

Great St Mary's eMag

16-30 April 2026: Issue 194

From the Vicar:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! [1]



A huge Thank You to everyone who helped to make our Lent, Holy Week and Easter celebrations this year so special. The clergy and church wardens have received some wonderful feedback, such as 'what an amazing Easter! Thank you so much, it was glorious.' 'What a memorable three days of Easter, so uplifting, with such beautiful music from the choirs and inspiring preaching!' Thank you to our many volunteers, our music and operational staff and my clergy colleagues, who give so generously of their time, talents and energy working together in the service of God and God's people. A great deal of preparation goes into our services, and we couldn't do it without our wonderful team of volunteers. Easter happens when people of all ages, many nationalities and varied backgrounds come together to serve, to worship and seek God deeply.

The Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley inspired us with her insightful sermons and meditations, opening the scriptures for us afresh. At various points, she drew attention to Jesus asking the question 'for whom are you looking', inviting us to open our hearts and minds afresh to who Jesus is, and what his resurrection means.

In the four gospels we have a number of different stories describing the encounters between the risen Jesus and his disciples, including the women. In most of the stories it takes them a while to recognise Jesus, and then, in subsequent encounters, to grasp more fully who this risen Jesus is and what the resurrection might mean. I am struck that each Easter, certain stories resonate more deeply with me than others, and it is always a great joy to listen to others as they are talking about what has particularly touched them this Holy Week and Easter. The first disciples were trying to make sense of Jesus' death and resurrection, as they were talking to each other about what they had experienced. We do just the same, as we journey together, sharing our insights and reflections through Lent, Holy Week and Easter each year, entering more deeply into the mystery of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless each other, in the body of Christ, as we share our faith and our questions, as we love and serve one another and welcome all those who come to join us for our celebrations. For many, Jesus' words to Thomas are so encouraging: 'Have you trusted because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to trust'

[2]
We are now living in the fifty days of Eastertide; may it be a time for us to grow even more in trust and peace and joy.

Peace be with you,

Jutta

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, Vicar

[1] This drawing was created by the eight people who attended the 'Draw Near' Lent group this year. Each one contributed equally to the image, and we were delighted in what had emerged.

[2] The Greek word 'pisteuo' is usually translated as 'believe'. It also means 'trust', a translation which I prefer.

Please send any eMag contributions at least two weeks prior to publication, to news@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Bishops: Comings and Goings....and more



Bishop Dagmar's last service in the Diocese of Ely will be on Sunday, 3 May at 4pm, a Service of Choral Evensong in Ely Cathedral, and everyone is most welcome.

Her Service of Translation and Installation as Bishop of Edinburgh will take place in St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Saturday, 30 May,

11am. We keep Bishop Dagmar in our prayers, with much gratitude for her faithful and wise leadership as Bishop of Huntingdon since July 2019, and Acting Bishop of Ely since July

2023, wishing her every blessing for her new appointment in the Episcopal Church of Scotland.

Installation and Welcome Service for the 70th Bishop of Ely, The Rt Revd Sarah Clark is on 21 June, 3pm, in Ely Cathedral.

This will be a big festive service of Installation at the Cathedral, and a celebration of the beginning of Bishop Sarah's public ministry in our Diocese. We look forward to welcoming her, and details about how to obtain tickets to attend the service will be made available nearer the time. We will keep you posted. Please continue to pray for Bishop Sarah as she prepares to leave Durham and moves to Ely.

And, finally, the Dean of Ely Cathedral, the Very Revd Mark Bonney's last Sunday will be on 28 June at 10.30am. He has been a supportive friend to me in my role here and to Great St Mary's. Canon James Reveley has been appointed as Interim Dean from 1 August 2026.

APCM - Sun 10 May

Reminder: Thursday 23 April is the deadline for joining the Electoral Roll at Great St Mary's in time for the APCM. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is on Sunday 10 May at 11.30 am in Michaelhouse.

This is an important opportunity to hear about the mission and ministry of Great St Mary's, including a presentation of the annual accounts. The APCM is also an opportunity for those on the Electoral Roll to participate in elections for our Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC). We are delighted and grateful that both Margaret Johnston and Fiona Cornish are happy to stand again as church wardens, and Andrew Watson and Sally Vernon to continue as Assistant church wardens. There is one vacancy on the PCC, for which Andrew Watson is kindly volunteering, and we will also be electing three Deanery Synod representatives.

Please, do join the Electoral Roll, if you did not join it last year.

Electoral Roll applications, which can be made on paper or electronically, must be on the form specified. A copy of that form can be accessed on the GSM website ([Download and Electoral Roll form](#)) and paper forms are also available in GSM and in Michaelhouse. Completed forms should be returned to the GSM office, by hand or post, or by

email to office@gsm.cam.ac.uk, by Thursday 23 April at the latest. The revised Electoral Roll will be published on Friday 24 April, online and in hard copy in Great St Mary's and Michaelhouse. It will show names, but no other information, and will remain on display until the APCM. Only those whose names are included in this revised Electoral Roll will be entitled to stand for election or to vote at the APCM.

We know that many of you who worship regularly at Great St Mary's are not yet on the Roll, and we would like to encourage everyone who is entitled to join it. If you are baptised, aged 16+ and a regular worshipper at GSM, whether in person or online, you can be on the Electoral Roll. Please do not hesitate to contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Joanna Womack, or speak to the clergy or churchwardens, if you have any questions.

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

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

Sunday 19 April - Third Sunday after Easter

- 8am BCP Holy Communion
- 10am Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- 5pm Choral Evensong
- 6.30-7.00pm - Silent Vigil for Peace (outside the west door of GSM)

Sunday 26 April - Fourth Sunday after Easter

- 8am BCP Holy Communion
- 10am Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- 5pm Choral Evensong

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 10.30am The Ark, Children's Communion in Michaelhouse (term time)
- Tuesdays 5.45pm Choral Evening Prayer (term time)
- Wednesdays 12.30pm Holy Communion
- Wednesdays 7.45pm Choral Compline in Michaelhouse (term time)
- Thursdays 6.00pm Choral Evensong (term time)

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Sign up for our mailing list at greatstmarys.org/emag

Thurs 16, 23, 30 Apr - Chat, Play, Sing

Chat-Play-Sing meets on Thursdays at 10am in Michaelhouse for toddlers with their parents or carers.

Sat 18 Apr - Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast 9.00am
(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.

Sat 18 Apr - Michaelhouse Concert

Friends of Michaelhouse Concerts
Michaelhouse, Trinity Street 1-2pm



We welcome Phoebe Liu for a concert of piano music:

Ravel Oiseaux tristes
Beethoven Piano Sonata No. 30 in E major, Op. 109
Debussy Images, Book II (selections)

Free entry, retiring collection in aid of Michaelhouse Singers

Sun 19 Apr - Rooted

Rooted

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

NEXT SESSIONS

April 19th

May 10th and June 7th

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



Tues 21, 28 Apr- Choral Evening Prayer

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

Sung by the
Probationary
Choristers
of Great
St Mary's

**Great St Mary's
Tuesdays 5.45pm**

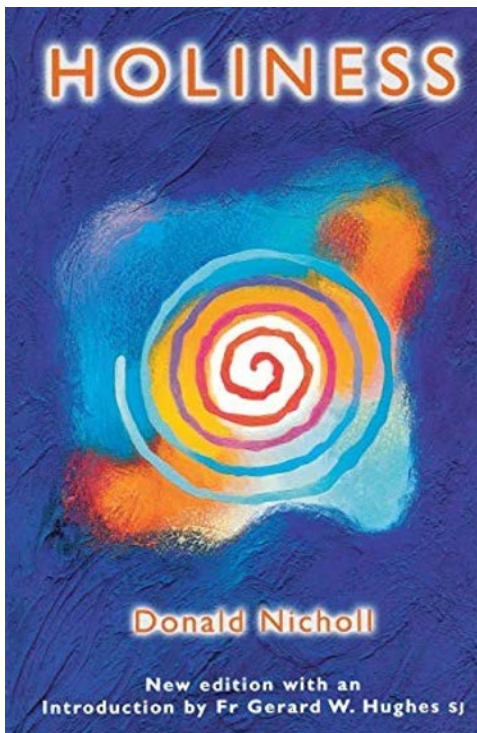
(term time)

The music programme at
Great St Mary's offers a
musical education to over
85 children drawn from
local schools, age 5 to 18.

To find out more:
greatstmarys.org/music



Tues 21 Apr- Vicar's Reading Group



Vicar's Reading Group : A monthly group to explore questions of faith and life

Tuesday evenings, 7.30 -9 at the Vicarage, 21 April, 19 May, 9 June, 7 July

Book: Donald Nicholl 'Holiness' DLT, 1981, 87, 2004 to stimulate our conversation and prayer,

'A certain feeling of absurdity comes over one on being asked to write a book on holiness', writes Donald Nicholl. Goodness cannot be produced by any kind of trick or technique. Moreover, who wants to be caught reading a book entitled Holiness? But people do read books on holiness, hoping to grow in holiness.' Donald Nicholl was Professor of History and Religious Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and from 1981 to 1985 Rector of the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research at Tantur, near Bethlehem, and subsequently became Senior Research Fellow at the Multi-Faith Centre, Selly Oak, Birmingham. He continued to be active in work for justice and peace until his death in 1997. 'The holy person is often presented as remote, perhaps afire with heavenly love

but not giving much warmth to the rest of us. Donald's book makes it clear that our relationship with God is to be found in the way we relate to one another in all our dealings.'

From the Introduction by Fr Gerard W. Hughes SJ

Please, let Jutta know, if you are interested in joining the group. Email:

sarahh@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Thurs 23 Apr - Michaelhouse 5.30pm

As part of our Public Theology programme at Great St Mary's, we are delighted to co-host two exciting book launches at Michaelhouse with Dr Marietta van der Tol, Landecker Lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity. Both books address aspects of current social and political forces in our world. We hope many of you will be able to attend.



Co-hosted with The University Church Cambridge
and Dr Marietta van der Tol (Landecker Lecturer)

The Story of Constitutions

Discovering the We in Us
with Prof Wim Voermans

**Thursday, April 23
5:30pm**

Michaelhouse, Trinity St,
Cambridge

Register on Eventbrite



Fri 24 Apr - GSM Lunchtime Concert : Tony Bridgewater and Frank Stubbs Great St Mary's, The University Church 1-2pm



Goedicke Concert Study
Bozza Lied
Bridgewater Trumpet Sonata
Baker Virtuosity
Mackereth Song 4 for Frank
Frank Stubbs Trumpet
Tony Bridgewater Piano

Free entry, with retiring collection

Sun 26 Apr - Michaelhouse 2.30pm



The Friends of Michaelhouse invite you to an afternoon of harp music at Michaelhouse, Trinity Street

Jo Wallace-Hadrill will demonstrate the harp and play for us, followed by tea.

All welcome. Please sign up by emailing office@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Mon 27 Apr - Michaelhouse 5.30pm

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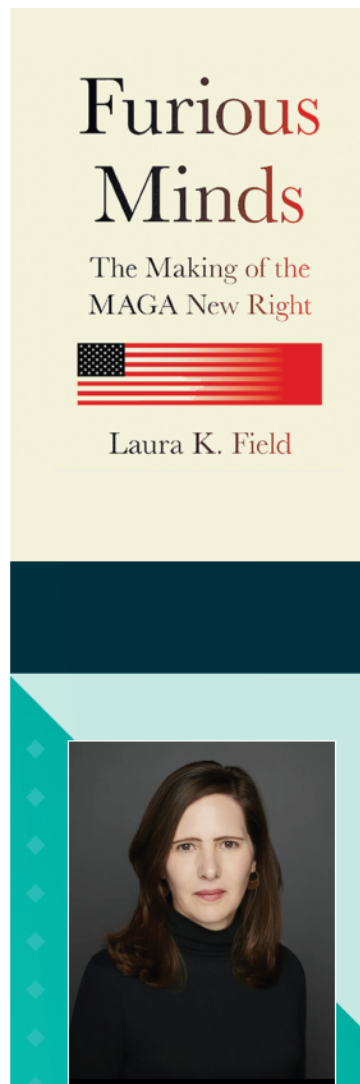
Furious Minds

The Making of the MAGA New Right
with Dr Laura K. Field

**Monday, April 27
5:30pm**

Michaelhouse, Trinity St,
Cambridge

Register on Eventbrite



Pastoral Care

Garden of Remembrance reopens



We are pleased to share that faculty permission has now been granted for the reopening of the Garden of Remembrance in the churchyard at Great St Mary's. As you know as a reader of our emag, Great St Mary's has long been a place where people come for prayer, worship, reflection and community. With foundations dating back to the 11th century, the church continues to serve both as the parish church for Cambridge and as the University Church. As well as an electoral role numbering over 200, Great St Mary's acts as a hub to the wider community of families, choirs and

volunteers who contribute so much on a regular basis and often over many years.

Over recent years, the clergy have received regular requests from members of the congregation and others closely connected with Great St Mary's who wish for their ashes to be interred in the churchyard, which had been a practice in recent decades. In the last year, the PCC decided to reinstate this practice by renewing the legal permissions and created a policy which includes clear eligibility criteria to enable us to manage the Garden of Remembrance well.

The designated area is the south-west lawn of the churchyard which is already beautifully enhanced with carefully planned new planting. A grid system designed by our church architect has allowed us to carefully record the details and locations of those already interred, and will ensure that each new interment is able to be recorded accurately alongside. A register will be kept in the Vestry with the previous and a new Book of Remembrance, so that families and the church can maintain a clear and lasting record.

The Garden of Remembrance will provide a peaceful place of reflection within the churchyard, enabling members of the Great St Mary's community and those with a strong connection to the church to be remembered in a place that has been central to their worship and faith.

Further information about eligibility and arrangements for interment are available from the church office, email office@gsm.cam.ac.uk or can be found on the PCC Policies page of the website.

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 Ally or Clare (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)

Clare Stephenson



Revd Clare Stephenson, Assistant Curate: Extended placement from June 2026

From this June onwards, Clare will be on an extended placement at St. Andrew's, Cherry Hinton, until the end of the year. This will give her an opportunity to experience a more conventional parish setting, given that Great St Mary's is a very specific parish with a large, gathered congregation, serving the University of Cambridge and the City. We do not have to say 'thank you and good-bye' yet. Clare will return to Great St Mary's in January for a short period, to complete her curacy here. We will sorely miss her. In the two years she has been with us, she has made such an enormous contribution to our worship, pastoral and spiritual care and many other

aspects of our church's life, including being our main Churchsuite administrator, having led the volunteer agreement process and instrumental in setting up the neighbourhood groups. Her last Sunday will be 17 May. Please, keep Clare and the ministry team in your prayers in these coming months.

Sharing Bread: Exploring Holy Communion



A number of children in the congregation would like to start receiving the bread at communion, which is lovely. At Great St. Mary's, the pattern has to be set aside a particular Sunday for children to take communion for the first time, and to offer a few sessions before that for the children to explore the theology and practice of Holy Communion together. This year these sessions will be called 'Sharing Bread.'

The First Communion Sunday will be Sunday 7th June, which will be an All Together service. And the Sharing Bread sessions will be after the 10 o'clock service on Sunday 19th April, Sunday 3rd May, and Sunday 17th May. Some children at Great St. Mary's have been receiving communion from a young age, especially those who attend[ed] The Ark - which is our Tuesday morning communion service for 0-5s and their parents/carers. That is lovely too! They are also very welcome - in fact, encouraged! - to sign up for the Sharing Bread sessions, so that they can think about Holy Communion some more as well.

The sessions will be suitable for any children in school years 1-6. If your child would like to attend the sessions, please register them here (<https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/-/forms/jb8wul67>). (If you have more than one child who would like to attend, you will need to fill in one form for each child).

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.

Richard Storey	3 April
Peter Meadows	2 April
Malcolm Clarke	5 April
Roger Hall	7 April
Simon Barrington-Ward	11 April
Malcom Edward Boston	10 April
Dido Whitehead	17 April
Baby Olivia	18 April
Denise Inge	20 April
Margaret Campbell	29 April



Service

Volunteer Needed



Great St. Mary's would love to hear from a volunteer with some graphic design expertise to support us for a one off project designed to improve our visitor experience - can you help? If so please contact office@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Stewardship: a huge Thank You!

We are very encouraged by the responses we have received to our recent Stewardship campaigns and want to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank You' to everyone who has responded with such generosity to our stewardship campaigns in the last year.

We have 15 new regular givers and 12 givers who increased their gifts. Our total number of regular givers stands at 108, of whom 38 give via the Parish Giving Scheme. 10 people newly signed up for the PGS in the last year. The average annual gift is £977 (£81 per month), which is very encouraging and gives us confidence that we can sustain our current level of ministry, which is enabling us to offer such wonderful worship, extensive pastoral and spiritual care, an excellent chorister programme, flourishing youth and children's ministry as well as responding to our calling as the University and civic church and offering visitor ministry.

Our aim is to raise our regular giving by £20000 this year, and we are making good progress. If you are not a regular giver already and pay taxes, please do consider joining the Parish Giving Scheme as it's the most efficient way for us to claim back tax for our church, and it enables

us to plan ahead.



**PARISH
GIVING
SCHEME**

Information on 'how to get involved' and 'how to give', including legacies, is available at 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](#) - with guidance on how to join the [Parish Giving Scheme](#).

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

Wider Concerns

The Wider Concerns Easter brown envelope collection will run through April and be divided equally between the 3 projects:



Proposed by Children's Church, the Middle East Humanitarian Appeal by DEC (the Disasters Emergency Committee brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of humanitarian crisis overseas).

The Gazan Christian hospital (the Al Ahli Hospital) supported by the Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association, Diocese of Jerusalem).

Romsey Mill - working with some of the most vulnerable young people and families in Cambridge, providing practical and emotional support, including for those with autism. They believe each individual has immense value and potential.

To donate, click on the [link here](#) or scan the QR code.

Christian Aid



Last year GSM was able to submit a whopping £2,000 to Christian Aid. This was courtesy of several events: tea/coffee parties, donations in church, the sale of cards and the regional service celebrating the 80th birthday of Christian Aid with Dr Rowan Williams as preacher.

The service this year will take place at St Andrew's Church, Cherry Hinton on Sunday 17 May at 4pm. There will be a Christian Aid speaker and refreshments will follow. All are welcome, so do make a note in your diary. In the meantime it is the time of year when I invite house groups and individuals to hold coffee or tea parties in aid of Christian Aid - gift envelopes provided. Gatherings can be held any time in May, or even into June, but I have to send all the money into HQ by the end of June. It would be lovely if some more individuals might perhaps gather neighbours and friends, maybe in the garden; it does not have to be church members only. I already have two offers of a date, which is very encouraging. If you would like to be invited, do let me know - lorna_atwell@hotmail.com - and I can team you up with a party near you.

As for the sale of cards...they will be available at a very reasonable £1 each at coffee during all the Sundays in May. Come prepared with a list of birthdays, anniversaries etc (and some loose change; no bank cards I'm afraid). There are also some lovely blank cards suitable for all occasions. I have paid for the cards myself so 100% of all sales will benefit Christian Aid directly and I am most grateful for your support.



Eco Tip - Earth Day and Repair Cafes



EARTH DAY - 22 APRIL

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970. The idea is to raise awareness about the importance of looking after the planet and the responsibilities we all share. The Church of England actively observes Earth Day and similar initiatives, integrating environmental stewardship with Christian faith to address climate change. Committed to a net-zero carbon target by 2030, the Church promotes ecological awareness through worship resources, education in schools, and practical actions like energy audits. There is so much we can all do as

stewards of God's creation. Here are just a couple of websites providing lots of information and ideas of how to live more sustainable lives:

[Church of England Environment Programme](#)

[Earth Day official site](#)



Do you need to repair an electrical appliance rather than buying a new one?

Choose a convenient repair cafe and book a slot.

[Warboys Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 18th April, 10am-1pm

[Histon Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 18th April, 2-5pm

[Willingham Repair Cafe](#) - Sun 19th April, 1-4pm

[Ely Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 25th April, 11am-2pm

[Whittlesford 2G3S Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 25th April, 2-5pm

[Soham Repair Cafe](#) - Sun 26th April, 10am-2pm

[Cambridge Room Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 2nd May, 9am-noon

[Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth Repair Cafe](#) - Sat 9th May, 2-5pm

[Abbey People Repair Cafe](#) - Sun 10th May, 1-4pm

[Burwell Repair Cafe](#) - Sun 10th May, 2-5pm

More news from Cambridge Carbon Footprint

Sat 18 April - CCF's monthly advice stall on Sustainable Living in the Grand Arcade (Ground Floor) 2-5pm

Sat 18 April - Abbey People Swish (free community clothes swap) 1-4 pm at East Barnwell Community Centre, Newmarket Road, CB5 8RS

Adult Choirs at Great St. Mary's



The Choirs of
Great St Mary's



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE



Sign up to audition

Scan the QR code or go to:
[greatstmarys.churchsuite.com
/-/forms/gb1m8uy4](https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/-/forms/gb1m8uy4)



From September 2026, we are changing the way adult singing works in the choirs of Great St Mary's. Currently, we have one adult choir, known as the back row, a group of committed and loyal volunteers many of whom have sung as part of our choir for decades. From September, this choir will be succeeded by two new ensembles, the Parish Choir and the Lay Clerks. All of our current choir members will continue to sing as part of one of these choirs, and the new arrangements will enable us to do three things: to bring more adult singers into GSM music-making, especially by involving adult sopranos as part of the choral foundation for the first time; to provide a better musical education to the choristers by allowing them to build a repertoire of high-quality SATB (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) music; and to offer SATB music at all Sunday services.

PARISH CHOIR

The Parish Choir will be an auditioned SATB Chamber Choir, made up of volunteer singers drawn from across the Cambridge area. It will sing independently and together with our teenage youth choir. The choir's repertoire will be broad and imaginative, encompassing both challenging and simple music drawn from all eras from the 16th Century to the present day. The Parish Choir will rehearse on Friday evenings (1900-2030) and will usually sing for one service each Sunday: the Eucharist, Choral Mattins, or Choral Evensong.

LAY CLERKS

The Lay Clerks will be Great St Mary's ATB adult singers. They will contribute to the musical education of our treble line by providing a superb back row. We hope that membership of the Lay Clerks will be especially appealing to recent graduates, postgraduate students, and junior academics who have grown out of the college choirs, and seek a low commitment and high quality singing experience, and have a vested interest in the growth of the next generation of musicians. The Lay Clerks will sing with the choristers once a week, rehearsing directly before the Eucharist or Choral Evensong. Once a month, the Lay Clerks stay behind after a service to

read through forthcoming tricky music.


Members of the congregation will hear both choirs regularly on Sundays, and several times a year all the choirs will join together to form the Full Foundation. Our Occasional Choir will continue to run in the same way as it does currently, providing music at services when there are gaps in the regular choirs' schedules. We have just started a recruitment campaign to attract new members to the Parish Choir and the Lay Clerks. Auditions will be held on 25 April and 9 May. If you know anyone who might be interested, please do direct them towards our website (<https://www.greatstmarys.org/adult-choirs>) or ask them to email Alexander Berry (music@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

Come and Sing - Sat 9 May

Fund-raising event for Great St Mary's arranged by the
Academy of Great St Mary's Orchestra
Saturday 9 May 2pm-4pm
Great St. Mary's, the University Church,
Cambridge
The Academy of Great St. Mary's
And the Stapleford Choral Society
'Come and Sing'
Haydn: *Nelson Mass*
5-6pm Performance.
Contact wardenm@gsm.cam.ac.uk

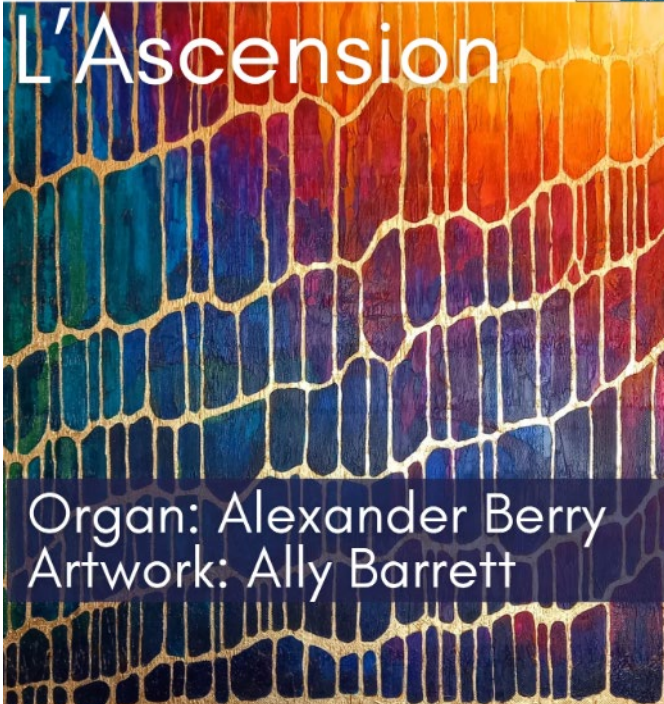


Messiaen L'Ascension - Sun 14 May

Messiaen 

L'Ascension

Organ: Alexander Berry
Artwork: Ally Barrett



Thursday 14 May at Great St Mary's
Artwork exhibition all day
Choral Evensong at 6pm ending with a
devotional performance of *L'Ascension*

Sponsored Walk from GSM to Ely- Sat 16 May



SPONSORED WALK FROM GREAT ST MARY'S TO ELY CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 16 May, the GSM choir is organising a sponsored walk from Great St Mary's to Ely Cathedral to raise money for our choir's summer tour to Denmark and Southern Sweden. We would welcome members of our congregation to take part, or indeed, to sponsor the walk.

If you'd like to take part, [here is some information](#). Please read it through carefully beforehand.

You can sign up to take part, using the [following form](#). Family members are most welcome to join too. We would like everyone taking part in the walk to find people to sponsor them. Our fundraising target is £2,500, of which £380 has so far been raised. The sponsored walk has the potential to raise a good amount of money, but is weather dependent. If you can encourage people to Gift Aid their sponsorship, it enables us to claim an additional 25p on every £1 pledged. Because the walk is weather dependent, please only take money after 16 May (unless your sponsor is happy to donate regardless of whether or not the the walk takes place);

Here is a [link to a sponsorship form](#) with more information:

If you would like to sponsor Alex Berry, Stanley Godfrey or another member of the music department, please email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk.

Benjamin Britten talk - Sat 16 May 7-9pm in GSM



Fund-raising event for Great St Mary's arranged by the Academy of Great St Mary's Orchestra

"Benjamin Britten and Peter Pears at the Red House: Shared Lives, Shared Legacy"?

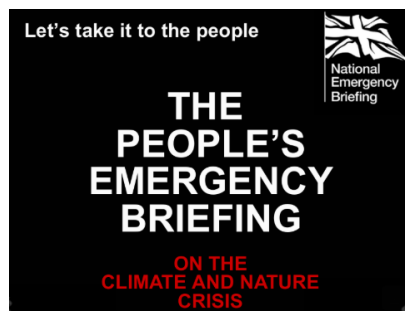
by Christopher Hilton

Head of Archive and Library, Britten Pears Arts followed by a wine reception and Q&A.

Contact wardenm@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Elsewhere...

Climate and Nature Crisis - Free Film



Free screening: The People's Emergency Briefing, 45 min film
Sat April 18th, 6-8.30pm Pembroke College Auditorium, 71-72 Trumpington Street

This film follows on from The National Emergency Briefing at Westminster last November when 10 of the UK's leading climate experts addressed an audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders on the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy and the consequent need for a WWII-scale

government response. The film will be shown nationwide from this month, and further dates will be added locally so there will be plenty of opportunities to see it. You can book on Eventbrite [here](#)

Symposium at St John's

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
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**PUBLIC FAITH
COMMON GOOD
CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER**
A Day Symposium

Tuesday
21 July 2026
10am - 4pm
in the Old Divinity School

with
Rowan Williams, Guli Francis-Deqhani,
Nick Spencer, Anna Rowlands,
Alison Webster, Anderson Jeremiah,
Rob Wickham and Malcolm Brown

CHURCH TIMES

The Church of England
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