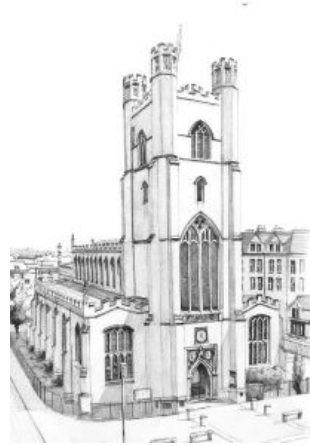


Great St Mary's eMag

16-31 Oct 2026: Issue 205



From the Associate Vicar



Dear Friends

Big Jumper Day (the day you first get your Big Jumper out of the cupboard) has been and gone, the early morning mist is back over the meadows, gold and brown replace green in the river's reflections, and the University term is well under way. The days shorten, and nights draw in, and very soon the candles in church will start to feel like more than just a symbol or a habit, and perhaps even like an act of spiritual resistance against the greying of the world, and a glimpse of something more comforting: a holy warmth and light that we will want to take

home with us, to keep us connected to the greater light of God.

In two weeks' time, on 1st November, we will mark the feast of All Saints in the morning, reminding ourselves that we are not alone, but surrounded 'by so great a cloud of witnesses' that we can run the race that is set before us, whatever that may be; and as we draw near to the hours of darkness, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed – All Souls. There will be many candles lit that evening, for the many people whom we have loved, and love still, but see no longer, and in the warmth and light of the little flames that flicker with the rise and fall of the music, find comfort for our losses, and find the faith to commend our departed loved ones to the greater light of heaven.

As the year turns, and the seasons change, may we find that God is present to us in everything that brings us warmth and light, and yes, even in the twilight, too.

Every blessing

Ally

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Deadline for submissions for the next eMag TUES 27 OCT

Livestreaming of Services

Live and past services can be accessed via the Great St Mary's YouTube page on <https://www.youtube.com/c/greatstmarys>

Please note: If you have any comments regarding the on-line live-streaming, please email office@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Worship Schedule

October services - see [website](#) for details

Sunday 18 Oct - Trinity 20

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist with Children's Church
- **11.30am** University Sermon - The Rt Revd Martin Seeley of Jesus College, former Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, sometime principal of Westcott House
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Sunday 25 Oct - Trinity 21

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (no Children's Church - half term)
- **4pm** Evening Prayer
- **5.50pm** Peace Vigil

Sunday 1 Nov - Trinity 22

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist with Children's Church
- **11.30am** University Sermon - Commemoration of Benefactors
- **4pm** Requiem Eucharist for All Souls

Regular Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** in Michaelhouse - followed by soup lunch
- Tuesdays - 6.00pm **Choral Evening Prayer** (not 27 October - half-term)
- Wednesdays - 12.30pm **Holy Communion** in GSM
- Thursday - 7.00pm **Heartsease** (SCM) in Michaelhouse - 15 and 29 October

Fri 16 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert



Lunchtime Concert: 1-2pm

Piano four-hands: Flora Tzanetaki & Kristin Loretta Barone

Schubert *Fantasie in F minor, D. 940 (Op. 103)*

Mozart *Andante and Five Variations in G major, K. 501*

Brahms *Souvenir de la Russie, and Six Fantasies for Piano*

Four Hands

stevon the well wisher *Ultra Violet Suite*

Free entry, with retiring collection toward the educational work of the Great St Mary's Music Department.

Sat 17 Oct - Men's Breakfast



9.00am in Michaelhouse (and women are welcome too!)
Starting with Communion in the Harvey de Stanton Chapel
(Michaelhouse)
Followed by breakfast in the Montefiore Room.

All are welcome - you can just turn up.

Please contact office@gsm.cam.ac.uk for more information.

Saturday 17 October



Saturday Prayers for Daily Life

A short and simple service
to pray for God's blessing
for ourselves, for one another,
and for the world.

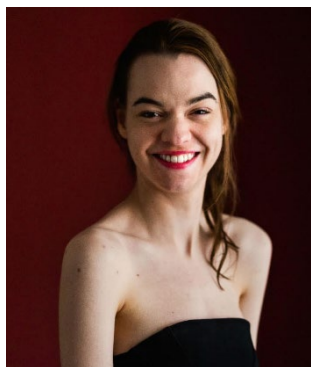
Everyone welcome.

Monthly on Saturdays at 11am
in Great St Mary's Church:
17 October
14 November
12 December



Great St Mary's is an Inclusive Church, a Fairtrade Church, and a Silver Eco-Church.
www.greatstmarys.org

Sat 17 Oct – Friends of Michaelhouse Concert



1.00-2.00pm Michaelhouse, Trinity Street, Cambridge

Gayle Walker (soprano)

Legrand *Where is it Written (from Yentl)*

Legrand *Le Cinéma*

Legrand *On My Way to You*

Legrand *Papa Can You Hear Me (from Yentl)*

Nazareth *Brejeiro*

Kosma *Les Feuilles Mortes*

McVie *Songbird*

Mancini *Charade*

Tommasi *Danny's Blues*

Kern *All The Things You Are (from Very Warm for May)*

Coleman *He's No Good (from The Life)*

Bernstein *Somewhere (from West Side Story)*

Soprano Gayle Walker

Piano Nicolò Pierini

21 November Anne Marsh Penton piano pupils

12 December St Augustine's Singers Christmas concert

19 December Double & Squeak

All are very welcome to come to these concerts, they are free of charge, with a leaving collection in aid of the Michaelhouse Singers.

Sunday 18 October

University Sermons

in Great St Mary's
2026-7



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Sunday 18 October at 11.30am

The Rt Revd Martin Seeley

of Jesus College, formerly Bishop of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich, sometime Principal of Westcott House

The next University Sermon
Sunday 1st November
at 11.30am
The Lady Margaret sermon
for the Commemoration
of Benefactors

Members of the University
should wear academical dress.
University Sermons are followed
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Scan the QR code to
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University Sermons.



With music from Downing College
Choir, directed by Louisa Denby



Sunday 18 October

Rooted

A group for people in their 20s & 30s, exploring how to find rootedness in times of change and growth.

Sunday 18 Oct, 3.30-4.45pm

Sunday 15 Nov, 2.30-3.45pm

Sunday 13 Dec, 2.30-3.45pm

Tea & conversation in Michaelhouse, followed by Choral Evensong in Great St Mary's if you'd like to stay.



Tues 20 October (not 27 October)

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

at Great St Mary's

Tuesdays

during term time

at 6pm

Sung by the
Probationary and
Junior Choristers
of Great St Mary's



The GSM music programme offers a musical education to over 85 children from local schools, age 6 to age 18.
Find out more: greatstmarys.org/music

Tuesday 20 October

Something Understood



‘Something Understood’, the GSM Poetry Group

Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm

At 3, Adams Road, Cambridge CB3 9AD

Our Theme will be ‘Justice and Mercy’

Any questions, or if you need a parking place, please contact:

juliet@jmcj.org

Thurs 22 Oct - Read, Mark, Learn

Read Mark Learn will meet virtually on Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m. to study one of the lectionary readings for the following Sunday’s Choral Eucharist.

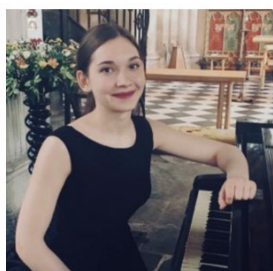
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Meeting date	Passage
22 October	Mt. 22.34-end
29 October	NO MEETING

Fri 23 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert 1-2pm



Cambridge Chamber Ensemble

Handel *Sonata in F for violin & keyboard*

Beethoven *Sonata for piano & violin Op 24 ‘Spring’*

Wieniawski *‘Chanson polonaise’*

Rachmaninoff *‘Vocalise’*

Fauré *‘Berceuse’*

Monti *‘Czardas’*

Stephen Foster violin

Anastasia Matkovskaia piano

Anastasia Matkovskaia joined Highgate Ballet School in April 2023. In 2025 she was selected to join the Ballet Accompanist Associates’ Programme at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Free entry, with retiring collection toward the educational work of the Great St Mary’s Music Department.

Sunday 25 October

SILENT VIGILS FOR PEACE



Peace in the world
in our communities
in our homes
in our hearts & minds

Monthly on Sundays
Senate House Hill
(outside the west door
of Great St Mary's)

This time and space is offered to any and all who would value the opportunity to spend a moment of reflection or prayer alongside others.

This is a silent vigil:
there are no speeches or prayers said aloud.

All are welcome:
Any faith or none.
You are welcome whether you stay for just a moment or for longer.

Please be mindful
of one another's safety,
and keep the road clear.

Dates for 2026-7

25 October	5.30-6pm
22 November	5.30-6pm
24 January	5.30-6pm
28 February	5.30-6pm
11 April	6.30-7pm
16 May	6.30-7pm
13 June	6.30-7pm
18 July	6.30-7pm

Please check for date/time changes
greatstmarys.org.uk/whats-on



Monday 26 October



OCTOBER HALF-TERM CRAFT MORNING

FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR
GROWN-UPS

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER
GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH
(OPPOSITE SENATE HOUSE)

10:30AM - MIDDAY

AUTUMNAL CRAFTS, CELEBRATING
THE NATURAL WORLD.

Email nataliel@gsm.cam.ac.uk
for more information.



£2 PER CHILD

UNDER 2s GO FREE

Fri 30 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert 1-2pm

Due to unforeseen circumstances our previously scheduled artist cannot perform on this date; please check online for details of today's performance

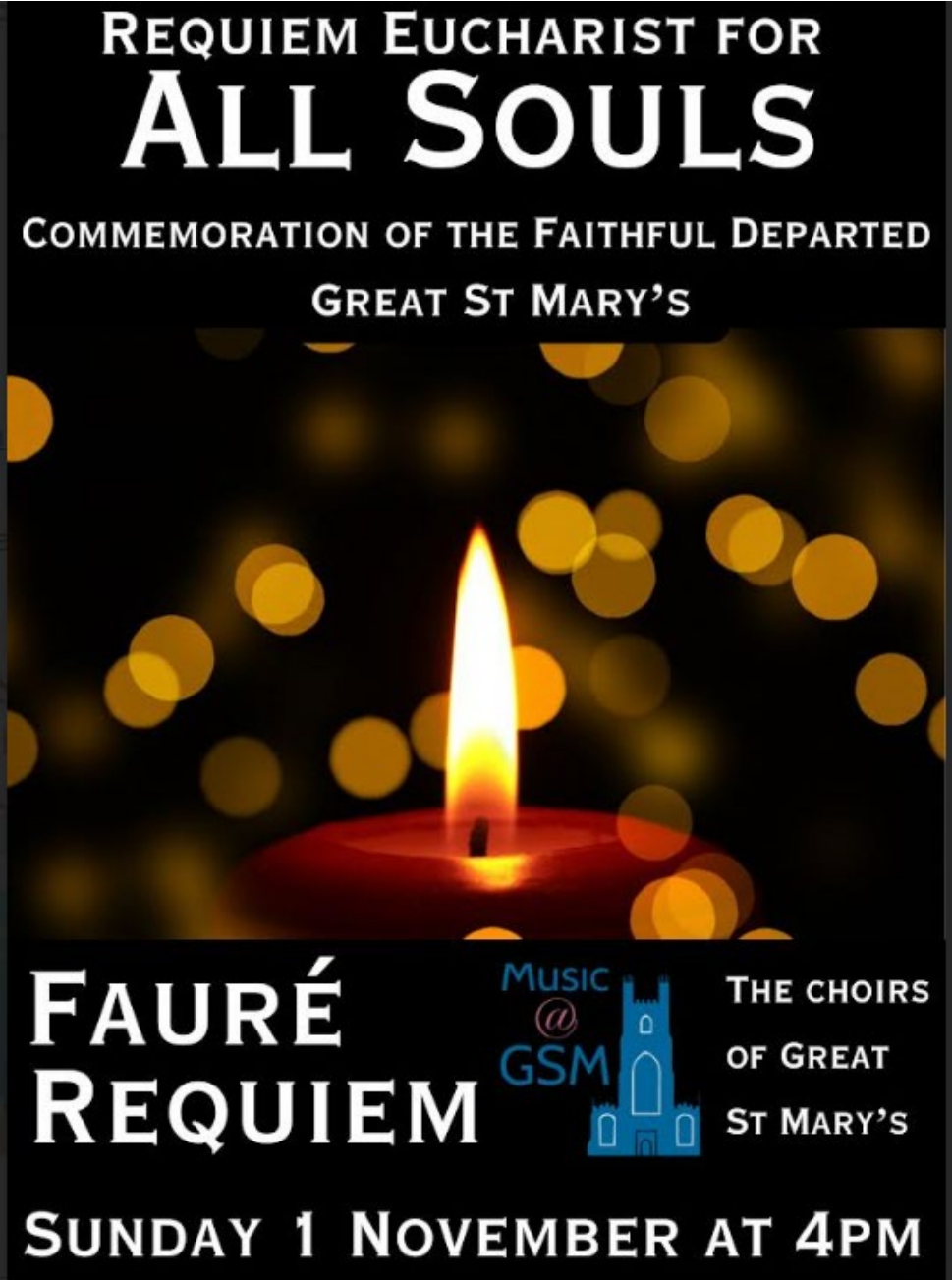
<https://www.cambridgeconcerts.com/> or <http://greatstmarys.org/lunchtime-recitals>

Free entry, with retiring collection

Sunday 1 November

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REQUIEM EUCHARIST FOR
ALL SOULS
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
GREAT ST MARY'S



**FAURÉ
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MUSIC
@
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THE CHOIRS
OF GREAT
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SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER AT 4PM

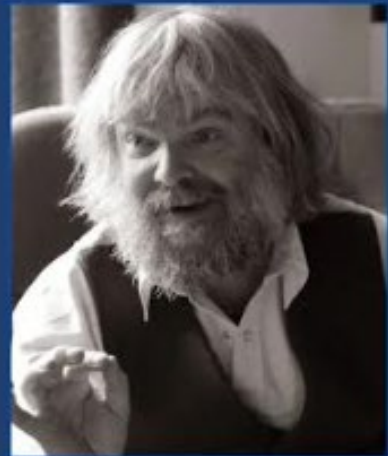
Sunday 1 November

University Sermons

in Great St Mary's
2026-7



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Sunday 1 November at 11.30am **The Lady Margaret's Preacher** **Comemoration of Benefactors** **The Revd Dr Malcolm Guite**

Fellow of Girton College and member of Pembroke College

The next University Sermon
Sunday 24th January 2027
at 11.30am

The Revd Canon Dr Jamie
Hawkey, Canon Theologian
of Westminster Abbey,
Chaplain to HM the King.

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Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE



Stewardship

Stewardship - How to support the ministry of Great St. Mary's

A huge Thank You to everyone who gives of their time, talents and money supporting the ministry and mission of Great St Mary's – those of us entrusted with the leadership of our Church are extremely grateful to everyone who is part of Great St Mary's and enables us to be a vibrant, welcoming, prayerful, inclusive Christian presence in the centre of Cambridge, with people of all ages and from many walks of life and nationalities. In the last couple of years, we have invested in developing our music department, our clergy team and our children's and youth ministry. We are improving our buildings, to make them more accessible. Great St Mary's receives no government or wider church funding; we rely on the generosity of those who are part of our church and regular giving is absolutely vital for all that we do.

Information on 'how to get involved' and 'how to give', including legacies, is available in the back of Church and online: the 'Time and Talents' form on the website [Time and Talents | Great St Mary's](#) and information about how to give [How to Donate | Great St Mary's](#).

We are especially looking for volunteers to help with livestreaming, digital presence, admin and choir



stewarding. As a way of regular giving, I commend the Parish Giving Scheme to you, as it's easy to administer and claims tax back for our church on a monthly basis. Please, do speak to the clergy, our church wardens or our stewardship advisor, Andrew Watson if you have any questions.

Our stewardship prayer: *Loving God, you are always with us and give us all we need to be your Church. Help us, we pray, to give as we have received: abundantly, generously, and joyfully, that our worship and service may bear witness to your Kingdom of unfailing love. In the name of your Son who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, Vicar; Margaret Johnston & Fiona Cornish, Church Wardens

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care and Prayer at Time of Need

Pastoral Visits and Home Communions

If you would appreciate a pastoral visit at home or to receive prayer (either by the Home Intercessors group or as part of the intercessions in GSM services) please do talk to one of the ministry team either in person or contact them via email on clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Please know that **you can request a visit from one of the clergy who would be delighted to share Holy Communion with you and your loved ones at home.**

If you would like to know more about either the Home Intercessors or the Pastoral Care Groups from the point of view of joining either group, do please talk to Jutta or Ally (or send an email to clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

Funeral Plans

Many people find it helpful to think about their funeral wishes well in advance, and to talk to their family about this, or to a member of the clergy. To help you think about funeral planning please feel welcome to download this [Funeral Wishes Form](#) and use it to record your thoughts. When you are ready, please share what you have noted with your next of kin, and consider if you would like this to be shared also with the clergy team at Great St Mary's so that we can keep it safely for you.

In a pastoral emergency the phone number remains 01223 747277 (messages left on this number will be responded to within 24 hours.

Year's Mind

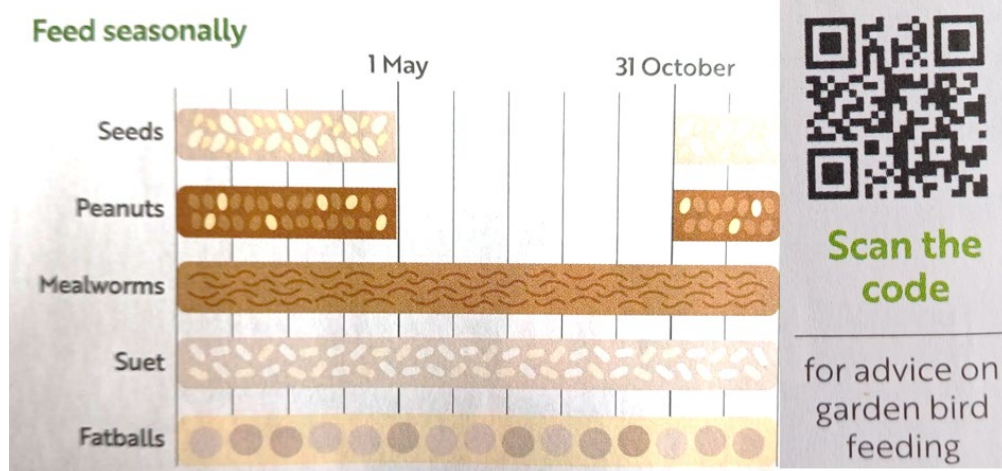
Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Muriel Kathleen Walker Legge	4 October
Richard Wright	5 October
Noel Chivers	5 October
David McRobb	7 October
Enid Boston	10 October
Evelyn Girling	10 October
Paul Austin	13 October
Didi Dakin	16 October
Alan Calvert	18 October
Canon Alan Heawood	19 October
Kitty Sandbach	20 October
Michael Mayne	22 October
Forbes Macpherson	29 October



Eco Tip - Feeding garden birds

By feeding seasonally and safely, we hope we can help to reduce the spread of [trichomonosis](#) and support our



garden birds to thrive. Advice from the RSPB is to wait until 1st November before putting out seeds and peanuts.

To learn more about the RSPB's latest guidance

on feeding garden birds, either scan the QR code above or go to the [RSPB's webpage](#).

Christmas Cards

Religious Christmas Cards - Once again these will be on sale at coffee on Sunday mornings with the price held at £2.50 for five cards. Of this, £1 per pack will go to support the Princess Basma Centre which continues to do remarkable and inspirational work with children with disabilities in Jerusalem, the West Bank and Gaza, under the auspices of the Diocese of Jerusalem, despite the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East.

The good news is that it will be possible to take card payments this year, though cash and cheques (payable to Great St Mary's) will still be welcome. They will be available on 25 October and 1 November but will take a break on Remembrance Sunday (8 November).



Wider Concerns Committee - Harvest Collection



Donations are invited for the following Harvest projects. See the [link here](#) and there will be WCC brown envelopes in the pews throughout October. Or you can scan the QR code.



Overseas project: Phoenix India is doing pioneering work with rural communities in poor remote areas in the Nagpur area of India, including the development of organic farming, water conservation and animal welfare.



Home-based – The [Red Hen project](#) provides wonderful support and community building for families in two deprived areas in north Cambridge where there are housing and cost of living pressures, poor mental health and isolation problems.

Music Marathon - Thank You

The Academy of Great St Mary's Music Marathon 10 October!

The orchestra had a wonderful Music Marathon day conducted by Adam Pounds, raising £2,000 for the pews project which has transformed the space between the nave and chancel for concerts, events, services and wheelchair users. The music included Mendelssohn's Hebridian Overture, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony and Beethoven's Symphony No.8 and was an excellent exercise in sight-reading! Many visitors sat and listened throughout the day and were most appreciative, they included a number of families with relatively young



children (possibly a good introduction to short spells of classical music). This event followed the "Come and Sing" of Haydn's Nelson Mass which the orchestra arranged (and played for) in May which raised another £1,000 for the pews project.

Coming Up....

Remembrance Sunday - 8 Nov

There won't be provision for children at the 10:50 service in GSM (though of course children are still very welcome to attend), but there will be at the 9:30 service in Michaelhouse: everyone will be together for the beginning of the service, then there will be Children's Church during the readings, sermon and prayers (in the cafe area), then the children will join the service again for communion.



The Eucharist on Remembrance Sunday Sunday 8 November

9.30am at Michaelhouse
with provision for children

The Civic Remembrance Service
is in Great St Mary's at 10.50am
(be seated by 10.40am)



A Service
of Remembrance
and Reconciliation

Sunday 8 November
at 10.50am

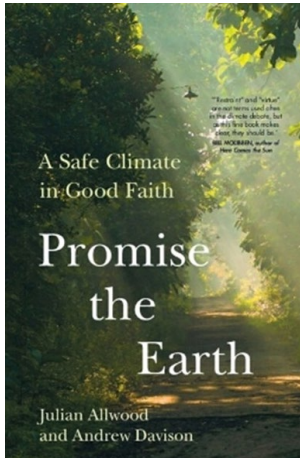
All are welcome
Please be seated by 10.40am

The Eucharist at Michaelhouse at 9.30am
(with provision for children) will end by 10.30am

Vicar's Reading Group

A monthly group to explore questions of faith and life

Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9pm at the Vicarage: 3 Nov, 8 Dec, 12 Jan, 9 Feb, 9 Mar



Book: Promise the Earth. A Safe Climate in Good Faith by **Julian Allwood**, Professor of Engineering and the Environment, Cambridge & **Andrew Davison**, Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford, CUP 2026.

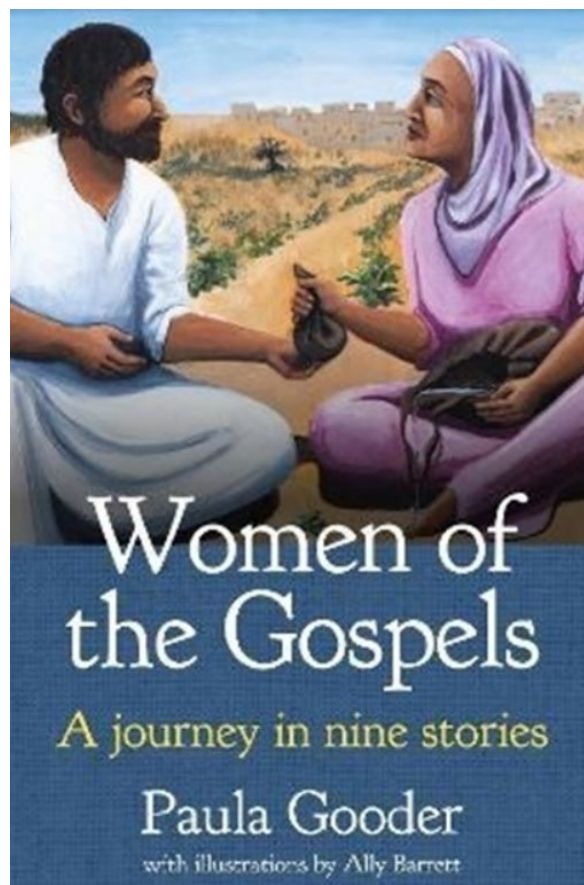
The book argues that saving the planet is neither a task for future technologies nor for world leaders alone. It is something all of us — especially those with comfortable lives — can and must do, now. The book alternates chapters on the physical, business and political options for climate action with chapters on the seven classical virtues: courage, justice, prudence, temperance, faith, love and hope.

This book may be of interest to anyone who has attended a People's Emergency Briefing screening and would like to explore with others how we can make a difference. Please, let Jutta know, if you are interested in joining the group by emailing juttatb@gsm.cam.ac.uk. Jutta would also like to hear from you, if you are interested in exploring this book, but can't make Tuesdays evenings or the dates when the group meets.

Elsewhere.....

Women of the Gospels

A [very favourable review](#) in the Church Times (9 October) for *Women of the Gospels: A journey in nine stories* by Paula Gooder, illustrated by our own Ally Barrett



Litter Pick - Mill Road Cemetery

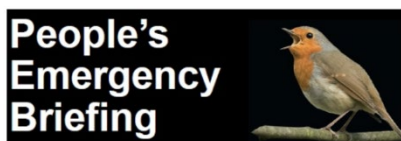


Mill Road Cemetery is off Mill Road in Cambridge. Since 2001 the cemetery has been protected as a Grade ii listed site. Ten city parishes, including Great St Mary's, share the cemetery although all plots are now full. The cemetery's management committee organise monthly volunteer litter picks. You would be very welcome to join them.



People's Emergency Briefing - Tues 17 Nov

Tuesday 17 November, 19.00-21.00. Frankopan Hall, West Court, Jesus College. In-person.



In collaboration with Wildlife Trust BCN and Pickled: Preserving Humanity, the Intellectual Forum invites you to a screening of the [People's Emergency Briefing](#) - a 50-minute documentary film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts. The film will be followed by a 45-minute workshop to help us find the agency and the courage to take meaningful environmental action.

[Register for a free place.](#)

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Great St Mary's offers a range of groups and activities for children from birth to 18.

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Great St Mary's has a long and rich tradition of music, with six choirs, two pipe organs, an orchestra and weekly concerts.



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EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Great St Mary's regularly welcomes school groups and offers education outreach around heritage, faith and sustainability. To find out more visit www.greatstmarys.org/education



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