

for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

May the Lord bless this reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual: 391

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.23-32

Reader: James Green

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Mark Turner

After the sermon: Chorale Prelude on 'Ach blieb mit deiner Gnade', Op. 135a: 1 (Max Reger)

Intercessions: Wyn Kirkman

Our Diocese: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Rosemarie our Interim Diocesan Bishop, Alastair Bishop of Woolwich, Manuela our Rector, and the for the Zimbabwe Link Representatives and The Ven Greg Prior

The World Church: The Anglican Communion, all the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of Bangladesh

The World: for all populations suffering ongoing conflicts and unrest in war zones all around the globe

The Environment: may we grow in the awareness of the urgency of safeguarding and developing the wonders of God's creations.

The Community: for anyone feeling isolated, lonely, or disconnected in our local area. Help us be good neighbours on our local community

The People to Pray For: Wendy Thomson, Dottie and Klaus Godec, Bill Widdis, Karen and Richard Hann, Robert Cunningham, Ian Thomas, Natalie Wilson, Chris Falconer, Samantha Senior, Doreen Brooker, Sabrina; Lydia and Stephen 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: Alyson Bond, Jenny Attwood, Bogdan Cengher

Year's Mind: Alethea McCarthy, Beatrice Constance Scott, Frederick and Robert Gibbons.

Offertory: 539 (tune: 305) (omit vv.5-6)

Music During Communion: Elevation (Messe pour les Couverts) (Francois Couperin)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Notices are read.

Recessional: 375 (omit vv.5-6)

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in D major (BWV 532ii) (J.S. Bach)

A Year of Bach: One manuscript of this fugue has a note ' in this fugue one must let the feet really kick about'. The fugue subject, long and melodic, could have been written for a violin. Its melodic surface carry us through a series of exceptional modulations (key changes).

NOTICES

1. **Pet Service:** on 3rd October 2pm we will have a Pet Service in honour of St Francis. Bring your pet for a blessing and if your pet doesn't enjoy travel, you can also bring a picture.
2. **Harvest Festival:** on Sunday 18th October 10.30am, we will celebrate our Harvest Festival, with the Breakfast Club leading the sermon slot. We will again support LewCAS with our Food Collection, so please be generous if you are able to. After the service, we will also like to have a shared meal if you are willing and able to bring a favourite dish, please sign up on the list at the back.
3. **Christmas Cards:** the Christmas cards are ready. As part of our fund raising for the Organ, you can now buy them! 1 card costs £2, and 10 cards cost £15! Someone will be at the back selling them after the service.
4. **Pastoral Care Team:** we are still 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. **Breakfast Club Young Leaders:** The Breakfast Club is looking for any young leaders (15-18) who would like to get some volunteering experience working with young people (e.g., or DofE) at our monthly youth group. Please chat to Natasha or Aidan, or email: youth@stmargaretslee.org.uk.

CONCERTS

1. **'Patricia Williams and Friends':** on Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm. Local singers and musicians who have loved performing in St Margaret's, come together to support the organ fund. Music by Bach, Schumann, Quilter, Delibes and many others. Admission free, retiring collection for the Organ fund
2. **Journey through the Baroque:** on Saturday 17th October at 7.30pm. Simon Standage - Baroque violin, Silas Wollston - Harpsichord, will perform music by Bach and Handel, Couperin and Uccellini - and more. Tickets £25, £18 concessions. Also available on Eventbrite (here below) or at the door.



WHAT'S ON AROUND THE PARISH

1. **Midweek Services:** Monday to Thursday 9am, Morning Prayer takes place in the church and online, and we have a Lunchtime Eucharist in the church on Wednesday 12.30pm.
2. **Dacre Digs Community Gardening:** on Friday the 9th of October 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.

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:



6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG WITH CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S BLOOMSBURY

Leader: Jenny Standage

Introit: Occuli Omnium (Charles Wood)
The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season. Glory to Thee, O Lord. Amen.

Responses: Smith

Psalm: Ps 126 and 127

Old Testament Reading: Ez 37.15-end

New Testament Reading: 1 Jn 2.22-end

Setting: Collegium Regale (Charles Wood)

Anthem: Hear my words, ye people (C.H.H. Parry)

Hymns: 618, 377

Contacts

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Our Website: www.stmargaretslee.org.uk

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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 17

27th September 2026

8am BCP Holy Eucharist

10.30am Sung Eucharist

6pm Choral Evensong, with the Choir of St George Bloomsbury

8.00am BCP HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Manuela Schmucki

Preacher: Mark Turner

The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.**

First Reading: Philippians 2.1-13

Second Reading: Matthew 21.23-32

10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Manuela Schmucki

Preacher: Mark Turner

Children's church runs in the crypt for school age children. They go downstairs together just after the start of the service and will return to families during communion. Please bring your child down to register if attending for the first time. If you have a younger preschool age child, they are very welcome to join in but must be accompanied.

If you have a young child who needs a break, we have a creche room downstairs in the crypt (go through the doors at the bottom of the stairs); feel free to come and go during the service.

Before the service: Lied (Louis Vierne)

Setting: Mass of St. Thomas (David Thorne)

Introit: 589(i)

First Reading: Philippians 2.1-13

Reader: Sandra Andrews

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;