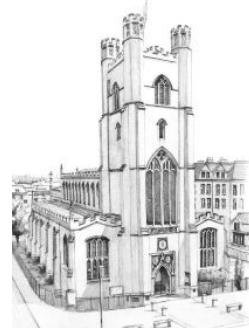


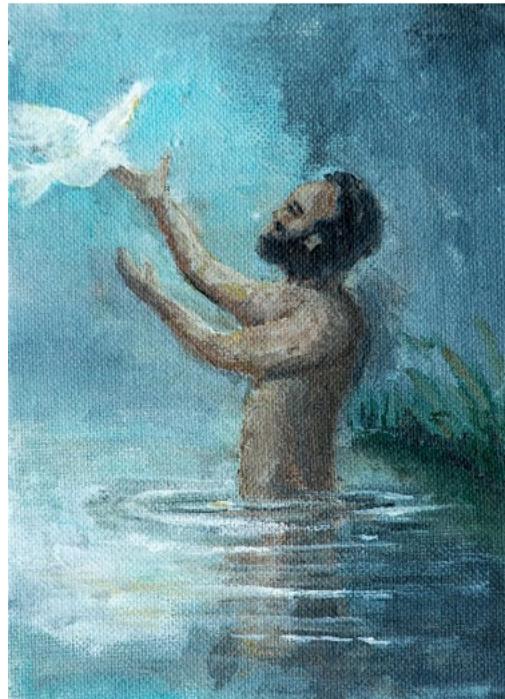
# Great St Mary's eMag

12-31 January to 2026: Issue 188



From the Associate Vicar :

Dear friends



The season of Epiphany offers us an array of stories which, between them, paint a picture of how God revealed Godself to us in Jesus Christ. The visitation of the Magi shows us the revelation to the gentile world; the baptism of Jesus identifies Jesus as the Son of God, as we hear the voice from heaven saying 'this is my son, my beloved, in whom I am well pleased'; the changing of water to wine is a miracle enjoyed by many but only understood by Jesus' disciples and a few servants; Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus announces the salvation of the whole world in a single conversation in the night; and finally the presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) reveals to two faithful people at the end of their lives Jesus' identity as the fulfilment of God's promises. One of the threads that run through all these stories is that God's self revelation comes in many forms, and meets people where they are, with the cosmic and the personal all accomplishing the same thing: showing that God really is with us, and that the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ is transformative at every level.

It was a great blessing for the congregation that on the feast of the Baptism of Christ we were able to welcome, though baptism, two new members into the family of the Church. We will welcome three more on 1st February, as we celebrate Candlemas. Baptism is a sign and promise of that same transformative love and grace of God that we see throughout the Epiphany season, and which continues to be unfolded and celebrated through the whole of the Church year. If you are not yet baptized, or if you would like to explore the possibility of confirmation (or both!) please do get in touch ([clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk)).

We will be offering some preparation sessions during Lent and Eastertide, with a special service of baptism and confirmation planned for 17th May. We would love to hear from anyone who might be interested in joining in with this – even if you're not sure, please do get in touch.

In the meantime, I hope we can all enjoy noticing the ways in which God is still being revealed in the world, not least through the joy of witnessing others grow in faith, and in how our own and others' baptism bears fruit in our lives, in our Church and in the world.

Every blessing,

Ally

Ally Barrett (Associate Vicar)

**A huge Thank You** to all at Great St Mary's, especially our church wardens' team, choirs and many other wonderful volunteers, the staff and ministry teams for their hard work and contribution to our beautiful church services at Christmas. We welcomed 6,565 people from Cambridge and across the world to worship with us and to hear the good news of our salvation, with many others visiting the Church and Tower as usual. Jutta Brueck (Vicar)

### **An Epiphany prayer**

Come freshly to us now, Lord God, and as we offer you our lives, renew in us your gifts: the gold of our potential, the incense of our prayers and aspirations, the myrrh of healing for our pain; feed us, nourish us that we may grow in the life of Christ; fill us with your Spirit that we may overflow with your love, and transform the world with your glory. Amen (Ann Lewin)

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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Jan services - see Term Card for details**

#### **Sunday 18 January - Epiphany 2**

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Children's Church
- **11.30am** Choral Mattins
- **4pm** Choral Evensong with Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'

#### **Sunday 25 January - The Conversion of St Paul**

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- **11.30am** University Sermon: Preacher - The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon and Acting Bishop of Ely.
- **4pm** Choral Evensong

#### **Sunday 1 February - Candlemas**

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (All age) with Baptism
- **4pm** Choral Evensong

#### **Regular Weekday Worship during February**

- 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
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**

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## Livestreaming of Services

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

Some recent services:

[Carols by Candlelight, Great St Mary's Cambridge 21st December 2025](#)

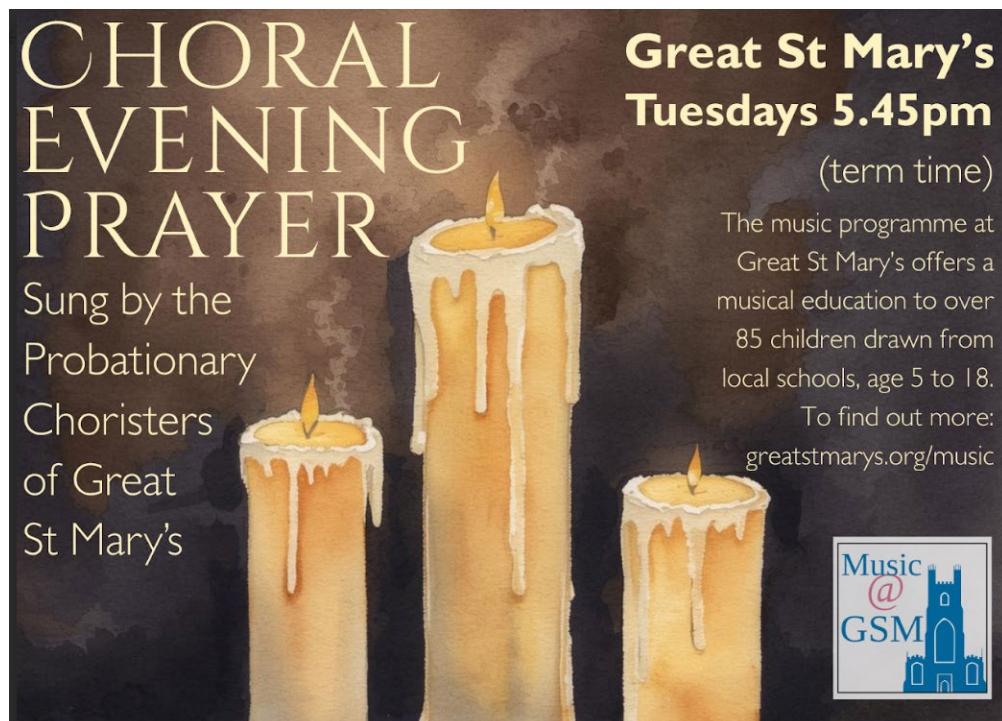
[Choral Eucharist, Great St. Mary's Cambridge 25th December 2025](#)

[Choral Mattins, Great St. Mary's Cambridge 25th December 2025](#)

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

## News & Events

### Tues 13, 20, 27 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](http://greatstmarys.org/music)

**Music @ GSM**

### Tues 13 Jan - Something Understood

Tues 13 Jan - 7.30-9.00pm at 3, Adams Road, Cambridge, CB3 9AD



Our theme will be The Journey  
Everyone is welcome.  
Do bring a poem to share if you would like to.  
Contact Juliet if you have any questions, or if you'd like a parking space.  
[juliet@jmcj.org](mailto:juliet@jmcj.org)

Future meetings:

Tues 10 February - Theme: Wisdom

Tues 10 March - Theme: Faith and Doubt

Tues 14 April - Theme: Thanks and Gratitude

## Thurs 15 Jan - Chat, Play, Sing

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

## Thurs 15 Jan - 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](mailto:davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk). Join the Zoom meeting [here](#).

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

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| Meeting date             | Passage       |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 15 January               | John 1.29-42  |
| 22 January               | Acts 9.1-22   |
| 29 January               | Luke. 2.22-40 |
| Everyone is most welcome |               |

## Fri 16 Jan - GSM Lunchtime Concert



Friday, 16 January 2026 13:00 – 14:00  
Great St Mary's, the University Church, Cambridge

György Kurtág *Les adieux (in Janáčeks Manier)*  
Leoš Janáček *On an Overgrown Path, Book 2*  
Robert Schumann *Carnaval, Op. 9*

Daniel Liu Piano

Daniel has just graduated from reading Music at Clare College, Cambridge after studying piano and composition at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester. While there, he took lessons with Murray McLachlan, and won the school concerto prize following a performance of Britten's Piano concerto. As a composer, after winning 2019's BBC Young Composer, his piece Fanfares was premiered by the BBC Concert Orchestra in the summer of this year. At the moment, he studies piano with Tessa Nicholson

Free entry, with retiring collection

## Men's Breakfast 9.00am

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](mailto:office@gsm.cam.ac.uk) for more information.



**Sun 18 Jan - Rooted**

# Rooted

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

**Sunday 18 January, 2.30-3.45**

**Sunday 1 February, 2.30-3.45**

**Sunday 22 February, 2.30-3.45**

**Sunday 8 March, 2.30-3.45**

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



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**Sun 18 Jan - A Ceremony of Carols - 4pm**

# CHORAL EVENSONG



*with a complete performance of Britten's*  
**A CEREMONY  
OF CAROLS**

*The Choristers of Great St Mary's*  
*Director: Alexander Berry*

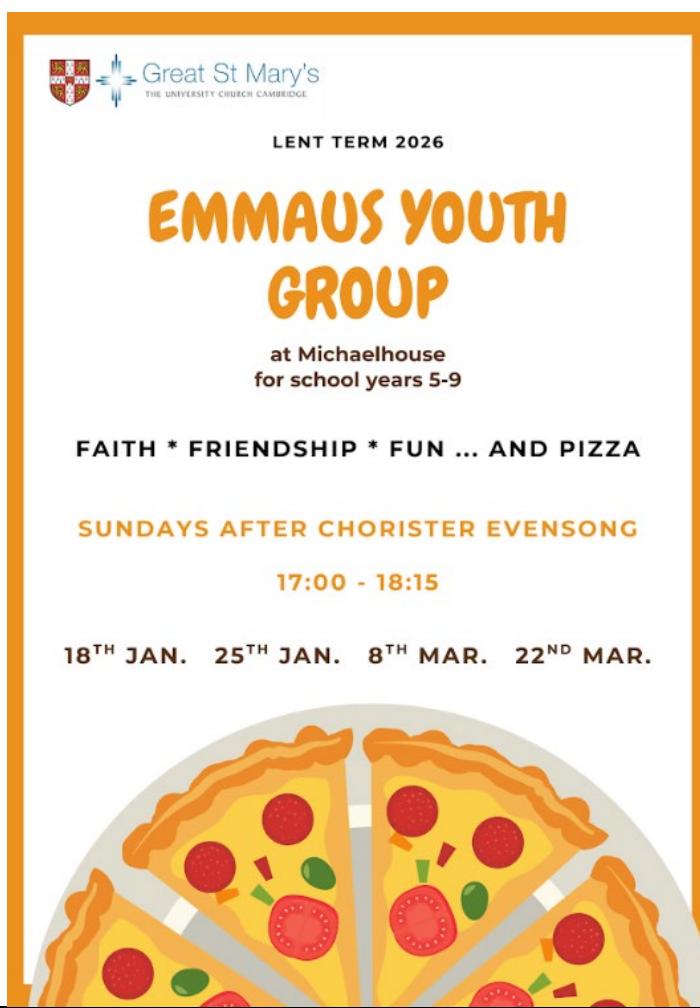
*Harp: Hebe Kan*

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**Sunday 18 January at 4pm**  
**Great St Mary's, Cambridge**

## Sun 18 Jan - Emmaus Youth Group



Friday, 23 January 2026 13:00 – 14:00



Great St Mary's, the University Church, Cambridge  
Lunchtime Concert: Faccini Piano Duo

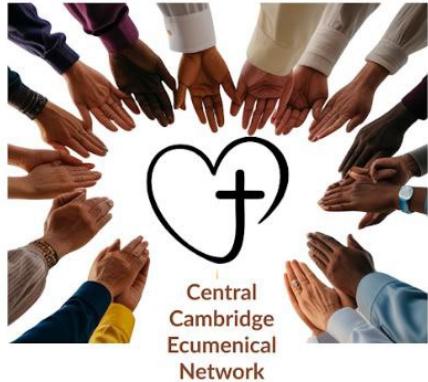
J. Brahms *Variations on a theme by R. Schumann, op.23*  
F. Schubert *Allegro in A minor D.947 "Lebensstürme"*  
D. Shostakovich *Symphony n.1, op.10 (transcription for piano 4 hands by Y. Slavinsky)*  
Elia Faccini and Betsabea Faccini Piano

Founded in Lucca (Tuscany, Italy) in 2015, the Faccini Piano Duo is formed of Elia and Betsabea Faccini, Italian-British pianists and composers. The Faccini Piano Duo is one of the most appreciated chamber music ensembles of the new Italian generation. The ensemble began their studies at Conservatoire Luigi Boccherini in Lucca under the guidance of Riccardo Peruzzi. In June 2022 they won the competition "Amur for New Talents" and have been prize winners in almost thirty national and international music competitions, both in Italy and abroad (Poland, Andorra, Spain, Hungary).

Free entry, with retiring collection

**Sun 25 Jan - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

# **The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



**Sunday  
25 January  
at 3pm**

**St Luke's  
Victoria Road  
Cambridge**

**An Ecumenical Service  
of word & worship, song & prayer**

**Preacher: Revd Gale Richards**

*Regents Park College, Oxford, and former Chair  
of Churches Together in Cambridgeshire*

**Tues 27 Jan - The Cloud of Knowing**

Exploring Stillness Together with the Cloud of Unknowing:

New discussion and meditation group on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the month. Starts on Tuesday 27 January 7.00-8.30pm at 22 Manhattan Drive, CB4 1JL



All are welcome to participate in this new regular evening home group hosted by members of the Great St Mary's Christian Meditation Group.

This will be an opportunity to learn from the timeless teaching of the unnamed author of the 14th century classic text on Christian Mysticism, *The Cloud of Unknowing*.

At each meeting we will reflect upon a passage from the text, share our personal experiences of contemplative prayer, and conclude with a 20-minute time of silent prayer, using the pattern with which those who attend the Monday lunchtime Christian meditation sessions will be familiar.

For more information please contact Richard Summers on [richards.rs12@gmail.com](mailto:richards.rs12@gmail.com) or Clare Stephenson on [clares@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:clares@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

**Fri 30 Jan - GSM Lunchtime Concert – Double & Squeak**



Friday, 30 January 2026 · 13:00 – 14:00  
Great St Mary's, the University Church, Cambridge

Simon Andrews & Anne Bury - Flutes & clarinets  
Sally Gogna & James Harvey - Flutes & clarinets

Double & Squeak is made up of woodwind players who play for musicals in and around the Cambridge area. In this style of music the woodwind parts often require that the same player switches between several instruments, often during the same piece, so all of us are woodwind "doublers". Whilst we have experience in many musical styles from classical to jazz, we find ourselves leaning towards fun and "easy listening" repertoire and we have found some excellent arrangements.

Free entry, with retiring collection

## Poetry Competition

All children and young people in compulsory education are invited to write a poem on the theme of 'Hope and the Environment'.

There will be prizes for each Key Stage group, and prizes include poems being displayed in Michaelhouse in the centre of Cambridge, and family tickets to climb our tower. Poems can be illustrated if you are feeling artistic, and there will be prizes for best illustrations. Children's author Andy Shepherd will help to judge the prize.

**CLOSING DATE 20th FEBRUARY**

## Your chance to interview a scientist!

### SECONDARY AND PRIMARY **TEACHERS**

Would you like your pupils to have the opportunity to interview prominent environmental scientists?

Our environmental education project is a chance for young people to expand their understanding of environmental challenges, and increase their sense of agency in tackling these challenges.

Contact our Education Officer, Natalie, at [nataliel@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:nataliel@gsm.cam.ac.uk) to find out how your school can be involved.

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We are looking for young people who can interview Cambridge scientists about the environment and how we can tackle the challenges facing the natural world. Get in touch if you would like your pupils or children **to be involved.**

## La Nativité du Seigneur

An early Christmas present? What happened at the devotional performance of Messiaen's 'La Nativité du Seigneur'.

At some point between the Advent procession and the carol services, when the build up to Christmas was in full swing, and every second of every day seemed to be full of earthly rather than heavenly occupations, a large congregation assembled at GSM for the devotional performance of Messiaen's 'La Nativité du Seigneur': performed by Alexander Berry, with accompanying artworks by Ally Barrett. The audience was pretty mixed: some Messiaen devotees had travelled for miles and miles to be there, some tired Christmas shoppers arrived for some rest and a free concert, a few sceptics were dragged in by their more enthusiastic friends, and a goodly number of GSM stalwarts came along with no expectations other than to support Alex and Ally in this, their great endeavour.



My own previous experience of Messiaen's organ music has been one of total incomprehension. I have always felt a bit stupid and 'shut out'. I knew that I needed help of some kind to make any sense of what I was listening to. Mercifully, on this occasion, we were given help in many forms. The Biblical quotes (provided by Messiaen) which accompanied each of the nine musical meditations, set the scene for each theological reflection. These were read to us beautifully in the original French (by Charlotte Labelette) then in English (by Matthew Vernon). Then there were the artworks themselves. They may have been created in Ally's kitchen using kitchen towel and PVA glue, but the effect was anything but domestic...deep and

intense colour, utterly arresting and wholly demanding of our attention. They somehow merged with the music and the words, and offered us a visual interpretation of what we were listening to. I loved that the artworks were tactile too.

In touching the surfaces and following the threads, yet another sensation added to our experience and comprehension. I was full of admiration for Ally, not only for the time and effort that went into producing these nine remarkable canvases (all quite different from one another) but also for her extraordinary creative and interpretive imagination, which must have been exercised to the full. I was most grateful, too, for the brief explanation in the programme of what was going on musically, in each movement, and what had inspired each artwork.



I am no expert, but I could not help but be hugely impressed by Alex's achievement in mastering this long and complex work. I heard sounds from the GSM Parish organ that afternoon, which I have never heard before. I can only imagine the hours and hours of careful and disciplined work which must have gone into producing such an assured, expressive and virtuosic performance. His standing ovation was richly deserved!

And what of us, the audience/congregation? What was going through our minds as we listened and looked on that December afternoon? Admiration, for this young French composer who tried to express all these complex theological ideas in his music, and somehow succeeded

in enabling us to feel and understand things which are hard to express with mere words. Admiration too, for this wonderful Alex/Ally collaboration, a great example of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. For in the listening and the looking of this extraordinary composition, truths, deep truths, penetrated some part of me. In that 'here and now', I was given a glimpse of God's eternity, and in the insignificance of my own limited humanity, I felt enfolded by his divinity. As we heard the plodding persistence of the Magi's journey, I'm sure I was not alone in being invited to think of my own spiritual journey, and in the insistent, busy angelic dance of praise, did we not all wonder if or how, or how energetically we praise God? During *La Souffrance*, did we not marvel how God enters our lives and becomes a part of our suffering again and again?

Then (because we were suddenly in human, not eternal time) it was the end, and we all, delighted and surprised, got to our feet and clapped and clapped. Was the applause for Alex and Ally, or for

Messiaen? Or were we, like the angels, praising God? Maybe all of these. And we got up and greeted one another with smiles of something special shared together. We were full of gratitude, knowing how fortunate, how blessed we were. We had been reconnected with God in a new and unexpected way, and like the Magi, we went home, refreshed and transformed.

*Juliet Jackson*

## 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](mailto:clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

In this Christmas season in particular, 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](mailto:clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk) ).

#### Funeral Plans

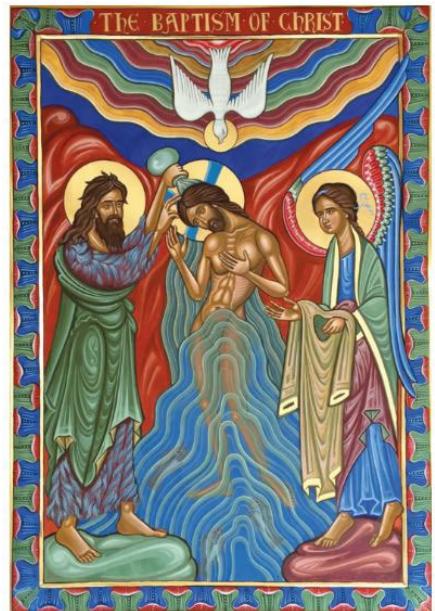
Many people find it helpful to think about their funeral wishes well in advance, and to talk to their family about this, or to a member of the clergy. To help you think about funeral planning please feel welcome to download this [Funeral Wishes Form](#) and use it to record your thoughts. When you are 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)**

## Baptism and Confirmation at Great St. Mary's

We are delighted that we have two Sunday Eucharists with baptisms coming up in the next few months at Great St Mary's, with one adult and three children preparing to be baptized. If you have been thinking about baptism for you or your child, please, let us know as you will be most welcome to join these four in being baptized at these services.

The date of our next baptism service is **Sunday 1 February** (10am All Together Choral Eucharist Service). Adults who are baptized also prepare for confirmation, and we will have a confirmation service at Great St Mary's on **Sunday 17 May**. Young people and adults who have not been baptized already can be baptized at the same time as they are confirmed.



Baptism is both a sign and a sacrament (an act through which Christians believe there is an effective spiritual change) of commitment to the Christian faith. If the baptism candidate is a child, the commitment extends to the prayerful oversight of their parents or carers and godparents. Baptism is when the worshipping community welcomes the person being baptized into the family of the church. Confirmation is a service during which people who were baptized as a child can make an affirmation of faith for themselves, and this affirmation is confirmed (blessed) by the bishop. At GSM we offer preparation sessions for those who are considering confirmation which are intended to be an opportunity to explore your faith with others. These will take place during the 2026 Lent term. If you are considering baptism or confirmation for yourself or your child, then please do contact Jutta, Ally, Clare or Rosie ([clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk)) to learn more about what this involves and how we can support you/them in terms of preparation.

### Great St Mary's Godparents

All children who are baptized require 2-3 godparents who have been baptized (in any Christian church of any denomination) and who are prepared to commit to praying for that child as they grow up. Over time, godparents might end up being closely connected with their godchildren in terms of this prayerful oversight which very often becomes a source of mutual joy between godparent and godchild. There is no expectation that godparents have any other responsibility for the child such as financial support or guardianship.

## 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.*

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| Nora Maynard           | 1 January  |
| Helen Imam             | 4 January  |
| Peter Ducker           | 4 January  |
| Chris Johnson          | 5 January  |
| John Reeves            | 7 January  |
| Charlie Poskitt        | 7 January  |
| Nigel Gawthrope        | 12 January |
| Kirsty Wayland         | 12 January |
| Sarah Hills            | 19 January |
| Nigel Wooldridge Brown | 19 January |
| Mollie Crisford        | 22 January |



## Service

### GSM Wider Concerns

#### Suppers for the homeless

As usual we are arranging suppers for the homeless at Crossways in collaboration with Sidney Sussex, Corpus, and Caius Colleges.

The dates are likely to be on Fridays from 6.30-8.30pm (including an excellent supper!)

January 16, 23

Feb 6, 13, 27

March 6

If you would like to be involved in one or two of the suppers, please contact

[margaretj222@gmail.com](mailto:margaretj222@gmail.com)

#### Thank you - Christmas Cards and Blankets

Thank you to everyone who bought some GSM charity Christmas cards. We raised a record £200 this year..The money goes to 'Away From It All' Holidays. This provides holidays for Cambridgeshire families - recommended by family workers, clergy and teachers - who they feel would benefit from an experience that they could not otherwise afford. They stay in static caravans in Hunstanton and enjoy lots of activities, with pocket money supplied to the children and funding towards food and travel. For many children it is the first time they have ever been on holiday. *Lorna Atwell*



## Crochet blankets in aid of Centre 33

Alix and I are very grateful for the generosity of Great St Mary's congregation for the Centre33 fundraising with Alix's crochet works. All the blankets have found a new home and most of the snowflakes have gone too. £371.88 has been raised for Centre33. *Charlotte Labalette*

## Thank you from the Jerusalem Basma Centre



Christmas message from The Jerusalem Basma Centre (whom we regularly support)

Together, sharing joy with and for one another, as the Christians in our team prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ. Winter has come, and in early December the floods were brutal in Gaza, especially for so many sheltering in tents. Nevertheless, our team of nine has never been more united and determined to bring as much healing and hope as they can to the children and families they serve. Last week, in these harsh conditions, over 100 children received services at our satellite unit. And yet, having just marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we know there are so many children and their families who have no

access to any health services there at all; According to WHO (September 2025), 167,376 people have been injured in Gaza since October 2023, 25% of whom are children. There is much work to do, though much that has been achieved.

Thank you for sharing in this ministry with us throughout 2025.

Guided by faith, and driven by justice, we affirm that every person is created in the image of God. In this spirit of compassion, we plan to open our doors wider to strengthen our services in Gaza and also in the West Bank.

## Eco Tips

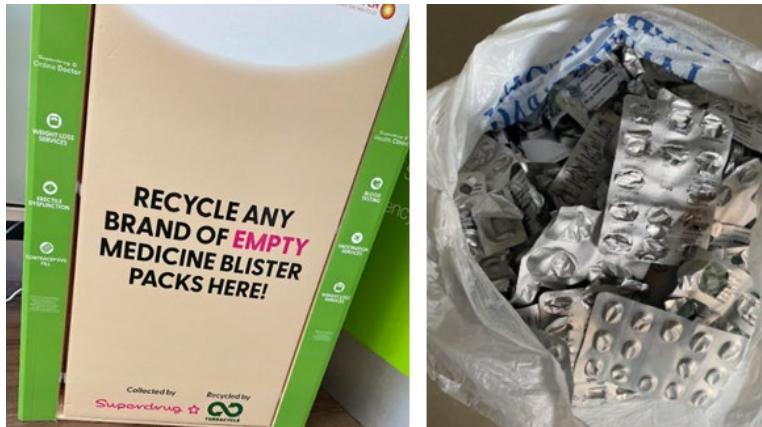


Big Garden Birdwatch is the world's largest garden wildlife survey. Every year, hundreds of thousands of nature lovers take part, helping to build a picture of how garden birds are faring.

Last year across the UK, over 590,000 people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch 2025, counting a whopping 9.1 million birds! House Sparrows took the top spot, but counts of these chirpy birds are down by 60% compared to the first Birdwatch in 1979. In fact, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 60 years. With birds facing

so many challenges, it's more important than ever to get involved in the Birdwatch. Every bird you do – or don't – count will give us a valuable insight into how garden birds are faring. It only takes an hour of your time and you can even observe from the warmth of your own house. Sign up and learn [more here](#).

### Recycle your blister packs



Can you imagine how many blister packs are used each week, with the majority not recycled.

Collect yours and dispose of them at a dedicated collection box in Superdrug on St. Andrew's Street (a one minute walk from GSM).

## News from the Church Garden

Looking good in the garden at the moment: Daphne Odora, on the left of the big west door. This is a highly scented small shrub, which is flowering very early this year! Not looking so good... Bergenia and Euonymus (in the North East corner) are being steadily demolished by Vine Weevils. This is work in progress: we treated the area with nematodes last summer, and will have to do so again when the weather gets warmer. In the meantime, I am looking into plants that are more resistant to this particular pest. The 'All things Bright and Beautiful' Ground Force has been hard at work (see photos below): Katya, planting bulbs; Robert, tidying up. This is a ghastly and never ending job of removing cable ties, picking up rubbish, and weeding around the railings of the churchyard. We have started work on the Garden of Remembrance, in the South st corner of the churchyard. Here are Sarah, Jason and Daniel, removing the old and tired Euonymus, so we can prepare the ground for a more



biodiverse and pollinator friendly collection of flowering plants. This will all take a long time, so be patient. We will keep you updated.



A big thank you to everyone involved: to Kate who has negotiated tirelessly with the council on our behalf, to the Ground Force for working so hard, to all of you who have contributed to the cost of new plants, and everyone who has noticed, supported and encouraged our work in the churchyard garden.

*Juliet Jackson*

## Coming up .... 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 4<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

*\*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.

## Elsewhere....

### Homelessness ministry course for lay and ordained people

Would you like to spend time learning how you can engage more compassionately, confidently and effectively with people experiencing homelessness? Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project have a small number of places available on the next [homelessness ministry course](#) which will be meeting every Sunday from 3.00-4.30pm between 18 January and 15 March at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge. There is no charge for this training.



Together we will form a learning community listening to people with lived experience of homelessness and professional experts in topics linked to homelessness and theology.

*"The course was really insightful, equipping and empowering. An amazing resource!" Phil, Previous Learner*

Alongside attending in-person facilitated discussions at Holy Trinity, each week there is 60-90 minutes of online-based learning from home which you can do at a time to suit you.

*"I already knew that working/being with vulnerable people was absolutely central to my journey of faith and what faith means to me - this course helped me to understand why and to articulate that." Sam, Previous Learner*

If you are interested in exploring this opportunity, please respond directly to me to discuss further. Revd Kristian Hewett at [khewett@cchp.org.uk](mailto:khewett@cchp.org.uk). And if you want to talk to someone who did the course last year and found it excellent in terms of challenging misconceptions and understanding how best to support those impacted by homelessness, contact Clare Stephenson on [clares@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:clares@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

## How Resilient is Cambridge



A series of 6 free, high-level events at the Guildhall delving into how the climate crisis will impact Cambridge and how prepared we are.

The first event deals with the topic of food and will take place on Wednesday 21st January. Doors open at 4.30 and presentations and discussions will be from 5 to 7.

You can attend in person or online, and recordings will also be available.

The panel for the food topic:

Tim Lang, Professor of Food Policy

Sam Dyer, CEO of Cambridge Sustainable Food

Kath Dalmeny, CEO of Sustain

Book your free place on Eventbrite.

Future topics in the series: the circular economy (12th Feb), flooding (25th Feb), energy dependency (12th March), communications (26th March), and community systems (8th April).

| <b>January</b>                                    |           |  |  |
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| Monday  | 12        | 12.30pm  | Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch   |
| Tuesday   | 13        | 10.30am  | The Ark in Michaelhouse  |
|   |           | 5.45pm   | Choral Evening Prayer in GSM   |
| Wednesday   | 14        | 12.30pm<br>7.45pm  | Holy Communion in GSM<br>Choral Compline in Michaelhouse   |
| Thursday  | 15        | 10.00am<br>6.00pm  | Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse<br>Choral Evensong in GSM   |
| Friday  | 16        | 1-2pm<br>2.30pm  | Free lunchtime concert in GSM: Daniel Liu (piano)<br>Michaelhouse Singers  |
| Saturday  | 17        | 9.00am<br>1.00pm   | Men's communion and breakfast (Michaelhouse)<br>Friends of Michaelhouse concert: Victoria Royce trio   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>Epiphany 2</i>                | <b>18</b> | <b>8.00am<br/>10.00am<br/>11.30am<br/>2.30pm<br/>4.00pm<br/>5.00pm</b> | <b>BCP Holy Communion<br/>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church<br/>Choral Mattins<br/>Rooted – 20s &amp; 30s discussion group in Michaelhouse<br/>Choral Evensong with Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'<br/>Youth Group in Michaelhouse</b> |
| Monday  | 19        | 12.30pm  | Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch   |
| Tuesday   | 20        | 10.30am<br>5.45pm  | The Ark in Michaelhouse<br>Choral Evening Prayer   |
| Wednesday   | 21        | 12.30pm<br>7.45pm  | Holy Communion in GSM<br>Choral Compline in Michaelhouse   |
| Thursday  | 22        | 10.00am<br>6.00pm  | Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse<br>Choral Evensong in GSM   |
| Friday  | 23        | 1-2pm<br>2.30pm  | Free lunchtime concert in GSM: Faccini Piano Duo<br>Michaelhouse Singers   |
| <b>Sunday</b><br><i>The Conversion of St Paul</i> | <b>25</b> | <b>8.00am<br/>10.00am<br/>11.30am<br/>4.00pm<br/>5.00pm</b>            | <b>BCP Holy Communion<br/>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church<br/>University Sermon: The Rt Revd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon and acting Bishop of Ely<br/>Choral Evensong<br/>Youth Group</b>  |
| Monday  | 26        | 12.30pm  | Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch   |
| Tuesday   | 27        | 10.30am<br>5.45pm  | The Ark in Michaelhouse<br>Choral Evening Prayer in GSM  |
| Wednesday   | 28        | 12.30pm<br>7.45pm  | Holy Communion in GSM<br>Choral Compline in Michaelhouse   |
| Thursday  | 29        | 10.00am<br>6.00pm  | Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse<br>Choral Evensong in GSM   |
| Friday  | 30        | 1.00pm<br>2.30pm   | Free lunchtime concert in GSM: Double & Squeak (woodwind group)<br>Michaelhouse Singers  |

## MINISTRY TEAM

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|  | <b>Revd Graham Stevenson</b><br><b>Associate Priest</b>  |  | <b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b><br>Great St Mary's offers a range of groups and activities for children from birth to 18.<br><b>Revd Rosie Hewitt</b><br><b>Children and Youth Minister</b><br>email: <a href="mailto:rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk">rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk</a> |

## 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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