

From the Vicar:



### Welcome to Bishop Sarah, 70th Bishop of Ely

We have a new Diocesan Bishop! Last Sunday, Bishop Sarah was installed in Ely Cathedral as the 70th Bishop of Ely. This marks a new chapter in the life of the Diocese, and we pray that she will have a long and fruitful ministry. It was a very special and joyful service, the first half culminating in the installation of the bishop in her 'cathedra,' her seat under the Octagon. Unusually – this is unique to Ely and Durham - the bishop is also installed in their seat in the choir, in the presence of the Cathedral chapter and Foundation. Lorna Atwell and I represented Great St Mary's at the service which included representatives of the Diocese, the County, the University, fellow Christian Churches, leaders of other faiths and bishops from our link Dioceses of Vellore, Kigali and Nordkirche.

When a new bishop arrives at their cathedral, they first have to knock on the West Door, asking entry, which was, of course, granted. Three young people welcomed her and asked her 'who she was' and 'why she had come'. The Archdeacon of Canterbury, the Ven Will Adam, a former vicar of Girton, who installs new diocesan bishops on behalf of the Archbishop of Canterbury, then started the formal presentation culminating in her installation. A special moment was seeing her make her oaths with her hand on the sixth century Augustine gospels, held in the Parker Library at Corpus Christi College, and which were used at the King's coronation service and usually at the installations of Archbishops of Canterbury. This is the first time they have been used for the Bishop of Ely. The congregation then greeted her with heartfelt and emphatic applause – we have a new chief pastor, teacher and leader of mission for our Diocese.

In the second part of the service the Word of God was proclaimed and Sarah preached her inaugural sermon\* in our Diocese – I recommend listening to it on the livestream recording for the service. She had chosen Jesus' words in John chapter 7, verses 37 and 38 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink' as her central theme, inspired by the abundance of water she had seen on her travels across the Diocese. Abundance of water is a metaphor for the presence of God's Holy Spirit, always flowing, always on the move. She reminded us that this water is offered to 'anyone' and flows through our engagement in the public sphere, in relation to big debates and contested issues of our time, such as climate, AI, poverty and immigration. She said, 'So may we learn together in this new season what it means to be courageous together in the gospel here in Ely Diocese and may the abundant waters of this Diocese remind us of the abundant life that is to be found in Jesus Christ'.

Let us pray for her daily, that God will guide, protect and equip her, give her wisdom, courage and compassion as she gets to know our diocese and the people who live here.

Every blessing,

Jutta

*\* I found Sarah's sermon inspiring, and I am look forward to her leadership, recognising that she is faced with the immediate tasks of recruiting a new Dean who retires this Sunday, and a new Archdeacon of Cambridge. In fact Bishop Sarah is coming to Great St Mary's on Monday, 6th July, for the Farewell Service of the Archdeacon of Cambridge, the Ven Alex Hughes, who is going to be the suffragan Bishop of Brixworth in Peterborough Diocese.*

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

### Regular Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube (9.30am on 3 July)
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** in Michaelhouse - followed by soup lunch
- Tuesdays 10.30am **The Ark**, Children's Communion in Michaelhouse (term time). N.B. The last Ark session is Tuesday 14 July at **3 Adams Road**
- 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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## Services in July

|                       |         |   |
|-----------------------|---------|---|
| <b>Sunday 28 June</b> | 8am     | Holy Communion  |
| St Peter              | 10am    | Choral Eucharist with Children's Church<br><i>celebrating the Silver anniversary of Lynne Broughton's priestly ministry</i> |
|                       | 11.30am | Choral Mattins  |
|                       | 5pm     | Choral Evensong with Prayers of Love and Faith  |
| Monday-Thursday       | 9am     | Morning Prayer  |
| Monday 29 June        | 12.30pm | Christian Meditation & soup lunch in Michaelhouse   |
| Tuesday 30 June       | 10.30am | The Ark: Holy Communion for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups, in Michaelhouse   |
|                       | 5.45pm  | Choral Evening Prayer   |
| Wednesday 1 July      | 12.30pm | Holy Communion  |
|                       | 1pm     | First Wednesday lunch, in Michaelhouse  |
|                       | 7.45pm  | Compline in Michaelhouse  |
| Thursday 2 July       | 6pm     | Choral Evensong   |
| Friday 3 July         | 9.30am  | Morning Prayer (note later time)  |
| <b>Sunday 5 July</b>  | 8am     | Holy Communion  |
|                       | 10am    | Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Children's Church   |
|                       | 5pm     | Choral Evensong with valedictions   |
| Monday to Friday      | 9am     | Morning Prayer  |
| Monday 6 July         | 12.30pm | Christian Meditation & soup lunch in Michaelhouse   |
|                       | 7pm     | Choral Evensong, with farewell to The Venerable Dr Alex Hughes  |
| Tuesday 7 July        | 10.30am | Ark Communion for babies, toddlers & their grown-ups (Michaelhouse)   |
|                       | 7pm     | Poetry Eucharist at 3 Adams Road  |
| Wednesday 8 July      | 12.30pm | Holy Communion in Michaelhouse (note change of venue)   |
| Saturday 11 July      | 9.30am  | Women's breakfast in Michaelhouse chancel   |
| <b>Sunday 12 July</b> | 8am     | Holy Communion  |
|                       | 10am    | Choral Eucharist with Baptism and Children's Church<br>Visiting choir: Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington, KY)              |
|                       | 5pm     | Evening Prayer (said)   |
| Monday to Friday      | 9am     | Morning Prayer  |
| Monday 13 July        | 12.30pm | Christian Meditation & soup lunch in Michaelhouse   |
| Tuesday 14 July       | 10.30am | Ark Holy Communion for babies, toddlers & their grown-ups (3 Adams Rd)  |
| Wednesday 15 July     | 12.30pm | Holy Communion  |
| Thursday 16 July      | 10am    | Park Street Leavers' service (KS2)  |
| Saturday 18 July      | 9am     | Men's communion and breakfast   |
| <b>Sunday 19 July</b> | 8am     | Holy Communion  |
|                       | 10am    | Choral Eucharist (no children's church)<br><i>Followed at 12.30pm by a short pre-tour concert by the choir</i>              |
|                       | 5pm     | Choral Evensong (Visiting choir: All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya)   |
|                       | 6.30pm  | Peace vigil   |
| Monday to Friday      | 9am     | Morning Prayer  |
| Monday                | 12.30pm | Christian Meditation & soup lunch in Michaelhouse   |
| Wednesday             | 12.30pm | Holy Communion  |
| Saturday 25 July      | 5pm     | Choral Evensong (Visiting choir: Oriana Singers)  |
| <b>Sunday 26 July</b> | 8am     | Holy Communion  |
|                       | 10am    | Choral Eucharist (Visiting choir: Oriana Singers)   |
|                       | 5pm     | Choral Evensong (Visiting Choir: Oriana Singers)  |
| Monday to Friday      | 9am     | Morning Prayer  |
| Monday                | 12.30pm | Christian Meditation & soup lunch in Michaelhouse   |
| Wednesday             | 12.30pm | Holy Communion  |

# News and Events

## ✦ **Wed 1 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 2, 9, 16 July - Chat, Play, Sing**

Chat-Play-Sing meets on Thursdays at 10am in Michaelhouse for toddlers with their parents or carers. The last session will be on Thursday 16 July at Lammas Land.

## ✦ **Fri 3 July - GSM Lunchtime Concert 1.00pm - 2.00pm Yvonne Mary Parsons & Paul Gunn**

'Songs Without Words'. A programme of compositions for Cello and Piano by Paul Gunn, also featuring pieces by Astor Piazzolla and Gabriel Fauré. Free entry (retiring collection)



## ✦ **Mon 6 July - Farewell Service for the Ven Dr Alex Hughes**

### Choral Evensong

In thanksgiving for the ministry of The Venerable Dr Alex Hughes as Archdeacon of Cambridge and to pray for him as he prepares to begin his Episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Peterborough.

All are welcome.

Monday 6 July at 7pm  
at Great St Mary's  
followed by refreshments



Great St Mary's is honoured to be hosting this 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), email [music@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:music@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

## ✦ **Fri 10 July - GSM Lunchtime Concert 1.00pm - 2.00pm Lunchtime Concert: Mariko Terashi (piano)**

To include works by JS.Bach, D. Scarlatti, Enesco, Chopin.  
Free entry, with retiring collection

## ✦ **Sat 11 July - Women's Breakfast (9.30am in Michaelhouse)**

In July only it will be held in the Michaelhouse chancel as a Language School will be using the Montefiore Room. All welcome to eat, chat and pray. Please contact [office@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:office@gsm.cam.ac.uk) for more information.



✦ **Sun 12 July**  
**Children's Church Picnic**

N.B. The last Ark before the school holidays will be on Tuesday 14 July at 3 Adams Road, and the last Chat-Play-Sing before the holidays will be on Thursday 16 July at Lammas Land.

✦ **Sun 12 July - Churchyard and Garden of Remembrance**

Would you like a guided tour of all the new planting in the churchyard? Are you wondering whether you would like to use the Garden of Remembrance in due course? Juliet Jackson has kindly agreed to show us round, and explain what the garden volunteers have been up to, on **Sunday 12 July at 11.15am**. Coffee and cake will be provided, so there is no need to rush off to Michaelhouse, and a small donation towards the work of Christian Aid would be appreciated on the day.



✦ **Sat 18 July - Men's Breakfast 9.30am – everyone is welcome**

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.

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



✦ **Sat 18 July, 1-2pm – Friends of Michaelhouse Concert**  
**Michaelhouse, Trinity Street 1-2pm**

Yoko Sakakura (piano)

Jehan Alain *Étude de Sonorité*

Francis Poulenc *Quinzième Improvisation (Hommage à Édith Piaf)*

Claude Debussy from *Preludes* book 2

Free entry, retiring collection in aid of Michaelhouse Singers.

## Pastoral Care

### Pastoral Visits and Home Communions

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

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

### Funeral Plans

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

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

## Year's Mind

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|-----------------------------|---------|
| 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 |
| Karen Hirtzel               | 16 July |
| Nita Sudbury                | 17 July |
| Jack Crossan                | 23 July |
| Colin Ian Calthrop Campbell | 31 July |



*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.*

## Service

### ✦ 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 by scanning the QR code. WCC brown envelopes will be in the pews.

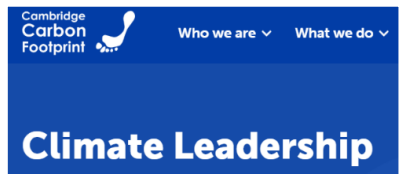
## ✦ Time and Talents

Scan the code or visit <https://greatstmarys.churchsuite.com/forms/nlxybeh> 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 - Climate Change Leadership

A heatwave in May, a heatwave in June, both months with record temperatures.....what can we do about climate change? At times we feel helpless. The GSM eco group frequently offers advice, often in partnership with Eco Church. Local organisation [Cambridge Carbon Footprint](#) has produced the [Cambridge Climate Change Charter](#) empowering you to speak about climate change with your family, friends and colleagues. They provide a [wide range of ideas](#) as to how you might act and take action on such things as:



- Becoming a climate champion at your place of work or study
- Writing about climate change and actions to take
- Sharing the climate charter on social media
- Discussing climate change with other
- Learning more about the climate emergency and climate solutions
- Becoming active in an environmental group, network of campaign

....and many more ideas

## Other news & coming up

### 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.



## ✦ 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](#)





## GSM Carol Composing Competition

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# CAROL COMPOSING COMPETITION 2026

**£250 prize**

Winning entry performed at 'Carols by Candlelight' at Great St Mary's on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2026

Closing date: 1 September 2026  
Scan the QR code to read the full rules, download the chosen text, and submit your entry.





## Celebrating Ursula's Baptism




Following the beautiful baptism service for Ursula at Great St Mary's, there was a lovely celebration at Michaelhouse over coffee, with many family and friends, and Robert and Sarah cutting a wonderful christening cake.

## Elsewhere

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21 July 2026  
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