

St Margaret of Scotland

Collect

God, the ruler of all, who called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people that she might advance your heavenly kingdom: mercifully grant that we who commemorate her example may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; 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. **Amen.**

Psalms 128

R: 'My mouth, O God, shall speak of wisdom

1. Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways. **R.**
2. You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be. **R.**
3. Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; your children round your table, like fresh olive branches. **R.**
4. Thus shall the one be blest who fears the Lord. **R.**
5. The Lord from out of Zion bless you, that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity all the days of your life. **R.**
6. May you see your children's children; and may there be peace upon Israel. **R.**

Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor

branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel – Luke 21.5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he

said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

Post Communion prayer

God our redeemer, who inspired Margaret to witness to your love and to work for the coming of your kingdom: may we, who in this sacrament share the bread of heaven, be fired by your Spirit to proclaim the gospel in our daily living and never to rest content until your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sunday

16 November 2025 Second Sunday before Advent

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed to
destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God
and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he
is pure;
that when he shall appear in power
and great glory
we may be made like him in his
eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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FIRST READING Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from the book of the prophet Malachi.

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PSALM Psalm 98

R *The Lord has made known his
salvation.*

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.
The Lord has made known his
salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations. **R**

He has remembered his mercy and
faithfulness towards the house of
Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have
seen the salvation of our God.
Sound praises to the Lord, all the
earth;
break into singing and make music. **R**

Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
With trumpets and the sound of the
horn
sound praises before the Lord, the
King. **R**

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together
before the Lord, for he comes to
judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the
world
and the peoples with equity. **R**

SECOND READING

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*A reading from the second letter of
Paul to the Thessalonians.*

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GOSPEL Luke 21:5-19

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.*

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POST COMMUNION

Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:
bring us at the last
to that fullness of life for which we
long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.



SIGNPOST
the weekly newsletter of
Sharing God's Love

Welcome to all!



Diary Dates for Sunday 16th November 2025 onwards

Sun 16 th	St Margaret of Scotland/2nd before Advent		
	10.30am	St G	Parish Eucharist; Welcomer: Darrell, Crucifer: Jayne, Readers: Joceline & Derek; Intercessions: Gioia, Coffee: Sue and Linda B
	5.00pm	St M	Evensong
Mon 17 th	2.00pm 5.00pm 7.15pm	LC Zoom SH	Sharing God's Love Evening Prayer Youth Club
Tue 18 th	9.30am 10.00am 1.30pm 5.00pm	SH LC MH LC	Coffee Pot Parish Eucharist Fun and Free Evening Prayer
Wed 19 th	8.15am 5.00pm 7.00pm 7.15pm	Zoom LC LC	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer Sharing God's Love Deanery Synod at St James and All Saints. Everyone is welcome at 7.15pm to 8.15pm when joys and challenges across the deanery will be shared.
Thu 20 th	8.40am 10.30am 10.30am 2.00pm 5.00pm	St M SH SH LC	Open the Book at Grange Primary School Parish Eucharist Thursday Club Art Group Evening Prayer
Fri 21 st	7.30pm	ST G	Please note that the Parish Office is closed today Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir concert in St George's Church tickets at the door
Sat 22 nd			
Sun 23 rd	Christ the King/1st before Advent		
	9.00am 10.30am	St M St G	Parish Eucharist Parish Eucharist; Welcomer: Margaret, Crucifer: Sylvia E, Readers: Lynne & Jonathan T, Intercessions: Sylvia C, Coffee: Glenice and Joceline

St G = St George's, St M = St Margaret's, MH = Main Hall, SH = Small Hall, SL = Softley Lounge, LC = Lady Chapel

We pray for: Peter, George, Terry, Phil, Sarah, Andy, and children, Paul, and children, Alan, and family.

Recently Departed: Sarah Medwell

Hymns at St George's:

286 Holy, Holy, Holy; Lord of our history's days; 77 Blest are the pure in heart; 631 Tell out my soul:

Christmas Hampers: As a church in Tuffley, we are collecting for hampers for schools again; the sheets are at the back of St George's Church.

The farewell to Archdeacon Hilary is at the Cathedral on Sunday 23rd November at 3.00pm; everyone is welcome

December Crossroads: Will be printed on Tuesday so it is ready for next Sunday 23rd November.

Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir: Friday 21st November at 7.30pm – get your tickets from Laura in the church office or pay at the door (£10 per ticket)

Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday 29th November; 12.00noon until 3.00pm: We are still happy to receive donations of **BOTTLES** for the Tombola, **PRIZES** for the Raffle and **CAKES** for the Cake stall. It's not too late to put your name down to help! Have you returned your raffle tickets stubs and money yet? [See Rachel or Darrell for more raffle tickets - £1.00 each.](#)

Foodbank: There is a green collection tray at the back of St George's Church. This week the Foodbank are in **URGENT** need of: **TINNED MEAT, VEGETABLES and READY MEALS.** Or you can check for the latest needs on www.gloucester.foodbank.org.uk Thank you.

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