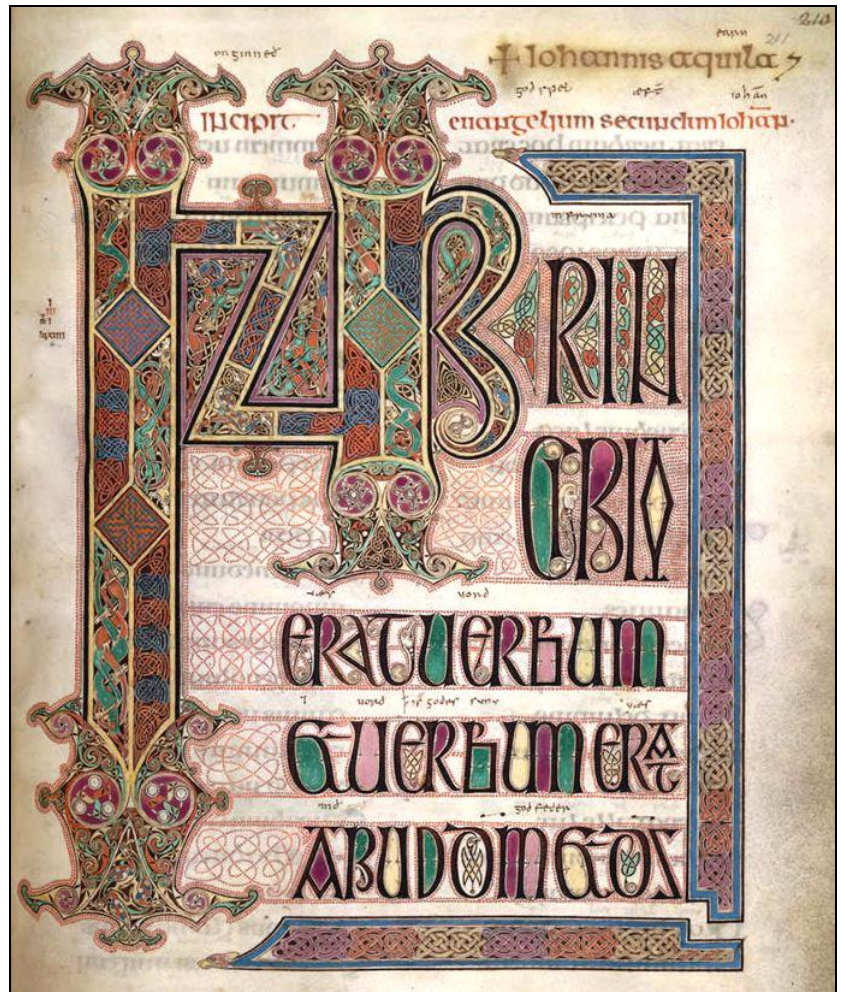


WELCOME to St Michael at the North Gate, City Church of Oxford. We are delighted that you are joining us today in this beautiful and historic church. Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Parish Room.

Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Lindisfarne Gospels, 8th-century England, folio 211 (Incipit of the Gospel of St. John)
IN PRINCIPIO ERAT VERBUM & VERBUM ERAT APUD D[eu]M & D[eu]S
[In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.]
in decorative capitals, with ligatured INP

*The flowers are offered to the greater glory of God,
by the Revd Jo Moffett-Levy in memory of her father Revd Patrick Moffett.*

✳ **BIBLES, MELODY & LARGE-PRINT HYMN BOOKS, & POINTED PSALTERS** with chants are available on request from the sidesperson.

✳ **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS ARE AVAILABLE AT COMMUNION.** Please indicate to the priest at the altar rail if you would prefer this option.



The church is equipped with a loop system for the benefit of those people who use a hearing-aid. Microphones will be in use during the service and you should move the switch on your hearing-aid to the T position in order to take full advantage of the loop.

SERVICES:

The congregation is invited to join in all items in **bold type**.

8:00 HOLY COMMUNION

Book of Common Prayer, p. 294

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10:30 SUNG HOLY COMMUNION

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Prelude *Sarabande in Modo Elegiaco* HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)

Mass *in d minor* RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872-1958)

2 Kings 2.1-12

Michael Caughey

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Sheila Wilkes

Mark 9.2-9

Sermon The Revd Jo Moffett-Levy

Motet *Aurea luce* [Golden light] CECILIA McDOWALL (b. 1951)

*Aurea luce et decore roseo, Lux lucis, omne perfudisti sæculum:
decorans cælos inclito martyrio. Hac sacra die, quæ dat reis veniam.*

*Light of light [Jesus], you have flooded every age with golden light and
rosy splendour, adorning the heavens with glorious martyrdom, on this
sacred day which pardons sinners.*

attrib. Elpis (c. 493), wife of the philosopher, Boethius

Voluntary *Pæan*

HERBERT HOWELLS

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1st Lesson - 2 Kings 2.1-12

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not

leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. *

2nd Lesson - 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ✱

Gospel - Mark 9.2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was

transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ✱

6pm CHORAL EVENSONG *at Lincoln College*

Sundays Jan 15th - Mar 4th (inclusive)

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NOTICES:

Please sign up to help with the Sunday morning Coffee Rota. Thank you!

✱ **MUSIC ON MONDAYS, 1pm - 1:40pm:** Bring your own sandwiches. Hot drinks provided courtesy of FairTrade@St Michael's. **February 20th: Richard MacKenzie, lute.**

✱ **ASH WEDNESDAY: Choral Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes, Wednesday 22nd February, 7:45pm.** *Music by Byrd, Tomkins and S. S. Wesley.*

✱ **OXCLEAN LITTER PICK NEEDS YOU!** Volunteers needed to help with the Oxclean litter pick on **Saturday 3rd March between 10.00 and 12.00 in East Oxford.** Our group will be coming from the *Faith in Action* city centre churches and the Mosque. Please see the Revd Jo Moffett-Levy to sign up.



✱ **FOOD FOR GATEHOUSE: Wednesday 14th March** is the second Wednesday in the month when we bring our gifts of food to the church for *Gatehouse*, the drop-in centre for Oxford's homeless. *All perishables must be brought on the day.*

We warmly welcome the following groups regularly every week: Oxford Centre for Spiritual Growth, Fellow (English Classes), Alcoholics Anonymous, The Oxford City Singers, OICCU International Welcome, & The Samaritans.

CHURCHWARDENS & SIDESPERSONS

	Churchwardens:	Sidespersons:
10:30 - 11:30	John Maddicott	Penelope Warner
18:00 - 19:00	[LINCOLN COLLEGE]	[LINCOLN COLLEGE]

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

MONDAY 09:00 - 09:30 Morning Prayer

WEDNESDAY	09:00 - 09:45	Morning Prayer
	13:15 - 13:45	Holy Communion (CW)
FRIDAY	09:00 - 09:30	Morning Prayer
	12:15 - 12:45	Holy Communion (BCP)
SUNDAY	08:00 - 08:30	Holy Communion (BCP)
NEXT BEFORE LENT	10:30 - 11:30	Sung Holy Communion (BCP)
	18:00 - 19:00	Choral Evensong at Lincoln College (Sundays Jan 15 to Mar 4)

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