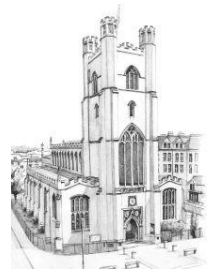


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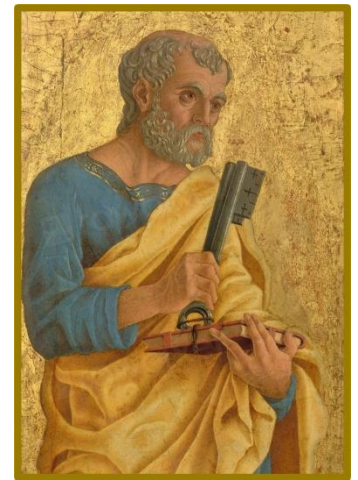
## 1-16 July 2025: Issue 177



Dear friends

‘You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church’ (Matthew 16.18). These words are from the gospel reading we will hear at the 10am Eucharist on Sunday 29th June, and are also the text that the choir will be singing at the service to a setting by Palestrina. We are especially celebrating St Peter, on his Saint’s Day, because ‘Petertide’ is traditionally one of the times of year when ordinations traditionally take place; our Curate, Clare, having been ordained priest the day before, will preside at the Eucharist for the first time. Peter’s role in the early church was, in Jesus’ words, *foundational*, along with St Paul, and makes him a figure through which through the centuries the Church has explored the nature of Christian vocation, and especially vocation to ministry.

When we think of the story of St Peter’s vocation we might think of three episodes in particular: he was called out of his fishing boat that he might ‘fish for people’ – an ordinary man, who through his encounter with Christ became an extraordinary witness to the faith, while remaining very much a fallible, human figure. Jesus called him again when he gave him a new name, a name that reflected his role in the building of the early church, and gave him a new identity in Christ that would shape his discipleship and apostleship. And he was called a third time after the resurrection: Jesus asked him three times ‘do you love me’, healing the guilt of Peter’s threefold denial of Jesus, and commissioning him to feed and tend his flock (John 21.15-17).



From these three key moments in Peter’s vocational journey we might reflect on our own. We are called not because we are perfect, but in the faith that God does not call the equipped, but equips the called. When we come to God as we are we will find that there is a place for us within God’s purposes, and when we find our identity in Christ we become more fully who we are – working out what that is, and then living into it, is often the work of a whole lifetime. That call of God on our lives does not disappear when we make mistakes or fail, rather, God meets us where we are and offers us forgiveness and healing, inviting us again to walk in the often challenging path that he has set before us.

As we celebrate with Clare on 28th and 29th June we might want to reflect on our own sense of calling, both as disciples and in the various ministries and roles that we undertake both in Church and in wider society, and all the ways in which we work out most truly and deeply who we are when we root our identity in Christ, and start to see ourselves as God sees us.

Every blessing

Ally

*Ally Barrett*

*Associate Vicar*

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# Worship Schedule

**July services - see Term Card for details**

## **Sunday 29 June (Trinity 2)**

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

## **Sunday 6 July (Trinity 3)**

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

## **Sunday 13 July (Trinity 4)**

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- **5pm** Evening Prayer (said)

## **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
- Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 12.30 pm in GSM - **Midday prayer with silence**
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion** (N.B. 2nd July in Michaelhouse)
- Thursdays 6.30pm **Choral Eucharist**

## **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:

[Choral Eucharist Sunday 15 June 2025](#) Preacher: Professor David Fergusson

[Choral Eucharist Sunday 22 June 2025](#) Preacher: Revd Ally Barrett

**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)

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**Fri 11 July - GSM Lunchtime concert 1-2pm****Tiffany Lau Vocal Performance Academy**

Andy Beck *Enter with Song!*

Robert Wadsworth Lowry *How can I keep from singing*

Robert Wadsworth Lowry *Sing Alleluia, Clap your Hands*

Andrew Lloyd Webber *The Phantom of the Opera (Medley)*

Kai-Young Chan *The Crane Releasing Pavilion*

Richard Burchard *Everyone Sang*

Singers from Tiffany Lau Vocal Performance Academy and The Voice of the Future (Hong Kong)

Conductor Tiffany Lau

Free entry, with retiring collection

**Wed 2 July - 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 3 July - Read, Mark, Learn**

Read Mark Learn will meet virtually on 3 July from 5 to 6 pm to study the passage for the following Sunday: Galatians 6.7-16. The Read, Mark, Learn group will then be taking a summer break.

For more information, contact [davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84052562470?pwd=SWJnZ1dCcFFOTzRWdlli4WGhpSG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

Passcode: 876406

**Fri 4 July - GSM Lunchtime concert 1-2pm: Choir Recital**

Sacred and secular 'a cappella' choral music from Germany, England, Europe and further afield, including works by Bruckner, Handel, Mendelssohn, Schubert, Mawby, Whitacre

**Thüringer Männerchor, Ars Musica', Germany**

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## Sat 12 July, 9.30am - Women's Breakfast

On this occasion only, it will be in the Michaelhouse Chancel due to a double booking.

All are welcome - you can just turn up.

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



## Stanley Godfrey appointed as Interim Organist and Assistant Director of Music



We are delighted to announce the appointment of Stanley Godfrey, who will start as Interim Organist and Assistant Director of Music in August 2025. Stanley is currently Graduate Organ Scholar of Ely Cathedral and King's Ely, where he is part of the team that trains the choristers and plays the organ for services. Appointed as Organ Scholar at Bourne Abbey Parish Church at the age of 11, Stanley went on to read music at St Peter's College, Oxford. Stanley says, "I'm really looking forward to being able to stay on the Fens

and work with such a talented and committed group of people".

Stanley Godfrey will be a superb addition to the music department at Great St Mary's, and we're very much looking forward to working with him.

## The Society of Cambridge Youths

The sun shone on the congregation and members of the Society Cambridge Youths (the GSM bellringers) for a much delayed celebration of their 300th anniversary (1724-2024).

Following the 10am service, cake and prosecco were enjoyed while listening to the handbell group.



300  
YEARS





# Pastoral Care

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

Mary Henderson	1 July
Desmond Perkins	3 July
Alison O'Brian	5 July
Martin Wall	9 July
John Bellm	10 July
Angela Wright	11 July
Kathleen Woods	15 July
Nita Sudbury	17 July
Jack Crossan	23 July
Colin Ian Calthrop Campbell	31 July



# Service

## Eco Tip - Plastic-free July

Plastic Free July is exactly what it sounds like, a movement to try and encourage people to use less or no plastic in the month of July. It's a really good way for people to get involved and think about what they're buying and to hopefully make some permanent changes to reduce the amount of plastic in their day to day lives.

Read about 25 ways to reduce your plastic use:

<https://greenecofriend.co.uk/how-to-use-less-plastic/>

- Buy loose fruit & veg
- Always carry a cloth shopping bag (Chico bags are great - Waitrose sells one for £2)
- Carry a reusable coffee mug
- .....and 21 more suggestions



## News from the churchyard garden

Looking Good at the moment.....Sweet Peas and Sunflowers. Don't be alarmed if you see some spraying going on....This is a seaweed based fertiliser absorbed through leaves of the plants. There are no harmful chemicals in it at all. At the moment it is particularly helpful for our new young plants. Healthy plants tend to be more disease resistant, and produce more flowers. Currently, the soil is not great, (although we hope to gradually improve it in the fullness of time).



Juliet Jackson

## Wider Concerns - KCTC

At Peter-tide this year Clare was ordained priest. Clare worked as a medical student for a few months in NW Tanzania. We are accordingly supporting the **Kagera Christian Theological College** (KCTC) in Tanzania, one of the poorest countries in Africa, impacted by climate change, and with bordering countries recovering from conflict. The training is for both Pastors and Lay Evangelists to lead their churches and communities, and help enable development projects to build self-sufficiency. Clare is still in touch with one of the local ordained evangelists, Furaha Kamana, who she met in the late 1980s in Kagera just before he started his theological training at KCTC. KCTC are particularly seeking funding that will significantly enhance computer and internet provision for both teaching and access to a wide range of library and other resources. Donations may be made on-line at [this link](#). There will also be brown envelopes in the pews. The **greetings cards on sale on 6 July** at coffee will also be supporting Kagera. They are excellent value at £1 each (cash only) so come ready with your list of future birthdays and special occasions.



## Foreign Coins Needed

Once upon a time, all the foreign coins deposited in the collection and donation boxes could be exchanged in the currency machines situated in the Grand Arcade and at the station. Since their demise, the only way to change foreign coins is to collect 5kgs worth! Well after a couple of years' worth we have got to 4.18kgs. I wonder whether you could search your drawers and rarely-used purses to enable us to reach 5kgs? What will this go towards? Well that is a little surprise - yet to be revealed, but rest assured, it will benefit the church.



Where should you deposit your precious coins ( of any value, big or small )? In the donations boxes or hand them directly to me. **Thank you to those who have turned out their odd foreign coins. Since last month we have moved up from 4.18kgs to 4.37kgs!** Lorna Atwell

### Michaelhouse Concert Sun 20 July



**New Camerata Ensemble**

**Sunday 20 July 3pm at Michaelhouse**

**David Richmond & Erika Nastro (violins)**

**Gruffydd Owen & Geoffrey Irwin (violas)**

**Ann Sheffield ('cello)**

Mozart - String Quintet B-flat major, K174

Mendelssohn - String Quintet No.1 in A major, Op.18

*Tickets £7 - from ADC or GSM shop*

*In aid of GSM*

### GSM Outdoor Summer Gatherings

- Children's Church (Plus!) Picnic at Lammas Land on Sun 20 July after the 10 o'clock service
- The Ark at Juliet Jackson's House on Tues 22 July, 10:30 - 12:00
- Chat-Play-Sing at Lammas Land on Thurs 24 July, 10:00 - 11:30
- Details in the next eMag





## Christian Aid - thank you tea



### Christian Aid *Thank you* afternoon tea

**When?** Saturday 26 July, 3 pm onwards

**Where?** St. Mark's Church Newnham (on the Barton Road)  
(car parking available)

**Why?** To meet other Christian Aid supporters  
To share what we did in Christian Aid Week  
To learn about Christian Aid's work, now and in the future  
To enjoy tea and cake

All are welcome, we look forward to meeting you. Please come along to further the work of Christian Aid

Questions? Please contact Sheila Porrer, 01223-560066/07772-695229.

[sheila.porrer@virginmedia.com](mailto:sheila.porrer@virginmedia.com)

## Clare Priory Quiet Day - save the date

### Quiet Day at Clare Priory. Saturday 20 September

Please save this date in your diaries! The quiet day is a much-valued opportunity to gather for a shared time of reflection and prayer and worship in the beautiful and peaceful setting of Clare Priory and its riverside gardens.

This year we are delighted to welcome Revd Canon Susanna Gunner who will lead this day of retreat. Susanna is an Anglican priest with a particular interest in the relationships between theology, spirituality and the arts. <https://www.susannagunner.com/about>



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 [annejlindley202@gmail.com](mailto:annejlindley202@gmail.com) 01223 560567 or 07760161306 (or leave a message).



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