

Gradual Hymn: 456

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Reader: Anne Smith

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Revd Marion Barber

Music after the Sermon: Meinen Jesum lass' ich nicht, Op. 135a: 17 (Max Reger)

Intercessions: Jenny Standage

Our Diocese: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Christopher our Diocesan Bishop, Alastair Bishop of Woolwich, Manuela our Rector, for St Michael & All Angels w St Stephen Wandsworth Team Ministry

The World Church: The Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Anglican Church of Tanzania

The World: for diplomatic solutions to end active wars, protection for vulnerable refugees, especially the children and wisdom for world leaders navigating international tensions

The Environment: for lifting up communities currently devastated by extreme weather, floods, and wildfires, and let us also pray for the safety of first responders

The Community: for the eradication of poverty, fair access to medical care and resources, and comfort for those facing personal trials or illness in our council and the neighbouring councils

The People to Pray For: Robert Cunningham, Mary Matthews, Diana Benians, Ian Thomas, Natalie Wilson, Chris Falconer, Andrea Lambert, Samantha Senior, Wendy Thomson, Marie-Christine Berg, Doreen Brooker, Sabrina; Lydia Johnson; Essie Savage and Michael Letchfield. We ask the Lord to bring healing to their body and strength to their spirit. In this time of weakness, be their comfort, ease their pain, and grant them the patience until they fully restore their health.

The Departed: David Salmond, Arthur Wardle, David Hayter, Gloria Palmer, Pastor Ezzard Nelson, Tim Benians, Maureen Heath

Year's Mind: Jimmy Weir, George de Sliva, Doreen Harris, Pat Skillend

Offertory Hymn 448 (tune 502)

Music During communion: Moderato in d minor- (Alexandre Guilmant)

Post Communion Prayer

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen.**

The Notices are read.

Hymn: 591

Organ Voluntary: Pedal Exercitium BWV 598

A Year of Bach: Today we hear a piece for the organ pedals only. Is it a stand-alone piece, part of a lost toccata or a teaching exercise? Whichever it is, the piece shows good awareness of the Bach cello suites. With only one note at a time, it still gives the impression of 2-part counterpoint.

NOTICES

1. **David Salmond:** sadly, David Salmond passed away on 14th of July, please keep Val his wife and their family in your prayers. The funeral will be at St Margaret's on 18th of August at 11am. All are welcome to this service.
2. **Tea and Coffee over the summer period:** Our Tea & Coffee volunteers would like to take a break over the summer. If you would like to enable us to nonetheless have tea and coffee after the service, please sign up to do a one-off Tea & Coffee duty on the sheet at the back.
3. **Welcome Training:** we will offer some training for newcomers, to which all who want to contribute to St Margaret being a welcoming community are invited to join. We will offer the training twice. First on Sunday 30th of August at 12.15pm to 2pm and second on 27th September at 12.15pm to 2pm. Both times a light lunch will be offered. If you are interested in joining the training, please email Manuela at rector@stmargaretslee.org.uk
4. **Pastoral Care Team:** we are looking to build a pastoral care team at St Margaret's, if you are interested in being part of this, please have a chat with Manuela or email her at rector@stmargaretslee.org. All members of the team will have to undertake the necessary safeguarding training and checks and will receive specific training for pastoral care
5. **Morning Prayer and Midweek Eucharist:** while Manuela is on holiday there will be no Midweek services. Manuela will return and Midweek services will resume on 10th of August.
6. **St Margaret's as a Cool Space during Heatwaves:** We are going to offer St Margaret's Crypt as a cool space a few times per week during heatwaves this summer. This will be a meaningful way of serving our local communities but is only possible with support from volunteers who willing to make people feel welcome at St Margaret's. Would you be up for being part of that? If you are interested in helping, there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE PARISH DURING THE SUMMER BREAK

1. **Dacre Digs Community Gardening:** on Friday 7th and 21st August at 10am, in the Community Garden at Kingswood Place. Jackie & Denny always welcome new joiners willing to grab some fresh air and have a fun time whilst gardening.

2. **Tea For Free:** on Mondays at 10am, in the Crypt, Diana & Anne will welcome you with a cup of tea and a nice chat. They will take a break in August and will be back on 1st of September.
3. **Darby & Joan Club:** on Tuesdays at 12pm, in the Crypt. Marion organises the sessions around various entertaining themes. She will take a break in August and will be back on 1st of September.

Streaming: The 10.30am service is live streamed. If you would prefer to not be on camera, please sit on the north side of the church (the main entrance side) to the north of the pillars. We do not stream the receiving of communion. All streamed services can be found here <https://www.youtube.com/@StMargaretsLee>

Donations: One-off donations may be given in cash via the offertory plate or contactless giving machine at the back of the church. We also encourage you to sign up to our Parish Giving Scheme- see website/back of church for details.

Donations can also be given using the following QR code:



NO EVENING PRAYER

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St Margaret's School: Church Places

If you will be applying for a church place at St Margaret's Lee School, you will need to:

School places in Y3, Y4 & 5, if you know anyone who has recently moved to the area, please do let them know.

- Contact the Parish Administrator
- Read the school Admissions Policy which can be found at www.stmargaretslee.lewisham.sch.uk
- Complete 2 years of church attendance, fortnightly.

St Margaret's, Lee

Trinity 8
26th July 2026

8am BCP Holy Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
No Evening Prayer

8.00am BCP HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Daphne Clifton

The Collect

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour 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**

First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Second Reading: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Marion Barber

For young children who need a break, we have a playroom downstairs in the crypt that can be used under your supervision (go through the doors at the bottom of the stairs); feel free to come and go during the service.

Children's church is on summer break but there is a folder available at the back with activity sheets. Please help yourselves.

Before the service: Schoenster Herr Jesu, Op. 100 Book VI no. 6 (Peeters)

Introit: 386

The Collect

First Reading: 1 Kings 3.5-12

Reader: Jane Hobbs

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

May the Lord bless this reading.

All: Thanks be to God.