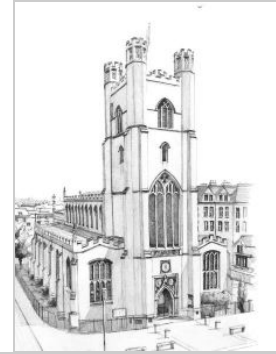


Great St Mary's e-mag

1-15 September: Issue 180



From the Vicar:

At the beginning of September, with the choirs and children's church returning, we are resuming our full schedule of prayer, worship and activity. We are delighted to welcome Stanley Godfrey as Organist and Assistant Director for Music.



On Sunday 7th September, we are celebrating our Patronal Festival, the Feast of the Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Chine McDonald, Director of the Theos Think Tank, who has recently published a book on Mary [1], is our preacher at the 10 am

Choral Eucharist. As in previous years, the service will be followed by a 'Bicycle and Backpack Blessing' in the churchyard followed by refreshments – so please, remember to bring your bicycle and backpack! The day concludes with a 'Come & Sing' evensong with wonderful music to mark the Patronal Festival.

The following Sunday, 14th September, we will be saying 'Thank You' to all our volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents in the service of our church. The life and ministry of Great St Mary's depend on the generosity of people who get involved in the various activities that enable us to be a hospitable, flourishing church offering beautiful worship, bringing people together from many different backgrounds and walks of life, witnessing to the Christian faith in the centre of Cambridge. This is an opportunity to say thank you to all who have been contributing to the life of the church

for many years, as well as those who are getting newly involved following our recent “Time and Talents” campaign. At the 10 am Eucharist we will celebrate all the different ministries and commission everyone for the year ahead. We hope that many of you will be in the service that morning. We have various areas where we would like to recruit more people to spread the load, and we will be featuring different volunteering opportunities in *eMag* over the next few months. In this *eMag*, please look out for the article by Gillian Weale on altar serving, in which Gillian shares how being an altar server supports her faith and enriches her life.

As for many of us, life gets busier again, with our various responsibilities and many demands on our time, my prayer for us all is that being part of our church community enables each of us to attend to our inner lives, connect with what’s important to us, find space to attend to our questions and reflections, and so be nourished. We do this through our worship, study and service, as well as special occasions and retreat days. Our annual quiet day on Saturday, 20th September at Clare Priory offers an excellent opportunity to take time out and listen to God’s voice in your life. This year, the quiet day will be led by Canon Susanna Gunner (susannagunner.com), who will use art, poetry and music to aid our reflection and prayer. If you have never been to a quiet day before, I highly recommend giving it a try.

We have a number of bible study and home groups – online or meeting in someone’s house; see the Great St Mary’s website for more information. We are starting two new groups this autumn: the Vicar’s Reading group (first book: ‘Being Human’ by Rowan Williams), to meet once a month at the Vicarage, and a group for 20-35 year olds ‘Rooted’, to meet monthly, on Sunday afternoons. As people of faith, we know that our inner lives and our outward day-to-day commitments and actions should be two sides of the same coin, each reflecting and strengthening the other. We also know that often this is not the case for us, and yet we long for it to be so. So, deepening our awareness of God’s presence in us and living that out in our actions, nurturing hope in ourselves so we can be bearers of hope for others, is God’s call on each and all of us in the complexity and uncertainty of our times. My commitment is to enable Great St Mary’s to be a community where that can happen.

With my gratitude and best wishes,

Jutta

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, Vicar

[1] Unmaking Mary: Shattering the myth of perfect motherhood, Hodder Faith, 2025

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Worship Schedule

September services - see Term Card for details

Sunday 7 Sept (Trinity 12) - Patronal Festival

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist - Preacher: Chine McDonald - followed by 'Bicycle and Backpack Blessing'
- **5pm** Come-and-Sing Evensong - for advanced singers

Sunday 14 Sept (Trinity 13) - Holy Cross Day

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist - with commissioning of volunteers
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Regular Weekday Worship during September

- 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**
- Wednesdays 7.45pm **Youth Compline** in *Michaelhouse* (starting 17 Sept)
- Thursdays 6.00pm **Choral Evensong** sung by GSM choristers (starting 18 Sept)

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:

[80th Anniversary of VJ Day Service 15th August 2025](#)

[Choral Eucharist from Great St. Mary's 17th August 2025](#)

[Choral Eucharist from Great St. Mary's 24th August 2025](#)

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

News and Events



Wed 3 Sept - 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.



Sun 7 Sept - Come-and-Sing

Advanced singers and choral music fans are warmly invited to our next Come-and-Sing Evensong, Sun 7 Sep. This time we are celebrating Great St Mary's Patronal Festival with stunning Marian devotional music for double choir: a delight for singers and listeners

alike. Please email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk or scan the QR code to sign up.

Come-and-Sing
EVENSONG
for ADVANCED SINGERS



A Hymn to the Mother of God
John Tavener

Magnificat
Hieronymus Praetorius

Totus tuus
Henryk Górecki

Sunday 7 September 2025
Great St Mary's Church, Cambridge
15:00 Rehearsal | 17:00 Evensong
Conductor: Alexander Berry
Organist: Stanley Godfrey

To sign up for your free place,
scan the QR code or email
music@gsm.cam.ac.uk



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE



Fri 12 Sept - Open Cambridge at GSM

Open Cambridge, Friday 12 September (2.30-3.30pm)
Our Heritage and the Environment's Future

Visit Great St Mary's, the University Church, which has been at the centre of Cambridge for over 800 years and played a major role in the beginnings of the University of Cambridge. Hear about its royal connections and the part it played in the English Reformation and the civil wars, and take a look at our first edition King James Bible (published in 1611).

Hear also about our new project which focusses on environmental education, as we seek to encourage care of the environment as we look towards the future. As part of this project we will connect school students with local scientists to discuss their scientific work, and ask how we can make a positive difference to the natural world in a time of climate change.





Sat 13 Sept- Women's Breakfast



Women's Breakfast 9.30am

The women's breakfast group will meet in the Montefiore Room at Michaelhouse. All welcome to eat, chat and pray.

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



Sat 13 Sept - CHCT Ride & Stride



Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Ride & Stride will take place this year on Saturday 13 September. The object of this event is to raise money for the Trust to help maintain churches. Half of whatever we raise comes back to GSM. Participants seek sponsorship either by the number of churches visited or a fixed amount and then on the day they visit churches generally walking or cycling but other methods are acceptable. It is a lot of fun because one can often visit churches which are generally closed.

Many of the churches will have tea or lemonade for the participants and members of their congregation to tell you about the church. GSM has participated for many years and has had grants from the Trust. The forms for participants to record sponsorship are available on the [Trust web site](#) or for more information contact Tom Culver tandaculver@gmail.com



Sun 14 Sept - Children's Church (Plus!) Picnic

GREAT ST. MARY'S

Children's Church (Plus!) Picnic

SUN **14** SEPT

AFTER THE 10 O'CLOCK SERVICE, AT LAMMAS LAND
(PARK WITH PLAYGROUND & SPLASH POOL)

Everyone is invited - whether or not they regularly attend
Children's Church, and whatever their age!

You will need: a picnic, something to sit on, swimming
costumes and towels (for the children)



Children's and Youth Makers Guild

Children's and Youth Ministry Makers Guild: could you be part of this?

Rosie would love to establish a
Children's and Youth Ministry Makers
Guild: for people skilled with their
hands who would be willing to make
things for use in our children's and
youth work. She is looking for:

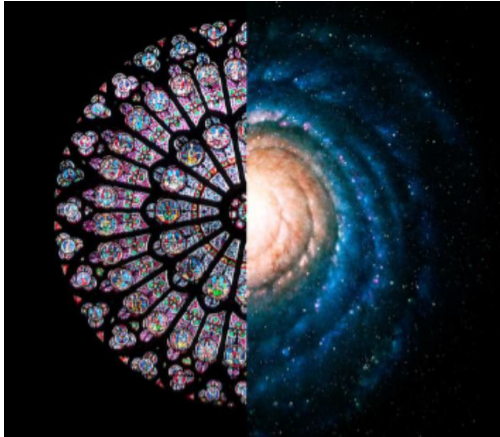
- sewers
- knitters and crocheters
- woodworkers
- bakers
- artists



Being part of the guild would simply involve putting your name on a list of people Rosie could call upon with requests for items to be made; then it would be up to you to say yes or no to the requests as they came in!
Rosie can be contacted at rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk



GSM awarded ECLAS grant



We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in securing a £10k grant from Scientists in Congregations - part of Equipping Christian Leadership in an Age of Science (ECLAS) - to enable us to expand our educational offerings, particularly pertaining to environmental education and the link between faith and caring for the environment. With this grant, we are launching a project entitled 'Communicating Hope: Science, Faith, and Sustainability'.

Coming soon: interviews between students and scientists available online; new touchscreens for 'environment, sustainability, and faith'; and guest speakers discussing environmental issues.

We will be looking for volunteer help with the project. You can [read more here](#).



Closure of Trinity Street

Trinity Street closure 15 September to 24 October

Trinity Street will be closed while Caius are installing their Air Source Heat Pump – further details are on the poster and will be publicised. Michaelhouse and the café will be fully open during this time and accessible via Rose Crescent. Please do continue to use the building and café and let others know it is available.

See information at foot of eMag.

Pastoral Care



Thank You from Margaret Ingram

I should like to thank all my friends in the Great St Mary's family who have shown me so much kindness and Christian love following my recent heart procedure. Since July my house has never been without gifts of flowers, cakes, vegetables, fruit and get-well cards: many people have phoned and sent WhatsApp messages or called to see me. The clergy team have brought me communion at home, and I shall always remember Clare setting up an altar on a plastic chair in the relatives' room in Addenbrooke's! All this is indicative of a fellowship which lives out its faith in seemingly ordinary ways which for me have transformed a difficult time into one of blessing. I am very grateful to you all and hope to be back among you very soon.

Margaret (Ingram)



Karen Hirtzel



Karen died peacefully on 15th July at the age of 87. She was a member of the congregation from 1967 for about 40 years (with her husband Michael until his death in 1995). Karen was for many years a member of the flower arranging group, a creche volunteer and a friend of Michaelhouse.

A private cremation has taken place and there will be a service to celebrate Karen's life on Thursday 18th September at 2pm at Great St Mary's, and afterwards in Michaelhouse. All welcome.



Pastoral Care at Great St. Mary's

Pastoral Visiting and Prayer at Times of Need

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. 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).

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.

Barbara Sayer	2 September	2017
Cyril Tucker	2 September	1992
Ron Clifton	3 September	2024
Harold Hodgson	12 September	1986
Val Chivers	6 September	2023
Sylvia Watson	15 September	2004
Alice Mant	17 September	2021
Iris Crossley	18 September	2013
Giles Ecclestone	19 September	1990
Betty Orange	22 September	2015
Peter Girling	24 September	2003
Fiona Campbell Brown	26 September	2021
James Wood	30 September	2008





Age is But a Number

Pastoral Care Great St Mary's Summer & Autumn programme 2025

Saturday 9 August, 11am-12pm

Age is but a number!

Saturday 11 October, 11am-12pm

The Spiritual Needs of the Older Person

Saturday 8 November, 11am-1.30pm

Last requests and funeral planning workshop



Age is but a number!

On Saturday 9 August a happily interactive audience gathered at Michaelhouse to hear words of wisdom about the process of ageing from two experts from our congregation, who between them have over 60 years of experience in the practice of medicine. Dr Gordon Campbell is a former geriatrician who set up a Falls Clinic at Addenbrookes, and Dr Andrew Watson is a GP with a practice based in Arbury.

Gordon opened with an explanation of Geriatric Medicine (or Medicine for the Elderly) and how the geriatrician is a specialist in the challenges of frailty which comes with ageing, the co-existence of a number of medical conditions which come on gradually in old age (e.g., Parkinson Disease and osteoarthritis) and the different responses to illness which happen in older people. The geriatrician has a holistic approach and asks the fundamental question why somebody has lost the ability to function in a particular area, with the aim that function can be restored if a treatable cause can be found. This means that life can be lived as well as might be possible. Another role, of course, is to help people to accept when it is not possible to restore function, to help them live life fully. For people who are close to death a geriatrician aims to help a person make the end of life to be as comfortable and dignified as possible.



Gordon explained how significant falls can be in older people, affecting 30% of people over 65, and 45% over 80. 15% of falls in older people result in a serious life changing injury, and yet a falls prevention clinic has been shown to lead to a 22% reduction in falls. A falls prevention clinic seeks to prevent simple things which have made falls more likely (dizziness from dehydration or medications) and encourages approaches for strengthening the bones

and muscles through diet, medications and, most importantly, exercise.

Andrew focussed on methods of staying in good health for longer, including ensuring that many hours a week are devoted to exercises which stimulate the brain and hand-eye coordination (e.g. video games!). It is known that being involved in pursuits such as music, learning languages, travel and art all stimulate the brain and encourage brain recovery ("neuroplasticity"). Exercise offers social benefits, but above all can help prevent the pace at which muscles lose their power and bulk from the age of 50 onwards

(an inevitable process known as sarcopenia). Andrew introduced the Cawthorn Cooksey exercise which have been tested over decades and are known to prevent falls and increase mobility through simple repetitive actions which can be gradually built up over time. Andrew encouraged us all to practise these for a few minutes a day at home.

Information about these exercises can be found here: <https://www.uhsussex.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Vestibular-and-Cawthorn-Cooksey-exercises.pdf>

The Be Well Cambridgeshire website also has some helpful advice about “How to Stay Stronger for Longer” together with a booklet which can be printed out.

<https://www.bewellcambridgeshire.co.uk/your-health-and-wellbeing/stay-stronger-for-longer>

Our next talk is on Saturday 11 October at 10.30am (coffee) for 11.00am, also in Michaelhouse, and will be given by Revd Marie Luschetta-Redmond (Ely diocese Anna Chaplaincy Coordinator) on the Spiritual needs of the Older Person.

Service



GSM Altar Servers



This month we are highlighting the role of altar servers in the celebration of the liturgy, and encouraging new volunteers to this special but unobtrusive ministry. At the Eucharist we assist the celebrant at the altar, and facilitate others' participation in the liturgy. We serve at seasonal services such as Remembrance Sunday, Christmas and Advent Carol Services and the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. Through our physical actions and movements,

servers worship and pray, as well as through joining in with the words and music of the liturgy.

I started serving at my church in Oxford at the age of seven, and it was an important step in my journey of discipleship, and in my spiritual development. Being close to the altar, handling the sacred vessels, lighting candles, assisting the priest and working in a team alongside nurturing adults gave me a sense of being fully part of the Body of Christ. As a teenager, with a busy social life and studying for exams, I was able to continue this ministry easily because of its defined commitment (you turn up on the day, no advance preparation required). As an adult, I appreciate the quietness of this ministry; the contribution being all through actions, not words, and being able to help others worship

by doing something which sits in the background.

Serving is very much about teamwork, and the GSM serving team is very friendly and supportive. We have a range of experience between us, from those who have been altar servers for decades, to those who have begun recently. You do not need any special skill to start with, and everything can be learned on the job. This makes altar serving a ministry which can be exercised by children as well as adults, and we are looking to welcome anyone age 7+ to the team this autumn.

If you or your child are interested, please contact Gillian Weale (gillianweale@hotmail.com) and Rosie Hewitt for children (rosieh@gsm.cam.ac.uk) and we can explore further.

Gillian Weale (Head Server)



After-school bell ringing club



When you hear the bells ringing at Great St Mary's, perhaps before a Sunday service, do you sometimes spare a thought for those who are up the tower ringing them and what motivated them to start doing it? Many of them will have tried bell ringing when students, teenagers or even earlier and continued to enjoy the mental and physical challenge and the associated social life ever since.

Finding an opportunity to start bell ringing has not always been easy, but GSM bell ringers have led the way in setting up a centre for teaching and promoting it at nearby St Clement's Church in Bridge Street. For the last two years we have been running a weekly after-school bell club for Park Street Primary School which is linked to both churches. The photo shows last term's members. Now we want to start a follow-on club open to children from any secondary school in the area, and would like to recruit some new members with or without previous experience from years 7-11, and particularly some beginners from the earlier years.

The club will operate on Wednesday afternoons during term, from 3.30 to 5.30pm but with children welcome to attend for any part of that time. There will be a subscription of £30 per term. We have a strong safeguarding policy and qualified teachers. If you know any children who might be interested, please pass this on. Any child or parent can come to St Clement's for a free session to see what it is like. To find out more, email Lynne Hughes at bells@stclementscambridge.co.uk.

Bell ringing is an inclusive, healthy and sociable activity for all ages. All faiths (or none) are welcome and there is no requirement to attend church services. No particular strength is required, and we welcome the challenge of teaching those with disabilities (although there are some stairs to climb). It's an absorbing lifetime hobby which always has something new to try – come along and see!



Eco Tip - Season of Creation



Creationtide is an ideal time to dream big about tackling climate change.

‘Bold’, ‘faithful’, ‘exciting’ and ‘commendable’. Those are just some of the ways in which Anglicans around the world have responded to the Church of England’s Net Zero Carbon ambition. The Net Zero programme – approved by General Synod in 2022 – aims to equip, resource and support all parts of the Church to reduce carbon emissions from the energy used in churches, schools and other buildings by 2030. Members of the Anglican Communion have welcomed the progress that English churches are making towards this goal. Watch the video [here](#).



GSM Wider Concerns



**DISASTERS
EMERGENCY
COMMITTEE**

The Wider Concerns Committee welcomes donations for humanitarian aid for Gaza as an expression of our concern and support for those suffering so tragically there. The funds will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee which co-ordinates the work of major charities in the Middle East.

For those who may have missed the collections in Great St Mary’s, donations may be made now at [this link](#)

Coming up.....



Clare Priory Quiet Day - Sat 20 Sept

Ephphatha: be opened!

A Quiet Day at Clare Priory

Our starting point will be Jesus' healing of a man who could neither hear nor speak. 'Be opened!' he commanded. Suppose we responded to that command today... How, for instance, might we be helped to lean into listening - to our deepest selves and to each other, to the natural world and to its Creator? And how might our speaking be changed?



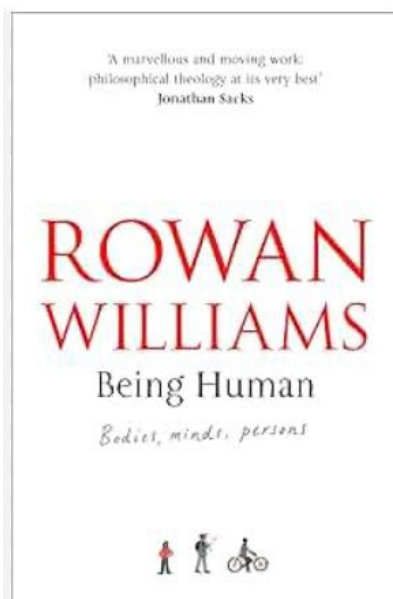
The day will be led by Canon Susanna Gunner (susannagunner.com) who will use art, poetry and music to enrich biblical and other texts. There will also be plenty of free time for individual praying and pondering, walking and wandering in Clare Priory's beautiful spaces, inside and out.

Please book early, to enable us to plan and avoid disappointment. Cost is £20 for the venue which includes tea and coffee morning and afternoon and £16pp for travel on the 16-seater mini-bus – when full lifts can be arranged.

Contact for more information from Anne Lindley annejindley202@gmail.com 01223 560567 or 07760161306 (or leave a message).



Vicar's reading group



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

Tuesday evenings, 7.30-9.00 at the Vicarage

Dates: 30 Sept, 28 Oct, 25 Nov, 9 Dec.

Rowan Williams 'Being Human', SPCK 2018, to stimulate our conversation and prayer,

The book addresses fundamental questions such as 'What is human consciousness? Is the mind a machine? What makes us persons? How can we find the path to human maturity?'. The aim of the group is to help us connect with our own questions and how we might respond to the challenges of our time.

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



Academy of Great St. Mary's Concert - Sat 27 Sept

The Academy of Great St. Mary's Orchestral Concert

Great St. Mary's Church 27 Sept 7:30 – 9:00pm

Conductor Adam Pounds



Charlie Lovell-Jones is an international soloist. He made his debut at the Royal Festival Hall aged 15 and is critically acclaimed concertmaster of the Sinfonia of London. He plays a 1777 G.B. Guadagnini violin.

Mozart: *Overture to Don Giovanni*

Beethoven: *Symphony No. 1*

Berkeley: *Divertimento in Bb*

Tchaikovsky: *Violin Concerto No.1 with*

International Soloist: Charlie Lovell-Jones

Tickets £10-£18 from

<http://www.adcticketing.com>

or GSM Shop and at the door

www.greatstmarys.org

Concert in aid of Great St Mary's.

Elsewhere.....



Ukrainian assistance



Two Ukrainian young people looking for sponsorship and accommodation

We have received two separate requests from young people looking for sponsorship and accommodation for a short time whilst they look for work in the UK. If you can help or know of anyone who might be able to provide accommodation, please contact margaretj222@gmail.com, it would be greatly

appreciated.

A young woman has been in the UK earlier and then returned to Ukraine. She is eligible to return to the UK under the Homes for Ukraine scheme. She speaks good English. She is a university graduate in international relations and is from a family of doctors.

A Ukrainian 24-year-old young man is a university graduate with good English and is planning to work in the UK. A Ukrainian person in Cambridge is happy to be his guarantor.



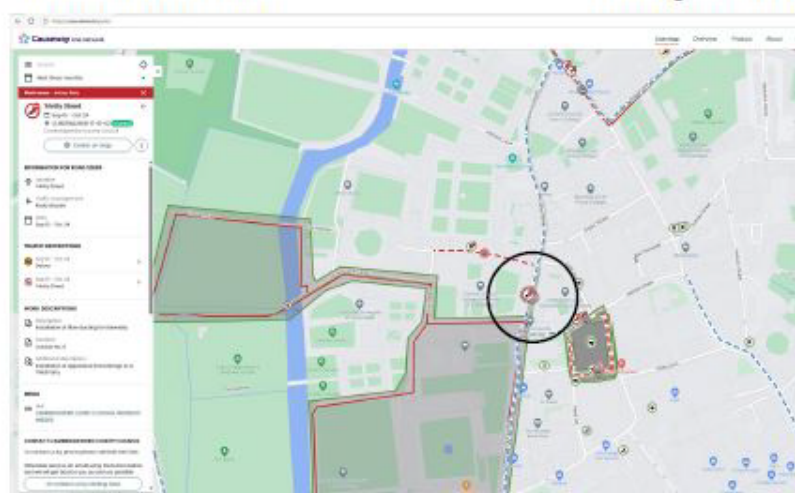
Trinity Street closure

TRINITY STREET ROAD CLOSURE Sept 15 to Oct 24, 2025

Gonville & Caius College is undertaking an innovative decarbonisation project which requires the closure of Trinity Street.

The infrastructure is designed so future maintenance will be possible without closure of the street.

Traffic diversions set by Cambridgeshire County Council will be signposted approximately two weeks prior to the closure and are now published on the [one.network](#) platform. It may be necessary for businesses to make alternative arrangements for deliveries, for example.



one.network link
(sign-up to login; free)

A summary of pedestrian access
Diversion via Trinity Lane and Senat
House Passage, or Rose Crescent



A summary of the vehicular diversion:

- Trinity Street closed outside 3 and 4 (Caius Housekeeping and Giles & Co)
- Trinity Street and St John's Street to become two-way, with loading bays suspended to form passing places
- Trinity Lane and Green Street access maintained
- King's Parade security barrier staffed between 9am and 7pm daily to escort essential vehicular access. The barrier is otherwise closed (and open as normal from 7pm to 9am)
- The sign-posted diversion is via Jesus Lane, Victoria Avenue, Chesterton Road, Queen's Road, Fen Causeway and Trumpington Street

DECARBONISATION: A GUIDE TO THE PROJECT

Gonville & Caius is a 677-year-old institution which has been at the forefront of education and innovation. We want the College to continue as a standard bearer and leader.

By undertaking an exciting carbon reduction project, Caius is replacing gas-fired space and water heating with an Air Source Heat Pump (ASHP) system.



Scan the QR code for frequently asked questions and a guide to the project.

CONTACT

Please use our dedicated correspondence email address
decarbonisation@cai.cam.ac.uk



Worship Services, Events & Concerts September-October 2025



Great St Mary's is an open and inclusive Christian community. The University Church since 1209, we are a spiritual home for the University and the City of Cambridge, a Church of England parish, and a safe place to bring your questions and hopes.

We offer worship services throughout the week as well as on Sundays. Our principal Sunday service is at 10am, a welcoming service of Holy Communion with choir, preaching, children's church, and coffee & fellowship afterwards in Michaelhouse our café, chapel and performance space on Trinity Street.

Regular Weekday Services

Mondays–Fridays	9am	Morning Prayer*
Mondays	12.30pm	Christian Meditation (Silent Prayer) in Michaelhouse
Tuesdays	10.30am	The Ark: Children's Communion in Michaelhouse
<i>(school term time only)</i>		
Wednesdays	12.30pm	Holy Communion
Thursday	6.00pm	Choral Evensong
<i>(school term time only, from 18th September)</i>		
Thursdays in Term	7.30pm	HeartsEase (SCM student meeting) in Michaelhouse
<i>(University Term time only, from 9th October)</i>		

**These services are livestreamed and available on You Tube*

Getting Involved

Study Groups: There are a number of study groups which meet online and in person during the week to study scripture and explore theology and to pray together. Everyone is welcome. Please email clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk or speak to the clergy to find out more!

Helping in the Church: If you would like to read the lessons, serve at the altar, lead prayers, work with children and young people, sing in the choir or become a guide or a greeter, email us at office@gsm.cam.ac.uk or speak to the clergy. There is a place for your gifts and talents at the University Church!

Bell Ringing: Learn about the great tradition of change ringing, with the Society of Cambridge Youths, scy.org.uk and the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, cugcr.org.uk

Contact Us

- Appointments/general questions: email office@gsm.cam.ac.uk or call at 01223 747273
- To reach a member of the clergy team directly, send an email to clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk
- Music, including auditioning for one of our choirs: please contact music@gsm.cam.ac.uk
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and subscribe to our newsletter, the *eMag*, by visiting greatstmarys.org/emag

We take the safeguarding of young people and vulnerable adults very seriously.

To find out more, visit greatstmarys.org/safeguarding

SEPTEMBER 2025		
Monday 1 st	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 2 nd	09.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday 3 rd	09.00am 12.30pm 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion First Wednesday lunch in Michaelhouse
Thursday 4 th	09.00am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse
Friday 5 th	09.00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 7 th The Blessed Virgin Mary	08.00am 10.00am 11.15am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist: Patronal Festival & Children's Church Bicycle and backpack blessing Come and Sing Choral Evensong for Advanced Singers (see website for details of how to sign up and rehearsal time)
Monday 8 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 9 th	09.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday 10 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thursday 11 th	09.00am 10.00am	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse
Friday 12 th	09.00am 14.30pm	Morning Prayer Talk – Open Cambridge (see website for details and how to book)
Saturday 13 th	09.00am 09.30am 12.00pm	Bellringing Peal Women's breakfast in Michaelhouse Church closed for a wedding, reopening by 3.00pm

Sunday 14 th Holy Cross Day	08.00am 10.00am 11.30am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist with commissioning of volunteers Children's Church plus picnic Choral Evensong
Monday 15 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 16 th	09.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday 17 th	09.00am 12.30pm19.45pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 18 th	09.00am 10.00am 14.00pm18.00pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Memorial service (church closed 1.00-3.00pm, unless attending service) Choral Evensong
Friday 19 th	09.00am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 20 th	09.00am 1.00pm	Men's communion and breakfast in Michaelhouse Parish Quiet day at Clare Priory Friends of Michaelhouse concert (in Michaelhouse)
Sunday 21 st Trinity 14	08.00am 10.00am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist and Children's Church Choral Evensong
Monday 22 nd	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 23 rd	09.00am 10.30am 19.30pm	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse Something Understood Poetry Group
Wednesday 24 th	09.00am 12.30pm19.45pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 25 th	09.00am 10.00am 18.00pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Choral Evensong
Friday 26 th	09.00am	Morning Prayer
Saturday 27 th	19.30pm	Academy of GSM concert
Sunday 28 th Michaelmas	08.00am 10.00am 11.30am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist for Michaelmas in GSM, and Children's Church Choral Mattins for Michaelmas in GSM Choral Evensong for Michaelmas in Michaelhouse
Monday 29 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 30 th	09.00am 10.30am 7.30-9.00pm	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse Vicar's Reading Group

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Wednesday 1 st	09.00am 09.00am 12.30pm 13.00pm 19.45pm	Morning Prayer Bell ringing for the Vice-Chancellor's address to the University Holy Communion First Wednesday lunch in Michaelhouse Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 2 nd	09.00am 10.00am 18.00pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Choral Evensong
Friday 3 rd	09.00am 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Lunchtime Concert: Paula Muldoon / Cambridge Chamber Collective
Sunday 5 th Trinity 16 Harvest	08.00am 10.00am 15.00pm 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist and Children's Church for Harvest (Chevin Sermon) Chevin preacher: Revd Devin McLachlan Ecumenical service for creationtide at Little St Mary's Church Choral Evensong
Monday 6 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 7 th	09.00am 10.30am	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday 8 th	09.00am 12.30pm 19.30pm 19.45pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Cambridge Early Music Concert Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 9 th	09.00am 10.00am 18.00pm 19.30pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Choral Evensong SCM/Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday 10 th	09.00am 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Lunchtime Concert
Saturday 11 th	09.30am 11.00pm 14.00am	Women's breakfast in Michaelhouse Talk: 'The Spiritual needs of the older person' in Michaelhouse Church closed, unless attending Memorial Service (reopening at 3.00pm)
Sunday 12 th Trinity 17	08.00am 10.00am 11.30am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist and Children's Church University Sermon in GSM followed by reception at Michaelhouse Choral Evensong
Monday 13 th	09.00am	Morning Prayer

	12.30pm 20.30pm	Christian Meditation & soup lunch Compline: Schola Cantorum
Tuesday 14 th	09.00am 10.30am 19.30pm	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse Something Understood Poetry Group
Wednesday 15 th	09.00am 12.30pm 19.45pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 16 th	09.00am 10.00am 18.00pm 19.30pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Choral Evensong SCM/Heartsease
Friday 17 th	09.00am 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Lunchtime Concert
Saturday 18 th	09.00am 1-3pm	Men's communion and breakfast in Michaelhouse Church closed for a private service
Sunday 19 th Trinity 18	08.00am 10.00am 11.30am 17.00pm	Holy Communion Choral Eucharist and Children's Church Choral Mattins Choral Evensong
Monday 20 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 21 st	09.00am 10.30am 5.45pm	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse Choral Evening Prayer
Wednesday 22 nd	09.00am 12.30pm 19.45pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Compline at Michaelhouse
Thursday 23 rd	09.00am 10.00am 18.00pm 19.30pm	Morning Prayer Chat, play, sing in Michaelhouse Choral Evensong SCM/Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday 24 th	09.00am 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Lunchtime Concert
Sunday 26 th Trinity 19	08.00am 10.00am 16.00pm	Holy Communion Sung Eucharist (no Children's Church) Evening Prayer
Monday 27 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Christian Meditation & soup lunch
Tuesday 28 th	09.00am 10.30am 7.30-9pm	Morning Prayer The Ark in Michaelhouse Vicar's Reading Group
Wednesday 29 th	09.00am 12.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Thursday 30 th	09.00am 19.30pm	Morning Prayer Choral Evensong

Friday 31 st	09.00am 13.00pm	Morning Prayer Lunchtime Concert: Button End Band
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