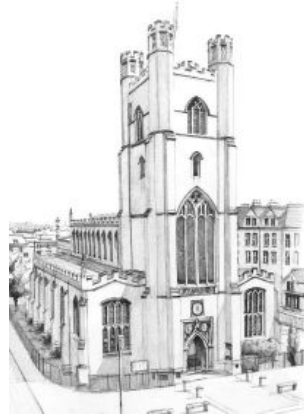


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From the Vicar: People's Emergency Briefing



Dear friends,

Last Friday, I attended the Cambridge Mayor's community screening of the *People's Emergency Briefing (PEB)* and was pleased to see a handful of friends from Great St Mary's at the screening. I know more people would have liked to be there, but the event had been fully booked for weeks. I found the screening a powerful experience and would like to encourage more people to see it. My reaction is shared by others from Great St Mary's who were there. The 50-minute-long film is a shortened version of the National Emergency Briefing meeting, which took place in Westminster last November. This was attended by more than 1200 participants, including politicians and leaders from various sectors. The Briefing consisted of presentations by 10 international experts on a variety of impacts of the climate crisis as well as the scale of the emergency. The goal of the Briefing is to reset the national conversation, to increase awareness of key issues and suggested solutions and to engender a will to take action on all levels, personal, local and national.

The organisers of the PEB screenings are encouraging members of the public to sign a petition to Parliament to support a UK-wide screening on national television and as such make the information as widely available as possible. The link below provides resources to accompany the Cambridgeshire screenings, including links for writing to your MP and to sign the petition to Parliament which closes on 20 November 2026.

https://linktr.ee/Cambridgeshire_PEB?utm_source=linktree_profile_share/

Additional screenings in Cambridge are coming up on: Sunday, 11 October at 4pm at St. Paul's Church; on Monday, 26 October at 7pm at the Joint Services and Veterans Club in Barnwell; on Thursday, 5 November at 6pm at Storeys Field Centre in Eddington.

If there is major interest, we could organise a screening at Great St Mary's. I would also be keen to hear from those who have attended screenings, whether they are interested in coming together to discuss what action we think we could take.

Over the last month we have observed the season of Creationtide in our church, celebrating the gift and beauty of God's creation and creatures. We had resources available in church, prayed for wise stewardship and for those affected by climate change. Our response springs from our love of God and neighbour. Many Christian organisations offer resources to help us pray and discern how we might respond as we grow in understanding of key issues and challenges. When the challenges feel overwhelming, we can remember that we belong to a community of hope, prayer and action.

A prayer in anticipation of the Feast of St. Francis on 4 October:

Heavenly Father, you have taught us, through your servant St Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; tread lightly upon it; and cherish its resources; that our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, and your name be glorified through all that you have made.

Amen. (*Rt Revd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester*)

Every blessing,

Jutta

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck (Vicar)

Great St Mary's, the University Church, Cambridge

Deadline for submissions for the next eMag TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER

Livestreaming of Services

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

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

Worship Schedule

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

Sunday 4 Oct - Harvest Festival

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist - All Together service (no Children's Church)
- **4pm** Creationtide Ecumenical Choral Evensong - (NB time, is correct for this week)

Sunday 11 Oct - Trinity 19

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist with Children's Church
- **11.30am** Choral Mattins
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Sunday 18 Oct - Trinity 20

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

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 **The Ark and Choral Evening Prayer**
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**

Creationtide

Resources for
thought & action
prayer & reflection

www.ecologicalexamen.org

*A resource in the Ignatian tradition
to help us renew our relationship
with creation and with God*

The fifth mark of mission:

*To strive to safeguard the integrity
of creation, and sustain and renew
the life of the earth*

For God was pleased to have all
his fullness dwell in him, and
through him to reconcile to
himself all things (Col 1:19,20)

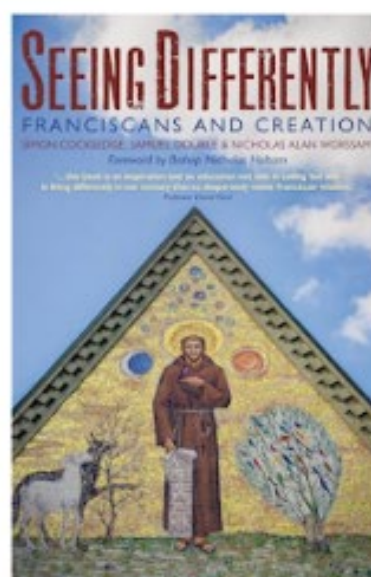
*Christ brings reconciliation to
all things, but what might
reconciliation between people
and the Earth look like?*

Scan the QR code
for the ecumenical
resources for
creationtide 2026



*The care of the Earth is our most
ancient and most worthy, and after
all our most pleasing responsibility.
To cherish what remains of it and to
foster its renewal is our only hope.*
(Wendell Berry)

Scan the QR
code for Bible
studies based on
the sustainable
development goals



News and Events

Introducing our new ordinands

We are delighted to have three ordinands on attachment (placement) with us this year at GSM. Ordinands are here to learn, and to contribute to the mission and ministry of Great St Mary's. I know that we will all make them very welcome and encourage them. We are looking forward to all that we will learn from them, too.

Jennie, Bhanuka, and Adam will be required to reflect on their experiences at GSM as part of their academic work. The work will be marked and seen only by examiners. All names and identifying details will be changed. If you have concerns about this or would rather that they didn't reflect on any encounter with you, please contact the student directly, or email Ally (allyb@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

Adam Hill

Hello! My name is Adam, and I am an ordinand at Westcott House, currently beginning my second year at theological college. I am delighted to be joining Great St Mary's on placement this year, and I look forward to getting to know the congregation and sharing in the life and worship.



Before coming to Cambridge, I worked in marketing for a large technology company in Madrid, where I lived for a decade. Prior to that, I studied Modern Languages (French and Spanish) at the University of Exeter. Originally from London, I have a particular love of languages, music and liturgy, and have greatly enjoyed making Cambridge home over the past year. I am looking forward to learning from the community at Great St Mary's as I continue my formation for ordained ministry in the Church of England.

Jennie Brandon



I'm a true local, born on Mill Rd, growing up in Hemingford Grey and, apart from my student years in Edinburgh and Heidelberg, living in Cambridge ever since. I've been a secondary teacher (MFL), civil servant, college administrator, vicar's PA and most recently, a home educating mum and community garden coordinator.

We have two wonderful teenagers, one at Hills and one at the Steiner school in Fulbourn. My husband is a theologian/entrepreneur/ aid worker(!). We're a very arts and languages sort of family and we have a very fluffy, gentle rescue dog called Grey who is beloved across our neighbourhood. We attend St James, Wulfstan Way where my daughter and I are in the choir.

I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and to the unique learning opportunities available at GSM!

Bhanuka Warnasooriya



I'm Bhanuka, a final-year ordinand at Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Originally from Kandy, Sri Lanka, I am a writer and musician with a particular love for Christian unity, community, liturgy and pastoral ministry. I have previously served as a Chaplain to the College and House of Bishops and was part of the leadership team of the Community of St Anselm at Lambeth Palace. I am especially interested in questions around mental health, belonging and othering, and am the founder of 17.21, an ecumenical community and network. If you see me around GSM, do say hello - I'll absolutely love a chat!"

Fri 2 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert, 1-2pm



Lunchtime Concert: Stanley Godfrey

Walton arr. Gower *Prologue* from 'A Wartime Sketchbook'

Beach *Prelude on an Old Folk Tune*

Stanford *Movements* from 'Sonata Celtica'

Iain Farrington *Voices of the World*

Organ Stanley Godfrey, FRCO, our Organist and Assistant Director of Music.

Free entry, with retiring collection toward the educational work of the

Great St Mary's Music Department.

Sunday 4th October

A poster for a church event. At the top left is the Great St Mary's logo. To the right are logos for 'CREATIONTIDE 2026' and 'FAIRTRADE PLACES OF WORSHIP'. The main text reads 'All Together Eucharist' in large brown letters, followed by 'Great St Mary's Sunday 4 October at 10am'. Below this is a line drawing of a church service. To the right is a large illustration of a cardboard box overflowing with food items like bread, fruit, and vegetables. At the bottom, the text 'Harvest Festival' is written in large brown letters over a background of rolling green hills and golden wheat. To the right of the hills, it says 'Bring your donations for Cambridge City Foodbank'.

Sunday 4 October – Ecumenical Choral Evensong



Sunday 4 October at 4pm
Great St Mary's, Cambridge

LIVING WATER

An ecumenical Choral Evensong
for the Season of Creation

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Janet Tollington
The Choir of Great St Mary's Church

The service is followed by refreshments and
informal discussion with the preacher on
creationtide themes for those able to stay

CENTRAL
CAMBRIDGE
ECUMENICAL
NETWORK

Tuesdays in term time

CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

at Great St Mary's

Tuesdays
during term time
at 6pm

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



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

Wed 7 Oct - First Wednesday Lunch

Lunch will be in the Michaelhouse Chancel, 1-2pm. It follows on from the 12.30 Holy Communion service in GSM but there is no obligation to attend that! It is a simple lunch of soup and bread, together with fruit and home-made cake/biscuits and we invite a contribution of £5. If you find standing in a crowd at coffee on a Sunday morning a bit tricky, this might be the place for you to come and sit and chat.



Thurs 8 Oct - Read, Mark, Learn

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

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84052562470?pwd=SWJnZ1dCcFFOTzRWdlI4WGhpSG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

Passcode: 876406

Meeting date	Passage
8 October	Mt. 22.1-14
15 October	Lk. 10.1-9
22 October	Mt. 22.34-end
29 October	NO MEETING

Fri 9 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert



Great St Mary's, The University Church 1-2pm

Lunchtime Concert:

The Leys School Music Scholars

Gifted students from the Leys School perform instrumental solos
Director of Music Max Kenworthy Free entry, with retiring collection toward the educational work of the Great St Mary's Music Department.

Sat 10 Oct - Women's Breakfast



The next women's breakfast will meet on 10th October at 9.30am in Michaelhouse.

All welcome for food, conversation and prayer.

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

Sat 10 Oct - Music Marathon at GSM

Music Marathon fund raising for the pews - Saturday 10 Oct 11am-4pm

This will be a fun Music Marathon in aid of the pews project, when the Academy of Great St Mary's will be playing music by classical composers, for most of the day. Do come and support and we welcome sponsorship [at this link!](#)



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





MUSIC MARATHON

10 OCTOBER 11-4PM

The Academy of Great St Mary's orchestra is holding a Music Marathon in aid of a project for transforming space in the church for wheelchair users, concerts, services, schools visits, cultural and other events, and so much more.



WE INVITE SPONSORSHIP

£2 -£5 PER HOUR (4 HOUR-PLAY)
OR A DONATION FOR THE DAY OF £10 UPWARDS:



<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/academy-of-great-st-marys-music-marathon-saturday-10-october-11-4pm>

WWW.GREATSTMARYS.ORG
FUNDRAISING EVENT

GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

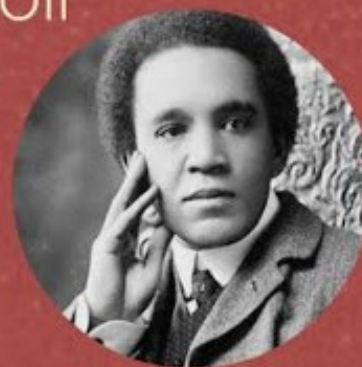
CHORAL MATTINS

FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

Sunday 11 October at 11.30am
at Great St Mary's

Sung by the Parish Choir
of Great St Mary's

including the Te Deum in F
by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor



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

Fri 16 Oct - GSM Lunchtime Concert 1-2pm



Lunchtime Concert:
Piano four-hands: Flora Tzanetaki & Kristin Loretta Barone

Schubert *Fantasie in F minor, D. 940 (Op. 103)*
Mozart *Andante and Five Variations in G major, K. 501*
Brahms *Souvenir de la Russie, and Six Fantasies for Piano Four Hands*
stevon the well wisher
Ultra Violet Suite

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

Sat 17 Oct - 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 17 Oct - Saturday Prayers



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

Saturday Prayers for Daily Life

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

Everyone welcome.

Monthly on Saturdays at 11am
in Great St Mary's Church:

17 October

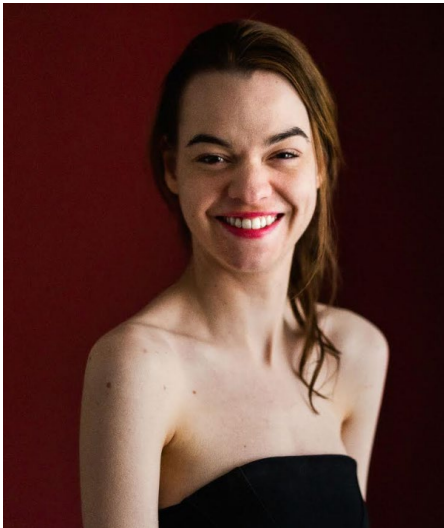
14 November

12 December



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

Sat 17 Oct - Michaelhouse Concert



1.00-2.00pm Michaelhouse, Trinity Street, Cambridge

Friends of Michaelhouse Concert: Gayle Walker

Legrand *Where is it Written (from Yentl)*

Legrand *Le Cinéma*

Legrand *On My Way to You*

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

Nazareth *Brejeiro*

Kosma *Les Feuilles Mortes*

McVie *Songbird*

Mancini *Charade*

Tommasi *Danny's Blues*

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

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

Bernstein *Somewhere (from West Side Story)*

Soprano Gayle Walker

Piano Nicolò Pierini

21 November Anne Marsh Penton piano pupils

12 December St Augustine's Singers Christmas concert

19 December Double & Squeak

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

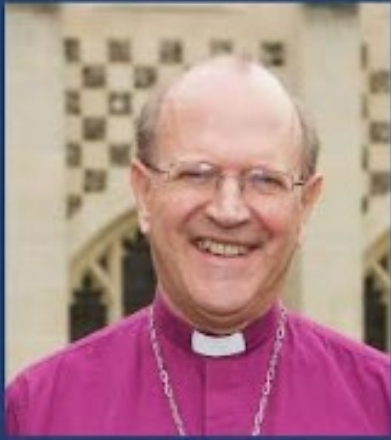
Sun 18 Oct - University Sermon

University Sermons

in Great St Mary's
2026-7



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Sunday 18 October at 11.30am
The Rt Revd Martin Seeley
of Jesus College, formerly Bishop of St Edmundsbury
and Ipswich, sometime Principal of Westcott House

Sun 18 Oct - Rooted

Rooted

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

Sunday 18 Oct, 3.30-4.45pm
Sunday 15 Nov, 2.30-3.45pm
Sunday 13 Dec, 2.30-3.45pm

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



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care and Prayer at Time of Need

Pastoral Visits and Home Communions

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

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

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

Funeral Plans

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

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

Year's Mind

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

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



Service

Do you love to sing?

Aged 14-18 and love to sing? 	Come and make music with us at Great St Mary's ambitious repertoire great friends and plenty of fun.  Great St Mary's Choir is proud to offer a musical education to over 80 children and young people from local schools. Could you be one of them? 	Do you love to sing? 	The Choristers of Great St Mary's have vacancies for boys in years 7 & 8 and for girls in years 4, 5, 6 & 7.  Great St Mary's Choir is proud to offer a musical education to over 80 children and young people from local schools. Could you be one of them? 
Find out more: email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk or visit www.greatstmarys.org/choirs-children-teenagers or email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk			

Something Understood at the Fitz



On 29 August, 'Something Understood', the GSM Poetry Group and friends, made their annual pilgrimage to the Fitzwilliam Museum where they explored Pieter Brueghel the Younger's *A Village Festival with a Theatrical Performance and a Procession in Honour of St Hubert and St Anthony* (1632). Our journey into this painting was most ably led by Sam Race. We were all so grateful to Sam for sharing his expertise, for encouraging us as we fumbled our way into the mysteries of Art History, and for giving us all the immense luxury of spending a whole morning in the company of one another and of this extraordinary painting. Thank you Sam!

GSM Environment Group



The GSM Environment Group held a very enjoyable nature walk at Fowlmere RSPB nature reserve last month. The best bird sighting was a Spotted Flycatcher, a species that has become much scarcer in the county.

Meanwhile, **Summer 2026 was the UK's hottest on record, according to provisional data from the Met Office.** Figures for the months of June, July and August show that the average mean temperature - which includes day and overnight temperatures - was 16.5C, the warmest on record in a dataset going back to 1884. [Read more here.](#) The average daily high at Great St. Mary's during June, July and August was **26C**, according to provisional Met Office data. This is **3.6C above** the long-term summer average between 1991 and 2020. Cambridge had about **24** days above **28C**, the local temperature threshold for a heatwave. You can [enter your own postcode here](#) and find out about your summer weather in 2026.

Over the coming months **Eco Tips** will continue to suggest ways as to how you can mitigate the effects of climate change in your daily life.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust



On 12 September Ruth and Paula visited 12 places of worship in central Cambridge starting at 11am and finishing at about 3pm. Thanks to our kind sponsors, all 32 of them, we have so far raised about £570. This will shortly be sent to the treasurer of Cambridge Historic Churches Trust for the gift aid to be calculated. Once that is done GSM will get half the total and the rest will be disbursed by CHCT as needed by other churches. The grand total will be announced in due course.

Ruth Bridgen

Wider Concerns Committee - Harvest Collection



Donations are invited for the following Harvest projects. See the [link here](#) and there will be WCC brown envelopes in the pews for Harvest Sunday 4 October and throughout October. Or you can scan the QR code.



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

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



Harvest gifts in kind – we invite food for the Foodbank

An Update on our support for the Jerusalem Princess Basra Centre

Investing in Technology to Transform Lives



This month, we celebrate the arrival of a high specification R-Gait machine at our Child Rehabilitation Centre in Jerusalem

It is the first opportunity for our West Bank children and young people to access this advanced technology, which, "*helps guide the body through a movement pathway that more closely resembles a natural gait pattern while supporting balance during walking. This makes gait training more structured and consistent and can contribute to achieving better rehabilitation outcomes.*"

Dr. Waddah Malhees, Medical Director at the Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre

Coming Up...

Something Understood

‘Something Understood’, the GSM Poetry Group

Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm

At 3, Adams Road, Cambridge CB3 9AD

Our Theme will be ‘Justice and Mercy’

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

juliet@jmcj.org



Elsewhere...

Litter Pick - Mill Road Cemetery



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

Ministry Team



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

MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

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



Alexander Berry
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Stanley Godfrey
Organist and Assistant Director of Music
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EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

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



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