Wake, O wake!

With tidings thrilling...

First reading Isaiah 2.1-5

Psalm 122 *(see separate sheet)*

Second reading Romans 13.11-end

The Gospel Matthew 24.36-44

Offertory hymn 3 - Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Anthem People, look east (arr. M Shaw)

Final hymn 7 - Hills of the north, rejoice

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

6:00 pm BENEFICE ADVENT CAROL SERVICE

(Common Worship, sung)

Officiant Revd Daniel Walters

Music and readings will be in a separate booklet.

Prayers and Readings

for the First Sunday of Advent

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away
the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now 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 and the Holy Spirit, now
and for ever.

Isaiah 2.1–5

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz
saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of
the mountains,

and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of
the Lord,

to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth
instruction,
and the word of the Lord from
Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into
ploughshares,

and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against
nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

Psalm 122 (see separate sheet)

Romans 13.11–end

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it
is, how it is now the moment for you
to wake from sleep. For salvation is
nearer to us now than when we
became believers; ¹²the night is far
gone, the day is near. Let us then lay
aside the works of darkness and put
on the armour of light; ¹³let us live
honourably as in the day, not in
revelling and drunkenness, not in
debauchery and licentiousness, not in
quarrelling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put
on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no
provision for the flesh, to gratify its
desires.

Matthew 24.36–44

³⁶'But about that day and hour no one
knows, neither the angels of heaven,
nor the Son,' but only the Father.

³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will
be the coming of the Son of Man.

³⁸For as in those days before the flood
they were eating and drinking,
marrying and giving in marriage, until
the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and
they knew nothing until the flood
came and swept them all away, so too
will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will
be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two
women will be grinding meal together;
one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day* your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Post Communion

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.

Distribution of Communion

At the distribution, please note that we are now offering consecrated wine from the common cup.

There is no expectation that you should do so; if you prefer to receive in one kind (bread only), please do so.

Out of consideration to others, please **do not** intinct (dip) your bread in the chalice.

Prayer Requests

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

RIP:

Year's Mind:

Max Saint (2/12/2007),
Ruth Tomkinson (3/12/2010)

Services & Events This Week

Morning Prayer

Monday–Saturday, 9:00am

Online Compline (via Zoom)

Monday 28th November, 8:00pm

Little Fishes

Friday 2nd December, from 9.00am

Next Sunday (4th December)

Parish Eucharist (CW), 10:30am
Evening Prayer (BCP), 6:00pm

Notices

Our joint benefice **Advent Carol Service**, featuring the choirs of both St Margaret's and St Giles', takes place tonight at 6pm here at St Margaret's. Please join us as we celebrate the start of the Church's new year.

It would be great to have a few more **volunteers** willing to lead intercessions occasionally, or to help with post-service coffee on Sundays at St Margaret's from time to time. And new people are always welcome on the readings rota too. Any level of commitment is fine; even occasional help is much appreciated! Please get in touch with Frances Bagnall-Oakeley (frbagnall@hotmail.com) if you might be interested. Many thanks!

St Margaret's **Liturgy and Worship working group** will be meeting this Tuesday, 29 November, at 8pm. All members of St Margaret's electoral roll are welcome to attend. We will be discuss upcoming services and, in particular, looking ahead to the great cycle of Lent / Holy Week / Eastertide / Ascensiontide. Please contact Daniel for more information.

St Giles' free **Thursday Lunchtime Talk series on "Faith and Music"**, continues this Thursday, 1 December, 12.30pm with the talk "Christmas Carol Singing Across the Ages". The speaker will be

Dr Andrew Gant, author of A History of our Favourite Christmas Carols: from Village Green to Church Choir. All welcome.

If you would be prepared to act as **caretaker at a concert** in the evening of Sunday 11 December here at St Margaret's (the Cherwell Singers), please contact Meg at office@StGilesStMargarets.org. The standard caretaker's fee of £40 will be paid.

The **Advent appeal for NOAAH** (North Oxford Action Against Homelessness) is now live – if you would like to donate, please visit: bit.ly/3u3PNqQ
In addition, the NOAAH committee have provided the local churches which support it with an update for this year, which you can read on our website at: bit.ly/3VnoinW

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