

Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

May the Lord bless this reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 277 (omit v.4)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.33-end

Reader: Jane Hobbs

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Revd Manuela Schmucki

Anthem after the Sermon: A Gaelic Blessing (John Rutter)

Baptism of Ray and Huey Wilisch

We pray for:

Our Diocese: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Rosemarie our Interim Diocesan Bishop, Alastair Bishop of Woolwich, Manuela our Rector, for St Mary, Newington and Mothers’ Union in Zimbabwe

The World Church: The Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Episcopal Anglicana Church do Brasil

The World: for all the places marked by several devastating wars and regional crises, in the Middle East, in Sub-Saharan Africa, and in Europe

The Environment: for all of us to genuinely care for the land, the waters, and all the creatures that rely on them. Let our actions protect the vulnerable, both human and animal, who suffer when nature is neglected.

The Community: for all doctors, nurses, therapists, families, and friends who walk alongside those dealing with heavy weights of depression, stress, trauma, and fear.

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. Lord calm their anxious fears and

give them strength and healing, may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body.

The Departed: Sister Christine, Revd George Bush, Alyson Bond, Bogdan Cengher

Year’s Mind: Dorothea Fisher, David Gray, Freddie Jackson

Offertory: 112 (omit v.6)

Anthem at Communion: We shall walk through the valley (Undine Smith Moore)

Black history month: Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989), known as the Dean of Black Women Composers, was an American composer and influential music educator whose work drew heavily on African American spirituals and folk traditions

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen.**

The Notices are read.

Recessional: 432

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on ‘Dies sind die heiligen zehn Gebot’ (BWV 678) (J.S. Bach)

A Year of Bach: The Gospel for today asks which is the greatest commandment. This prelude is on a hymn setting of the Ten Commandments. The hymn is presented in canon, a pun on the synonyms of law and canon. The piece has ten sections over 60 bars.

NOTICES

1. **Alyson Bond Funeral:** Sadly, Alyson Bond passed away on 21st of September. Her funeral will be held at St Margaret on 12th of October at 2.30pm, the family invites the congregation of St Margaret to the wake at the Clarendon, following the funeral.
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.
6. **Dacre Digs Community Gardening:** next 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.

CONCERTS

1. **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 (QR code below) or at the door.



2. **The Organ at St Margaret's concert:** on Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm. A celebration of the Organ and its music, by the Organists of St Margaret's: Duncan Atkinson, Yui Hanada, Tilly Fawcner Jones, David Knight, Jenny Standage. Free entry, retiring collection. All proceeds go to the St Margaret's Organ Fund

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 SAID EVENING PRAYER

Leader/minister: Roger Thomas

Psalm: 136

Old Testament Reading: Proverbs 2.1-11

New Testament Reading: 1 John 2.1-17

Contacts

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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 18

4th of October 2026

8am BCP Holy Eucharist

10.30am Choral Eucharist with Baptism

6pm Said Evening Prayer

8.00am BCP HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Adam Scott

The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 3.4b-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21.33-end

10.30am CHORAL EUCHARIST WITH BAPTISM

Celebrant: Revd Manuela Schmucki

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.

The setting for today is Gloria from the Wiltshire Service (Richard Shephard). Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the Missa 'L'Hora Passa' (Ludovico da Viadana)

Introit: 386 (omit v.5)

The Collect

First Reading: Philippians 3.4b-14

Reader: Ben Mascall

Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.