

Great St Mary's eMag

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From Juliet Jackson

The Planting in the Garden of Remembrance and What it Means

For centuries, prayer has soaked into the very stones of our church, and sanctified it and made it a place of holiness. As you know (see eMag article from 15 April, 'Garden of Remembrance Reopens', by Kate Baird, Operations Manager) the Diocese has recently granted the church a faculty to make the southwest corner of our churchyard (nearest King's Parade) our official 'Garden of Remembrance', where ashes may be buried. So, members of the GSM community may now, if they wish, have their ashes buried beside this church, that has been central to their faith and worship. We have given much thought

to what a Garden of Remembrance is for, and how we might plant the area in such a way to express this and give meaning to it.

First, it is a final resting place. The association between burial and gardens goes back a long way, even to the first appearance of the resurrected Christ to Mary, in the garden by his tomb, where Mary mistook Christ for the gardener. With the hope of resurrection in mind, a small deciduous tree, an Amelanchier, has been planted in the middle of the garden (see photo).

During winter it will appear dead in its dormancy, but in spring it will burst into life with white blossom.

After each Eucharist Service at GSM, while the organ voluntary is being played, the president prays with the altar party and the choir. This prayer always ends: 'May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of Christ, rest in peace, and rise in glory.' To reflect this, we want the Garden to feel that it is a place of peace.

With the dark evergreen of the yew and holly, we have added softer grey leaved plants, like *Elaeagnus* 'quicksilver' (in flower right now), *Teucrium*, a grey leaved *Buddleia*, and *Caryopteris*. The colour scheme of the area has been kept restful and simple, apart from a few pops of colour. Blues and whites will predominate. The two standard roses, against the church (just coming into flower) are named 'Tranquility'.

As gardeners, we honour the dead by creating an environment which reflects our resurrection hope and the peace we pray for them. We choose plants, and nurture them as best we can. Extraordinarily, in the inevitable cycle of life and death, the ashes buried here nurture all that grows in the garden too. In a way, the departed are fellow gardeners with us, and help to make their final resting place one of fruitfulness and beauty. This thought is expressed by Wendell Berry, in his poem, *'Enriching the Earth'*: *'After death, willing or not, the body serves,/entering the earth. And so what was heaviest/and most mute is at last*



raised up into song.'

But our Garden of Remembrance is for the living too. We need a place where, even amidst the bustling city, with graduations and demonstrations and tourists just beyond the railings, we might reflect and remember with love those who have gone before us. So there is Rosemary (for remembrance) and Forget-me-nots, and hopefully, as the summer comes some white lilies will bloom. We too need a place where we can be at peace, where we can remember Christ's comforting words: *'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.'* When you next have a chance to spend a few minutes in our new Garden of Remembrance, think of all the people you do not know, who have been buried in this place. Remember with love the people you have known who have gone before you.

Pray this wonderful prayer by James Atwell:

Eternal God, you call us to live beautifully and to die hopefully.

As our life is a response to your call, may we know your summons in death.

You give us intimations of your paschal mystery in the rhythm of pain and blessing in our lives.

Give us the fruition of your resurrection Sabbath in the world that awaits us.

To be known by you in our earthly pilgrimage will be to know you in heaven where is our arrival.

Amen



Clockwise from top left: *Amelanchier in flower; Elaeagnus 'quicksilver' in flower (highly scented); Caryopteris; Forget-me-not; Rosemary; Rosa 'tranquility' just coming into flower.*

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

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

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

Sunday 24 May - Pentecost

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- **5pm** Choral Evensong - visiting choir Ferrabosco Singers
- **6.30pm** Peace Vigil

Sunday 31 May - Trinity Sunday

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (no Children's Church - half term)
- **11.30am** University Sermon – The Rt Revd Dr Paul Swarup, of Clare College, Bishop of Delhi, Church of North India (Ramsden Preacher), Scarlet Day
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Regular Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube (**not on 25 May - Bank Holiday**)
- 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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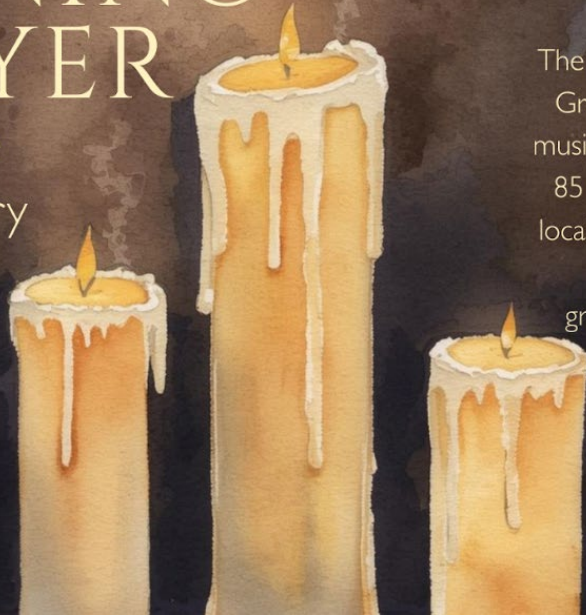
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News & Events

Tues 19, 26 May - Choral Evening Prayer

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

Sung by the
Probationary
Choristers
of Great
St Mary's



Great St Mary's Tuesdays 5.45pm

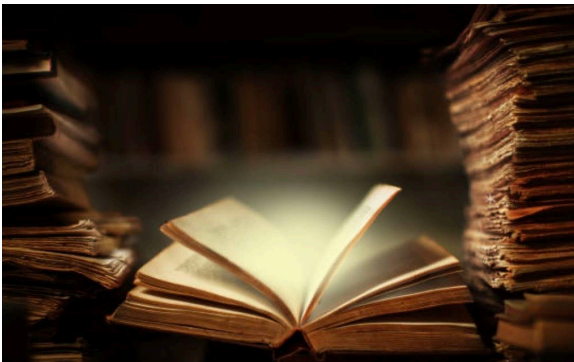
(term time)

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 19 May - Something Understood



Tuesday 19th May 7.30-9.00pm

106 Coleridge Road, Cambridge CB1 3PR

Please note the new Address for this meeting!

This time, there will be no theme, but a Free Choice

So, bring your favourite poem to share if you would like to.

Everyone is welcome.

Contact Margaret Ingram: m.ingram106@gmail.com
if you have any questions, or if you'd like a parking space.

Future Date:

Tuesday 9th June. Theme: Gardens and Paradise. Venue: 97 Queen Edith's Way, CB1 8PL

Wed 20 May - Compline and Hot Chocolate



COMPLINE AND HOT CHOCOLATE

For young people in school years 10 – 13

Once a month on Wednesday evenings in Michaelhouse

7:45pm for Compline*, followed by hot chocolate and conversation from 8:10 'til 9pm

An opportunity to explore questions of life and faith in a relaxed and open way

For everyone, whatever their relationship to Christian faith: sceptical, committed, doubtful, hopeful, confused, hurt, interested etc...

With Rosie, our Children's and Youth Minister (rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

Dates for this term:

Wednesday 22nd April - Wednesday 20th May - Wednesday 10th June

**Compline is a beautiful, reflective service sung by the youth choir. It's candlelit, short!, and there's nothing you need to join in with: you can just sit and let the music wash over you.*

If you're thinking of coming, please scan the QR code to fill in a short form with your details, or follow this link: <https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/-/forms/xnykpvgu>

And do get in touch with Rosie if you'd like to find out more.

Thurs 21, 28 May - Chat, Play, Sing

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

Thurs 21 May - 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. For more information, contact davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84052562470?pwd=SWJnZ1dCcFFOTzRWdll4WGhpSG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

Passcode: 876406

Meeting date	Passage
7 May	Acts 17.22-31
14 May	NO MEETING
21 May	Acts 2.1-21
28 May	NO MEETING

Fri 22 May - Lunchtime Concert
Great St Mary's, 1-2pm



Alison Daniels - Soprano
Alex Berry - Piano

Alison Daniels studied music at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and singing at the Royal Northern College of Music, where she held the Frances Furness Scholarship. She worked during her early career with the BBC Daily Service Singers and has appeared as a soloist with the Hallé Orchestra, Manchester Camerata and the Britten Sinfonia. She has sung at the Rydale Festival, Buxton Opera Festival, in oratorio at Chichester, Ely, Lichfield, Derby and St Edmundsbury cathedrals, and is a regular recitalist. In 2019 Alison was installed as the first female alto lay clerk at Ely Cathedral.

1. *My love is mine* - Jonathan Dove (unaccompanied)
2. *The Blessed Virgin's Expostulation* - Purcell
3. *Wenn ich mit Menschen und mit Englen* - Brahms
4. *King David* - Howells
5. *God made a tree* - Rebecca Clarke
6. *How are thy servants* - Gareth Treseder
7. *Hope Gareth* - Treseder
8. *Komm Süsster* - Tod Bach

Free entry, with retiring collection

Fri 29 May - Lunchtime Concert

Great St Mary's, 1-2pm

Cambridge Chamber Ensemble - A Clarinet/Viola/Piano recital



Colin Lawson - clarinet

Stephen Foster - viola

Thomas Kelly - piano

Award-winning pianist Thomas Kelly is the current Benjamin Britten Fellow at the Royal College of Music, where he was recently honoured with the Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother Rose Bowl. Since his concerto debut at age nine, he has established himself as a formidable international performer, earning top prizes including at the Leeds International Piano Competition. Read his [full profile here](#).

Professor Colin Lawson has an international profile as a period clarinetist and has played principal clarinet in most of Britain's leading period orchestras. He is described as 'the doyen of period clarinetists' (BBC Music Magazine). Read his [full profile here](#).

Mozart: 'Kegelstatt' Trio for clarinet/viola/piano K498

Mendelssohn: Clarinet Sonata in E flat major – 'Andante'

Glinka: Viola Sonata (one movement)

Robert Schumann: 'Fairy Tales' for Clarinet Trio Op 132

Free entry, with retiring collection

Sat 30 May Pastoral Care Talk

Feeling weary, overwhelmed, or simply curious to learn more about rest? You are warmly invited to the upcoming pastoral care talk, where we'll explore how to nurture healthy rhythms of rest in a busy world. Charlotte will share insights from her eight-month sabbatical and reflect on how her Christian faith has shaped her understanding of rest. There will also be simple activities to help us notice new ways of resting in God's presence.

All are welcome. Entry is free of charge and no need to book, but for more details, email Ally on allyb@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Sabbath Rest

**Resting in God's presence
in the midst of a busy life**

**Saturday
30 May 2026
11am - noon**

Michaelhouse Chancel
coffee/tea from 10.30am

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Led by Charlotte Labalette

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Pastoral Care



This is the final talk in the 2025-6 Pastoral Care Series.
To find out about the 2026-7 series of talks,
visit www.greatstmarys.org/pastoral-care
or email clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk



Sun 31 May - Occasional Choir



Do you enjoy singing church music but cannot currently commit to a weekly rehearsal and services? Then the Occasional Choir might be for you. On 31 May we will form the choir for the 10am Choral Eucharist in Great St Mary's. Rehearsal 9.00am. Please contact Stanley Godfrey stanleyg@gsm.cam.ac.uk if you would like to know in advance what we shall be singing. If not, just turn up on the day with your best sight-reading hat on!

Pastoral Care

Christian Aid



Thank you to those who have already donated to Christian Aid. It is not too late to donate! The Bonhoeffer group have kindly offered to sell cakes at coffee on Sunday 17 May; all proceeds to Christian Aid, so do come prepared with some CASH. (They don't have to be eaten on the spot; there will be bags to take them away as well).

There is still the opportunity throughout May and June to host a tea or coffee (or drinks) party and envelopes are available to collect donations. 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.

Also, there is the service at St Andrew's, Cherry Hinton on Sunday 17 May at 4pm to which all are invited to hear a Christian Aid speaker, followed by refreshments. There is plenty of parking near the church, or a number 1 bus will drop you right outside.

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. Donations can also be made by scanning the QR code or through the [following link](#).



Lorna Atwell

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)

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.

Herbert Robinson	2 May
Philip Oswald	5 May
Graham Moffat	8 May
Dominick Spencer	8 May
Colin Rosenstiel	8 May
Pauline Davison	13 May
Richard Ames-Lewis	18 May
Graham Sudbury	23 May
Victoria Heward-Mills	25 May
Brenda Hayward	31 May

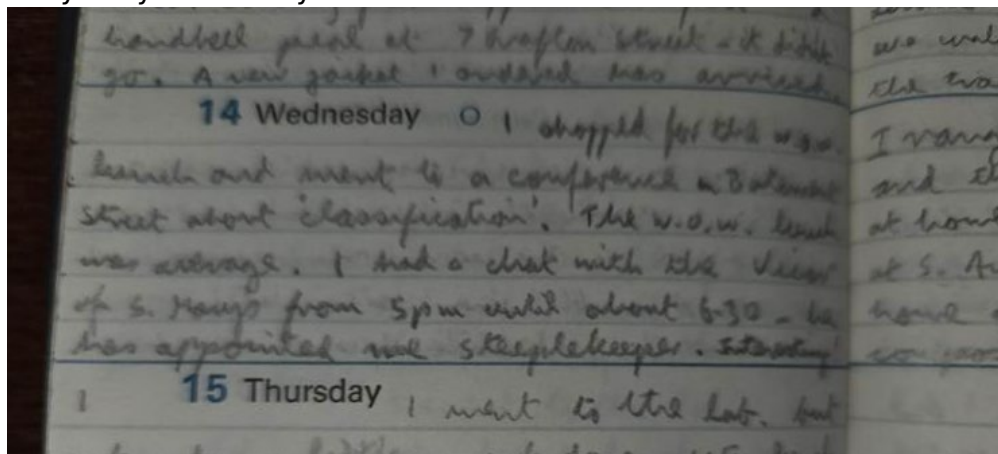


Service

Dr Frank King - The University Bellringer (part 2)

The Role of University Bellringer

On 14th April 1976 Dr Frank King was appointed University Bellringer, and below is Frank's diary entry on that day:





Fifty years on and Frank is still performing this role. What is the history behind the role and what does the role as we understand it today entail? The post of University Bellringer has a history that can be traced back to the 14th century. In Pre-Reformation days, the post was called 'The Bellringer' and was almost certainly concerned with ringing a bell to keep the University of Cambridge running to some kind of timetable. In due course, the job title was augmented to 'The University Bellringer' and, probably, responsibility for the clock dates from the installation of the first clock in 1577. These days, the bellringer part of the job involves ensuring that the bells are rung to mark civic, royal and university events connected to the life of the university. At some point a few years after 1937 the Great St Mary's Steeple Keeper took on the title and associated duties of University Bellringer.

Eco Tip - Biological Diversity



The 2026 International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) is on Friday, May 22, 2026, themed "Acting locally for global impact". This theme emphasizes the crucial role of local actions—from community projects to municipal initiatives—in achieving the 23 targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF) by 2030.

So here are a few ideas of how you could increase biodiversity in your own garden as explained by the producer of the BBC series 'Secret Garden' - [click here](#).

Photo: Bee Orchid at Trumpington Meadows

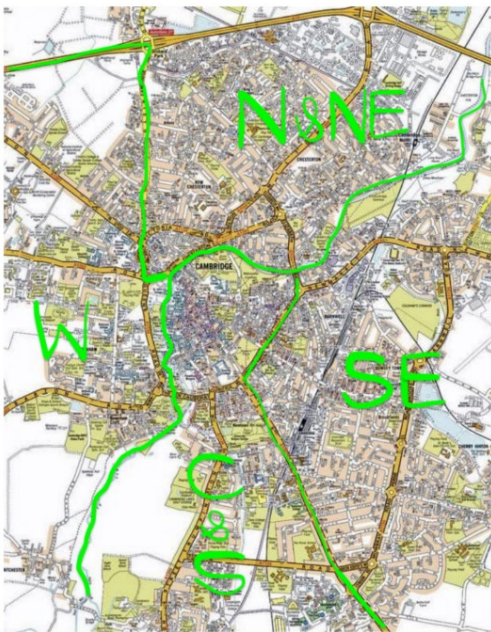
Book stall



As you will have observed, there are two outlets for books: one in the GSM narthex and one at the entrance to Michaelhouse. In the past year I have been able to re-stock these with two house clearance treasure troves, which have been residing in my garage. This supply has now come to an end so I am asking anybody who needs to clear a bit of space to bring just one or two books in regularly and place them in the box next to the GSM bookcase. That would be a huge help and much appreciated. If you know of anybody who has a number of boxes which need collecting, this can be arranged, but note that modern paperback novels are our main trade.

What are they sold in aid of? The money originally went towards the installation of solar panels but now it goes into the fabric repair fund which is going to take a large hit when the north aisle roof needs repairing quite soon. Thank you very much to all who donate books - and to those who buy them. Lorna Atwell

GSM Neighbourhood Groups



Neighbourhood group gatherings!

Following an earlier article in eMag, the first Neighbourhood Group gathering was held on Sunday 26 April for the Central and South Parish Group. Some 25 of the 43 in the group were free to come and those not free sent their warm support for the idea of the groups. It was an enjoyable occasion for enhancing friendship and fellowship, with time to relax and chat to a greater extent than is often possible on a Sunday. There was much enthusiasm for having Neighbourhood Groups. Hopefully, the groups will also help us to become aware if someone is unwell and in need of support.

The idea is to have perhaps three such gatherings for each group a year, possibly with different formats, e.g. a wine party, a tea party or a coffee party and at different homes. We welcome offers to host an occasional gathering with support from the group's co-ordinator. The South East Group's first gathering is a tea party on 31 May. We very much look forward to the other Neighbourhood Groups holding their first gathering soon too.



Annual Parochial Church Meeting



GREAT ST MARY'S AND MICHAELHOUSE
ANNUAL REVIEW 2025



Annual Review January - December 2025

The APCM took place after the Eucharist on Sunday 10 May 2026, in Michaelhouse and was well attended by members of the congregation.

The following items were presented:

- Report on changes to the Electoral Roll (*Joanna Womack, Electoral Roll Officer*)
- Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and church activities (these are covered in the Annual Review 2025, available on the GSM website - you are very much encouraged to look at this to see what a diverse range of activities take place in the life of Great St Mary's and Michaelhouse)
- Report on the financial statements of the Parochial Church Council for the year ending 31 December 2025, available on the GSM website (*Graham Day, Treasurer*)
- Report on the fabric, goods, and ornaments of the church ('The Churchwardens' Report') under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 (*Fiona Cornish and Margaret Johnston, Churchwardens*)

Elections were made as follows:

Churchwardens: Dr Fiona Cornish, Margaret Johnston

Lay Members of Deanery Synod: Dr Charlotte Labalette, Kirsten Watson

Lay Member of the Parochial Church Council: Dr Andrew Watson

A full list of our current PCC can be found at the following link on the GSM website: [PCC | Great St Mary's](#)

Ely Cathedral



Ely Cathedral: Parish Passes and Pilgrimage Visits

Anyone on our electoral roll is eligible for a Parish Pass, which allows free entry to the Cathedral at times it is open to the visiting public. Attendance at worship is, of course, always free. The pass is for entry only and does not cover any tours or events which require paid for admission. Passes must only be used by the named parishioner and are not transferable. Proof of ID may be required when you visit. Your pass remains valid as long as you are resident in the Diocese. Parish Pass application forms can be [downloaded here](#). Please note that older Parish Passes, even if past their expiry date, remain valid for entry. After completing the form, please ask one of the churchwardens to counter-

sign. Paper copies of the form are also available from the churchwardens.
Please take the form to the Ticket Office at Ely Cathedral between 10am and 4pm, Monday to Saturday, to collect your pass.

Coming Up at GSM....

Your Artwork Exhibition



We have an opportunity from the second half of June to fill the exhibition space in Michaelhouse with artwork by members of the Great St Mary's congregation. It would be wonderful to be able to showcase some of your creativity.

- The exhibition space is most suited to 2D art that can be hung on the display boards (so we can't include sculpture or artworks that are larger than the boards)
- Any medium is OK, including photography and textile art, as long as it can be hung like a picture.
- All artworks are submitted at the artist's / owner's own risk, so do think carefully about what you're happy to submit
- Make sure that your artwork has suitable fittings on the back to enable it to be hung, and that it's not

too heavy!

If you'd like your artwork to be available for sale, we can include your contact details on the information card next to it so potential buyers can contact you directly. If you choose to donate any portion of sales to GSM that would be very welcome, but is optional.

Please email Ally (allyb@gsm.cam.ac.uk) by the end of May if you are interested in taking part in the exhibition and would like to know more, or to provide information about what you'd like to submit:

- Your name and preferred contact details for the purpose of this project
- Information about your artwork(s): title, size, medium (and include a photo if you can)
- What fittings are attached to your artwork.
- Whether your artwork is for sale

Knowing the dimensions will help me plan where everything will go (I'll try and include as much as possible). I will reply in early June to confirm which of everyone's submissions we have room for, and let you know when to bring the artwork to Michaelhouse.

Ally

Pots in Michaelhouse - 11 May to 6 June



Charlotte Jones is an artist and teacher based in the West Midlands. She attained an MA in Fine Art from Coventry University in 2010. Following a break in practice she returned to painting attending short courses at Heatherley's School of Art in London. Charlotte primarily creates still life oil paintings observing objects such as flowers, food, vases, fabric and found items.

Charlotte has exhibited work in group shows at the Mall Galleries, RBSA Gallery, Derby Museum and Art Gallery, and the Herbert Art Gallery. She has also held solo shows at Rugby Art Gallery.

'Pots' is Charlotte's first solo exhibition since returning to painting. The exhibition at Michaelhouse Café, explores the beauty and elegance of spring flowers. The plants in each still life are arranged simply, presented in the pots they were purchased in, against an unadorned backdrop. The setup allows the focus of each work to be the majesty and promise of each flowering plant.

Academy of GSM Concert - Sat 6 June

THE ACADEMY OF GREAT ST MARY'S
CONDUCTED BY ADAM POUNDS

BEETHOVEN
SYMPHONY 3
EROICA

MENDELSSOHN
THE FAIR MELUSINE OVERTURE
CHRIS ROGERS
'KONZERTSTUECKCHEN'
FOR FOUR HORNS AND ORCHESTRA

TICKETS £8-£16
(UNDER 16S FREE)
ADTICKETING.COM
AND FROM GSM SHOP
WWW.GREATSTMARYS.ORG
FUNDRAISING EVENT

SATURDAY 6 JUNE
7.30PM
GREAT ST MARY'S - THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

Seniors' Lunch - Tues 16 June



If you would like to join a GSM seniors' lunch at The Park Restaurant, Cambridge Regional College, on Tuesday 16 June at 12.30 - please reply to Brian Corby with your choice of menu..

A choice of 3 courses for only £15.50 - a bargain! Here's [the menu](#)
Brian's email: corbypb@gmail.com

Organathon Fri 19 to Sat 20 June

Great St Mary's Organathon 2026 - call for volunteers

The Music Department is running its inaugural Organathon - twenty-four hours of organ recitals, fundraising for the upcoming choir tour to Denmark and Sweden - on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 June (5pm Fri - 6.30pm Sat). We're looking for volunteers to help steward the church throughout this time; any time you can offer - whether half an hour or multiple hours - will be greatly appreciated, to allow us to keep the church open for these concerts. For more information and to sign up please email Stanley (stanleyg@gsm.cam.ac.uk).



*Twenty-four hours of organ recitals,
interspersed with the Monastic Offices,
in aid of Music at Great St Mary's*



ORGANATHON 2026

Friday 19th June, 5pm
– Saturday 20th June, 6.30pm
Free admission throughout,
with a collection in aid of
Music at Great St Mary's
www.greatstmarys.org



Choir tour to Denmark & Sweden

In July, a group of over fifty members of Great St Mary's Choir will be travelling to Denmark and Southern Sweden for a five-day tour. As well as singing in some wonderful churches, they will visit the Roskilde Viking Ship Museum, Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens, and feast on Smørrebrød and pastries! The choir would love it if members of the congregation would like to support us in our concerts and services. You can join us at the following times:

- Thursday 23 July, 3.00pm: Concert at [St Alban's Anglican Church](#), Copenhagen
- Friday 24 July, 12.00 noon: Concert at the [Trinitatis Kirke](#), Copenhagen
- Saturday 25 July, 5.00pm: Concert at [Lund Cathedral](#) (Sweden)
- Sunday 26 July, 10.00am: Højmesse (communion service) at [Roskilde Cathedral](#)



Elsewhere....

Beekeeper workshops

"What it means to Bee" - Explore the fascinating world of bees at Grand Arcade, as part of our Let's Go Circular Campaign. With hands-on activities, a real hive, and take-home treats, this is the perfect activity for families this May half-term. Saturday 16 May - Sunday 31 May

[Read more here](#)

REGENERATE & PROTECT

WORKSHOPS WITH OUR FAVOURITE BEEKEEPER

16, 17, 23, 24, 27, 30, 31 MAY



ST JOHN'S COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

PUBLIC FAITH COMMON GOOD CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ORDER A Day Symposium



Tuesday
21 July 2026
10am - 4pm

in the Old Divinity School

CHURCH TIMES

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



The Common Good Programme

Free event
Open to all

Booking required at elydatabase.org/events/mission_ministry



MINISTRY TEAM

	<p>Revd Canon Jutta Brueck Vicar email: juttab@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>		<p>Revd Ally Barrett Associate Vicar email: allyb@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>
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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 educational outreach around heritage, faith, and sustainability. To find out more, contact Natalie Lealand (nataliel@gsm.cam.ac.uk) or visit www.greatstmarys.org/education