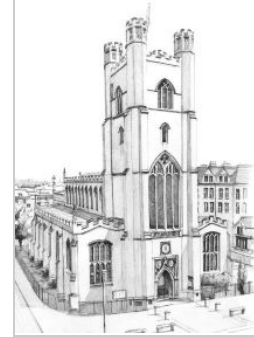


Great St Mary's eMag

14-30 June 2026: Issue 198



From the Associate Vicar

'Using our talents and gifts for God's glory'

This is really 'part two' of last issue's opening article (which focused on participating in communion as an all-age congregation).

A few years ago I did a small research project on the relationship between childhood experiences of involvement in ministry and the development of church-based vocations as adults. Not surprisingly, the research showed a very high correlation. It also showed that children's experience of doing ministry was a huge part of how they experienced a sense of belonging. As one child put it: 'I know I belong because my name is on a rota and they miss me when I'm not there. It is a lot of effort to take someone off a list'. There are, of course, many ways of belonging that don't involve rotas(!) or even lists, but for that child, a rota was a way for them to belong *in their own right*, and not just through their parents, and was a sign of their contribution being of value, and not just a token gesture of inclusion. The people I interviewed had felt seen and known, enabled and empowered to grow in faith as they worked out their sense of identity before God and as part of a community of faith. These findings were consistent between all kinds of ministries - singing in choirs, serving, helping give out hymn books, working on sound desks, helping with younger children's activities, reading, and much more - all of these experiences were formational at some level. We have children and young people involved in ministry at GSM in many of these ways, which is a good and wonderful thing.



The experience that I've described shouldn't be limited to childhood, it can continue our whole life long. Although part of the reason why we are again inviting people to fill in Time and Talents forms is that there are lots of things that *need* doing to keep the church running, the deeper reason is that offering our time, energy, resources and skills is an opportunity to grow in our sense of belonging, get to know each other better, and discover afresh who we are before God and in the church community and follow the call of God in our lives. There really are opportunities for every age and stage - the very active and the less active, those with lots of time to give and those with very little - and ways in which presence and participation is itself the offering or in which receiving the ministry of others is what makes the whole greater than the sum of its parts. Everyone is valued and precious in the sight of God, so everyone is valued and precious in God's church.

If you're happy to click on a link and have a look at the Time and Talents form online you can do so here: <https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/-/forms/n1xybehs>. If you're reading eMag on paper you may prefer to pick up a paper form from the back of Church on Sunday. And if you hate filling in forms or you're not sure what you want to explore, please do speak with anyone from the ministry team after church and we would be very happy to have a chat instead.

Every blessing
Ally

Revd Ally Barrett (Associate Vicar)
Great St Mary's, the University Church
Cambridge

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

Sunday 14 June - Trinity 2

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist
- **5pm** Choral Evensong with performance of Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo, preacher: Revd Dr Charlie Bączyk-Bell

Sunday 21 June - Safeguarding Sunday

NB – Race for Life day – Possible road closures

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

Sunday 28 June - Trinity 4

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Children's Church
- **11.30am** Choral Mattins
- **5pm** Choral Evensong with Prayers of Love and Faith

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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News and Events

Sun 14 June - Talk after morning coffee

Please do stay to hear David Bailey's presentation in Michaelhouse after coffee on Sunday morning.

Biodiversity meets Theology

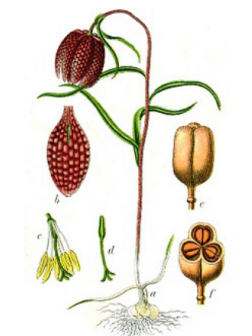
Dr David Bailey from St Clement's will describe their ECLAS Project, which uses Churchyard Biodiversity as a model for studying botanical, social and theological ecosystems

David has a background in plant biochemistry and genomics. He studied at St John's College here in Cambridge in the '70s, moving into biotechnology and drug discovery with Pfizer in the UK, before joining Incyte Genomics in Palo Alto, CA as VP of Pharmacogenomics.

The Project has a website which David will use to describe elements of the ECLAS programme.

More information can be found at:

www.churchyardbiodiversity.org



Sun 14 June - Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo

Choral Evensong

sung by the choristers
of Great St Mary's

Cambridge
Pride
Weekend



· featuring
**Captain Noah
and his Floating Zoo**

Music: Josef Horovitz
Words: Michael Flanders

Preacher:
Revd Dr Charlie Bączyk-Bell

Great St Mary's
Sunday 14 June
at 5pm



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Tues 16, 23, 30 June - 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.

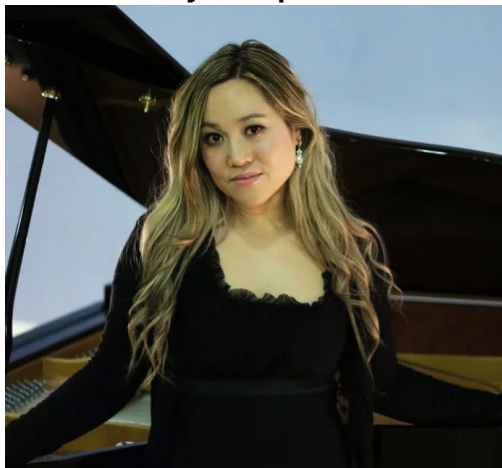
To find out more:
greatstmarys.org/music



Thurs 18, 25 June - Chat, Play, Sing

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

Fri 19 June - Lunchtime Concert Great St Mary's 1-2pm



Victoria Royce Trio
Programme to be confirmed; see
greatstmarys.org for more details
Rachel Gordon Soprano
Victoria Ayano Royce Flute
Matthew McCombie Piano

Free entry, with retiring collection

Organathon Fri 19 to Sat 20 June Great St Mary's Organathon 2026 - call for volunteers

The Music Department is running its inaugural Organathon - seventeen hours of organ recitals fundraising for the upcoming choir tour to Denmark and Sweden (5-9pm on Friday 19th June and 9am-8pm on Saturday 20th). We're looking for volunteers to help steward the church during this time, especially during the times when the Church isn't usually open; for more information and to sign up please email Stanley

(stanleyg@gsm.cam.ac.uk).



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ORGANATHON 2026

Friday 19th June, 5-9pm

Saturday 20th June, 9am-8pm

*Free admission throughout,
with a collection in aid of
Music at Great St Mary's
www.greatstmarys.org*



Sat 20 June - 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 20 June - Michaelhouse Concert

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



Lunchtime Concert: Canterbury Brass

Handel *Four Arias*

Purcell *Man that is born of a woman*

Bach *Preludes and Fugues in C major & C minor*

Hook *Glee 'Dear is my little native Vale'*

Liszt *Les Jeux d'eaux a la villa d'Este*

Graham *Time Piece*

Graham Berridge *Cornet*

Kiran Kapur *Cornet*

Jayne Grey *Tenor horn*

Philip Mead *Euphonium, piano*

Free entry, retiring collection in aid of Michaelhouse Singers

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

Lunchtime Concert: Jiali Wang

**Programme to be confirmed; see greatstmarys.org for more details
Jiali Wang Piano**



Free entry, with retiring collection

Sun 28 June - Emmaus Group

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14TH JUN. 28TH JUN.

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Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care and Prayer at Time of Need

Pastoral Visits and Home Communion

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.

Colin Davison	12 June
Lennox Heward-Mills	17 June
Rhoda Margaret Johnston	19 June



Service

Christian Aid 2026



The deadline for submitting Christian Aid Week money has been extended to the end of July, so here is one more opportunity to participate in something enjoyable as well as donating to a good cause.

On Sunday 12 July, after the 10am service, Juliet Jackson has offered to take those

interested around the refurbished churchyard to explain the thinking about the different areas and to describe the planting in more detail. You can also view the new Garden of Remembrance area. Coffee and cake will be served, so there is no need to dash to Michaelhouse, and we are thinking of a maximum of 15 people so that everybody can hear and ask questions. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of church and a collection box available on the day for cash contributions.

Thank you to all those who supported the card stall at coffee; that raised £100 and the cake stall raised over £200, which was amazing! £750 has already been paid in at the bank, but with two more coffee mornings to go and the garden tour, I am hoping we might even make it to £1k.

For further details about the garden tour, or to sign up, feel free to email me directly: lorna_atwell@hotmail.com

Wider Concerns - Petertide Collection



At Petertide, the Wider Concerns Committee supports theological training overseas, where funds are urgently needed. In 2024 we supported the Janani Luwum Theological College in Uganda, who provide wonderful training for priests, urgently needed in an area near the border of Southern Sudan which was devastated by a rebel movement. We have received inspirational newsletters from them outlining the good progress in the work of the college, such as the following:

Christian Greetings: We cannot express the value of your prayers and encouragement. There is always more to accomplish and more to work towards, but as we see the building fund run out and be replenished month after month, as we see prayers answered in graduating students, and as we progress the development of the college we are daily aware of answered prayers, and know that your faithful remembrance of us makes all the difference to what we see happening here.



■ We wish to support them again at this Petertide.

■ Donations may be made [at this link](#):

or by scanning the QR code

WCC brown envelopes will be in the pews.

Wider Concerns - a Thank You

Kids for Kids, North Darfur, Sudan



We have received this lovely letter of appreciation for the recent donation of £1,000 from the Sansom Bequest recommended by the Wider Concerns Committee.

How wonderful to find your donation. You are such special supporters and you have been so terrific for so many years now. I wonder how many children your help has reached – it will be a staggering number. I am still shocked that no other organisation is even attempting to help in villages. Yet enabling people to stay in their

homes must be the best for us all – even here. Your donation has come at a perfect time. Today I authorised the purchase and distribution of seeds for next year's harvest for 70 of our villages. Without seeds can you imagine what next year would be like. We just have to pray for a successful harvest – no violence to prevent its collection, and no locusts or other pests. I am so proud of our volunteers.

With my thanks to you all,

Patricia Parker OBE

Chairman and Programme Director

Kids for Kids

Note: Kids for Kids - Work in remote villages lifting whole communities out of abject poverty; giving them a real chance in life; training them to run the projects themselves so they can raise their families out of poverty long-term, and give their children hope of a better future. Also planting trees to halt the desert.

Time and Talents



Stewardship of Time and Talents:

Scan the code or visit

<https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/forms/n1xybeh>

if you would like to volunteer at Great St. Mary's. There are also paper copies of this form at the back of the church on Sundays.

Eco Tips - Celebrating UK Wildlife and Heatwaves



The Bank of England is designing the next series of banknotes celebrating the UK's wildlife. Working with a panel of wildlife experts from across the UK, they have produced a shortlist of animals, native to the UK, that could be used as the central image on the £5, £10, £20 and £50 notes. You have until July 3rd to say which animals you would like to see on the new banknotes. [You can vote here.](#)

Coping with heatwaves



The heatwave we experienced in late May is likely to be the first of many this summer. What can you do to cope with the heat? 'Get Ready for Heatwaves' is a free live online talk on Tues 30th June at 7:30-8:30pm, where you will hear advice on exterior shading, ventilation, personal cooling, and the importance of insulation. We're all aware of the measures we can take to mitigate our contribution to climate change, but we also need to take action to protect ourselves from its consequences. The talk is part of a collaboration between Cambridge Carbon Footprint, Carbon Neutral Cambridge and Cambridge Retrofit Hub to equip you with the information you need to take practical action before the next heatwave hits. [Book here on Eventbrite](#)

Bookstall



Up until the end of April, the bookstall has so far raised £745.40, but a crisis is looming; there are virtually no more books! So, I will keep this short.

Please could you:

- All bring one or two 'redundant' books to put in the box by the narthex bookcase?



- Peruse local fêtes and Bring and Buy stalls and see if they are disposing of their books (often £1 for a carrier bag) at the end of their sale.



- Notice if anybody is de-cluttering or house-clearing and offer to dispose of their books. I have room in my garage to store them.

That would enable us to continue to offer books for sale. It does bring people in!

Lorna Atwell

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.

Clare Priory Retreat



Great St. Mary's Christian Meditation Group held a silent residential retreat for thirteen people at Clare Priory in Suffolk from 2nd to 4th June. Clio Edgington writes: "Our retreat at Clare Priory was as gentle and profound as I can imagine. Led with great sensitivity and ladles of thought and care by Jutta, Clare, and Richard, we settled deeply into the peace of this beautiful Augustinian community that will be familiar to many from our quiet days there. The various spaces, the programme of shared meditations and liturgies of Morning Prayer, Communion, Evening Prayer and Compline created structure with freedom to participate as we chose, and places to read Jutta's shared books, and the vast selection in the Priory library, use art materials to reflect or centre ourselves, or be alone and walk or sit in the beautiful grounds. The sense of travelling in silence alongside the others in our group was a source, for many of us, of great joy and comfort.

Our journeys were all very different through this time, but in the sharing at the end it was clear that each of us had felt opened to God's grace in so many ways, which we bring back into our lives and those of our communities. We are very grateful for this experience and hope very much we can develop it over the months ahead in our prayer and meditation, and plan eventually towards a future retreat next year."



The two artworks were created at Clare during the retreat by Clio Edgington (scaffolding pole cross) and Charlotte Lablatte (flowers from GSM garden - which Juliet Jackson gave us to take). The photo is of the friends who travelled together in John Sturdy's thirteen seat extended Land Rover, 'Marmalade'.

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 mid-June 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

Farewell Service for the Ven Dr Alex Hughes



On Monday 6 July at 7pm, Great St Mary's is delighted to be hosting the farewell service for Alex Hughes, Archdeacon of Cambridge, who is going to be Bishop of Brixworth in the Diocese of Peterborough. Alex has given wonderful support to GSM during his time as Archdeacon and especially during the two vacancy periods. The service will be followed by a reception, and everyone is welcome.

If you are a singer, and would like to volunteer for the choir (rehearsing from 5.45pm on the day), please sign up [using this form](#)

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

Deconstituting Museums - Mon 29 June



Why is participation in museums so difficult?
CCC Keynote Lecture delivered by
Helen Graham, Professor of Heritage and
Participatory Praxis, University of Leeds.

Drawing on her recently published book –
Deconstituting Museums: Participation's
Affective Work (2025) – Helen will argue we can
better understand why participation in museums has been difficult by identifying the
distinct and contradictory underlying political logics of museums and of
participation. In other words, that significant tensions are produced in combining
institutions based in liberal approaches to decision-making 'on behalf of' the public
and practices of participation based in collective action and decision-making.

Date: Monday 29 June 2026, 5-6pm

Location: Lucia Windsor Room, Newnham College, Cambridge

For more info and how to register, please follow this

link: <https://www.ccc.cam.ac.uk/events/item/ccc-keynote-lecture-easter-term-2026/>

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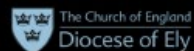


Tuesday
21 July 2026
10am - 4pm

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 Common Good Programme


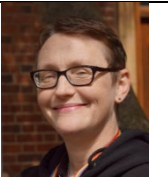







Free event

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>
	<p>Revd Clare Stephenson Assistant Curate <i>(currently away on placement)</i></p>		<p>Revd Andrew Day Associate Priest email: acd62@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Revd Alison Kennedy Associate Priest email: alisonk@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>		<p>Dr David Grumett Licensed Lay Minister email: davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Revd Graham Stevenson Associate Priest</p>		<p>CHILDREN & YOUTH Great St Mary's offers a range of groups and activities for children from birth to 18. Revd Rosie Hewitt Children and Youth Minister email: rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>
	<p>Revd Canon Dr Jeremy Morris Associate Priest</p>		<p>EDUCATION 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</p>

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.

	<p>Alex Berry Director of Music email: music@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>		<p>Stanley Godfrey Assistant Director of Music email: music@gsm.cam.ac.uk</p>
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