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From the Vicar: Reflections around the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

One of the ways I reflect on how God is acting and working among us and through us at Great St Mary's with Michaelhouse, is to ponder with gratitude who God sends to be part of our congregation and wider community. It is each one of us that God has called together to be part of Great St Mary's. God is working through all of us – although we may not think of ourselves in this way – for the sake of our church community and the wider world.

Part of our collective participation exercising the mission and ministry to which God has called us together is expressed in our governance and at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM). We are grateful to everyone who has joined the electoral roll, which is a way of expressing support for the ministry of Great St Mary's and a requirement for those who wish to stand as a member of the PCC. At the Annual Meeting (made up of the Vestry meeting for the election of churchwardens, and the APCM to receive reports and elect PCC members) we elect the church wardens for the year ahead and PCC members, who normally serve for three years. This year, we have five vacancies for a PCC with twelve elected members. At the APCM we consider the formal Annual Report of the parish, including our financial statements and the report on the electoral roll revision, and the less formal Annual Review which outlines the activities of the previous calendar year. We also look ahead as we receive the budget. The APCM provides the opportunity to say thank you to the church's elected officers including the church wardens and assistant wardens, PCC treasurer and secretary, deanery synod representatives, committee chairs and members, as well as the countless volunteers who enable us to be a flourishing church in the centre of Cambridge.

As we look forward, I want to encourage each one of us to reflect on the gifts we have and believe God might call us to be using, for the good of the church and the wider world. It is my experience that God sends us the people with the gifts to do those things that God is calling us to do. Therefore, one of the things we are looking forward to in the coming weeks is to run a 'skills, time and talents' process, where we will invite each one of you to reflect on what you might feel called to contribute. Many of you are already giving very generously of your time and talents. This is about enabling us to reflect on whether what we are currently giving is what God is calling us to give, and for people who are new to our church community, to be able to explore how they believe God is calling them to contribute to God's mission.

I hope that many of you will be able to look at the Annual Report and Annual Review on the website, or at the paper copies available in church, and that many of you will join us on Sunday for the APCM at 11.30am in Michaelhouse.

With my gratitude and best wishes,

Jutta

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, Vicar

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Stewardship campaign

We would like to say a big Thank You to everyone who supports the ministry and mission of Great St Mary's through their regular giving, and those of you who responded to our stewardship appeal in February by setting up a regular donation or increasing your current giving. Thank you so much - it is very much appreciated. Our ministry activities have grown in the last couple of years, as have our operational costs, and we will have to increase our income from regular giving and donations to sustain our current activities and to grow.

Whilst we are fortunate to receive income from our tower, shop and Michaelhouse, we rely on the generosity of our congregational members to support our ministry activities, which includes the cost of our clergy, the music department and our work with children and young people.

Please, don't hesitate to ask the church wardens or sidespeople on a Sunday for more information on stewardship at Great St Mary's, or email the office@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Worship Schedule (see Term Card for details)

Sunday 18 May (Easter 5)

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist
- **11.30am** APCM in Michaelhouse
- **2.30pm** Service to mark 80 years of Christian Aid. Preacher: Rt Revd Dr Rowan Williams

Sunday 25 May (Easter 6)

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (*no Children's Church - half term*)
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Regular Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube
No service on 26 May - Bank Holiday
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** in Michaelhouse - *followed by soup lunch*
No meditation on 26 May - Bank Holiday
- Tuesdays 10.30am **The Ark**, Children's Communion in Michaelhouse
- Tuesdays, Thursdays at 12.30 pm in GSM - **Midday prayer with silence**
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**
- Thursdays 6.30pm Choral Evensong (*except 29 May - half term*)
- Thursdays in Term 7.30pm HeartsEase (SCM student meeting) in Michaelhouse
- Fridays at 12.30 pm in the Hervey de Stanton Chapel - **Midday prayer with silence**

Livestreaming of Services

The services can be accessed via the Great St Mary's YouTube: youtube.com/c/greatstmarys

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

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Christian Aid Week



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This is a QR code that points to the address of your envelope, so it is easier to share. You can right click on the image and save to your device.

With Guest Speaker Dr Rowan Williams

Service at Great St Mary's to Mark 80 Years of Christian Aid

Sunday 18 May 2025

Join our current CEO, Patrick Watt and former CEO and Master of Clare College, Loretta Minghella to reflect on our history as we look towards the future. The service will be followed by a drinks reception at the church.

Location: Senate House Hill, Cambridge, CB2 3PQ
Time: 2.30pm
For more information contact Alex Cassidy: acassidy@christian-aid.org

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It is the time of year when I ask house groups and individuals to consider holding a Christian Aid coffee morning or tea party. In 2024 we managed to raise over £1,000 and it would be lovely if we could do the same again this year. Gatherings can be held any time in May, and even into June, but I have to submit all the money to HQ by the end of June. I have the gift envelopes all ready, so do please ask for some if you think you can manage to hold an event, however small. For the months of May and June only, the greetings cards on sale on the first Sunday of the month at coffee will also be supporting Christian Aid.

Christian Aid Service – 18th May 2.30pm

Christian Aid Week is 11 - 17 May. However, to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Christian Aid, we have been fortunate enough to scoop **Bishop Rowan Williams** on his way to another preaching engagement and so Cambridge will be holding its special service on **Sunday 18 May at 2.30pm in GSM.**

Lorna Atwell

Sun 18 May at 11.30am, in Michaelhouse Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Please join us as we elect Churchwardens and PCC members, review the life of our church over the past year and hear about plans for the future – all are welcome!



Form M1

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Parish of St Mary the Great with St Michael, Cambridge

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Michaelhouse chancel
on the 18th day of May 2025 at 11.30 a.m.

For election of parochial representatives of the laity as follows:

To the post of Churchwarden: 2 representatives.

To the Deanery Synod: 0 representatives.

To the Parochial Church Council: 5 representatives.

For the appointment of the Independent Examiner or Auditor.

For the consideration of:

(a) a report on the numbers entered on the new Electoral Roll;

(b) an Annual Report on the proceedings of the Parochial Church Council and the activities of the parish generally;

(c) the financial statements of the Council for the year ending 31st December 2024;

(d) the annual report under section 50 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018;

(e) a report of the proceedings of the Deanery Synod; and

(f) other matters of parochial or general Church interest.

In this Notice, 'parish' means an ecclesiastical parish.

Signed: _____

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck, Vicar

April 2025

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is an important day in the life of Great St Mary's. The first part is called 'the Vestry Meeting', at which our Churchwardens are elected. Those eligible to vote are those on the Great St Mary's Electoral Roll and anyone who lives within our parish.

The second part is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will be the opportunity to receive the Financial Report for the accounts for 2024 and the Budget for 2025, and to **elect five members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)**. The Annual Review of activities in 2024 will also be available and we will discuss plans for 2025.

The calling notices have been published in the South Porch and in Michaelhouse. Nomination papers for Churchwardens and PCC members will be available at coffee from Sunday 4 May or by emailing the PCC Secretary, Marion Cobby, at pccsec@gsm.cam.ac.uk.

Any person being nominated for the post of PCC member must already be on the Electoral Roll (a copy of which is displayed in Great St Mary's and at Michaelhouse).

Marion Cobby, PCC Secretary

Notes

1. Every lay person whose name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish (and no other person) is entitled to vote at the election of parochial representatives of the laity.
2. A person is qualified to be elected a parochial representative of the laity if –
 - (a) his or her name is entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and, unless he or is under 18, has been entered there for at least the preceding six months;
 - (b) he or she is an actual communicant (which means that he has received Communion according to the use of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with the Church of England at least three times during the twelve months preceding the date of the election);
 - (c) he or she is at least 16; and
 - (d) he or she is not disqualified as referred to in paragraph 3 of these Notes.
3. (1) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a churchwarden or a member of a parochial church council, a district church council or a joint council if the person is disqualified from being a trustee of a charity (and the disqualification is not subject to a waiver which permits membership of a parochial church council, district church council or joint council).

(2) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person is included in a barred list (within the meaning of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006).

(3) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council, a district church council, a joint council or a deanery synod if the person has been convicted of an offence mentioned in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 (with that expression being construed in accordance with Rule 71(2) of the Church Representation Rules).

(4) A person's disqualification under sub-paragraph (3) may be waived by the bishop of the diocese by giving the person notice in writing.

(5) A person is disqualified from being nominated, chosen or elected or from serving as a member of a parochial church council if the person has been disqualified from holding office under section 10(6) of the Incumbent (Vacation of Benefices) Measure 1977.

Tues 20 May - Something Understood



The GSM Poetry group, who meet to discuss some poems and how they might help us with our faith. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 20 May at 3, Adams Road, CB3 9AD 7.30pm-9.00pm
The Theme will be 'Woods/Forests/Trees'
You are most welcome to join us. Do bring a poem to share if you would like to.
If you have any questions, or would like a parking spot, contact: Juliet Jackson email: juliet@jmcj.org
Next meeting: Tuesday 24 June - Theme: The Sea

Thurs 22 May - Read, Mark, Learn

Read Mark Learn will meet virtually on **Thursday 22 May and 5 June** from 5 to 6 pm to study the passage from John's Gospel for the following Sunday. For more information, contact davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk.

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

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470 Passcode: 876406

Fri 23 May - Lunchtime concert 1-2pm

Alexander Trigg (organ)

Programme to include

Duruflé *Prelude, Adagio et Choral Varie sur le Veni Creator, Op.4*

Free entry, with retiring collection



Thurs 29 May - Ascension Day



7.45am: Singing from the Tower

The Great St Mary's Choir
directed by Alexander Berry

12.30pm Holy Communion

Fri 30 May - Lunchtime concert 1-2pm – Cambridge Chamber Ensemble



JS Bach *Cello Suite No 3 BWV 1009*

Charles-Marie Widor *Introduction & Rondo for clarinet and piano Op 72*

Mikhail Glinka *Sonata for Viola & Piano in D minor*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart *Trio for clarinet, viola and piano K498 'Kegelstatt'*

Anastasia Matkovskaia piano

Stephen Foster viola

Alice Dilley clarinet

Admission free, retiring collection

Sat 31 May Cockayne Hatley Retreat



We are delighted to have received an invitation to visit St John's Church, Cockayne Hatley, for a day retreat. The retreat will comprise two morning sessions then, in the afternoon, a country walk for those who are able followed by a closing Eucharist. The morning sessions will be led by Dr David Grumett on the theme of growing with the desert fathers and mothers. The retreat will begin at 10 am and end at 4 pm. A ploughman's lunch will be generously provided by our host Christine Armistead. The day will be free of charge to participants. For navigational purposes the postcode is SG19 2EA.

In order to book, please contact davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk by 23 May with the following details: i) name(s); ii) any dietary requirements; iii) whether you are able to offer a lift or will require a lift. We know that retreats are valued by church members and expect the next one to be the Clare Priory retreat in autumn. Further information about this will be available in due course.

Sun 1 June - Occasional Choir Choral Evensong (Rehearsal 4pm)

Do you enjoy singing church music but cannot currently commit to a weekly rehearsal and services? Then the Occasional Choir might be for you.

Please contact Alex Berry, alex@b@gsm.cam.ac.uk, if you would like to know in advance what we shall be singing. If not, just turn up on the day with your best sight reading hat on!

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

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.

Herbert Robinson	2 May
Philip Oswald	5 May
Graham Moffat	8 May
Dominick Spencer	8 May
Colin Rosenstiel	8 May
Pauline Davison	13 May
Brenda Hayward	31 May



Eco Tips

World Bee Day and Merlin

Celebrating World Bee Day (20th May) The British Beekeepers Association (BBKA) will join beekeepers, conservationists, naturalists and growers around the world in observing World Bee Day on 20th May. The BBKA's 30,000 strong membership is actively involved in helping to safeguard more than 50 million honey bees in the country. In addition to managing their hives for healthy bees, they produce honey, collect swarms and are on the front-line of protecting the UK's pollinators from invasive, Yellow-legged Asian hornets.



Next steps to a Climate and Nature Bill (CAN Bill)

Scientists, economists, business leaders, church leaders and others, who read the late Pope Francis's Laudato Si (Praise be for our common home), along with millions of ordinary people, realise this: our best chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change and a total wipe out of nature is to deal with these crises together.



**SUPPORT THE
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Wider Concerns

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project



Pop-up Exhibition on Homelessness

4th-6th June 2025

St Barnabas Church
Cambridge

Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (CCHP) cordially invites you to an interactive exhibition exploring the question

What does homelessness mean to you?

The exhibition will include:

- ◊ A range of artwork
- ◊ A preview of a new educational course on homelessness
- ◊ A chance to meet the CCHP team and hear about our vision and plans
- ◊ Times to eat and talk with others passionate about homelessness

At CCHP we aim to walk alongside not only vulnerable people but also service providers, volunteers and churches looking to support people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

We look forward to seeing you at the exhibition and sharing food, thoughts and conversation with you.

Exhibition Programme

Wednesday 4th June

19:00–20:30 Exhibition preview

Thursday 5th June

11:00–15:00 Exhibition open

12:30 Community lunch*

Friday 6th June

11:00–15:00 Exhibition open

12:30 Community lunch*

15:00 Communion service

Entry to the exhibition is free. Please attend whenever suits you best. No RVSP required.

**To sign up for either of the free community lunches, please contact mel@cchp.org.uk*



Happy Easter from the Children, Staff and Board Members of The Jerusalem Princess Basma Centre

“At this time, we especially thank God for the safety of our Princess Basma staff and for all hospital staff based in Al Ahli Arab Hospital following the recent airstrikes. Our satellite unit there sustained only minor damage and our team of seven have been fixing, cleaning and preparing the space to receive patients once again. As ever, they are supported and encouraged online by our Jerusalem-based team.

Indeed, our team continue to look forward....

Just two days after the destruction of some key hospital facilities, they received a new delivery of rehabilitation tools with the help of an international grant. As the needs and challenges increase, so the building and rebuilding of hope and of lives goes on, in a spirit of steadfastness and solidarity. In spite of the many challenges, the Princess Basma teams continue to carry the light to those we can, and now we share this light and good news with you to share with others.”

Our WCC Easter envelope collection raised £1,000 for them, much appreciation to everyone for their wonderful support of this remarkable project.

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.

Many thanks. Lorna Atwell

Coming up

Lindisfarne Pilgrimage 19-23 May 2025

One room still available!

One twin room has become available at short notice in Marygate Retreat House for this pilgrimage retreat on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The cost is a donation according to means (£90 per night suggested). You will be joining people from GSM and St Edmundsbury Cathedral congregations.

Please contact Mark Haworth to register your interest

Here are the details.

THE HOLY ISLAND OF LINDISFARNE,

Marygate House Retreat Centre

Monday 19th to Friday 23th May



All services and talks will be based at Marygate. All meals will be provided.

Lindisfarne is the home of the Lindisfarne Gospels, and the priory founded by St Aidan, where St Cuthbert succeeded him as bishop, before his final journey to Durham. St Etheldreda (of Ely) is linked with Coldingham and St Abbs Head, just north of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and the island is also close to the Farne Islands and Alnwick.

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Academy of Great St. Mary's Concert



Academy of Great St Mary's Orchestral concert

Saturday 7 June 7.30pm at GSM

Conductor Adam Pounds

Brahms: *Tragic Overture*

Sibelius: *Finlandia*

Schumann: *Rhenish Symphony*

Tickets £8-£16 from ADCTicketing.com or the GSM gift shop.

The concert is in aid of Great St Mary's.

Elsewhere



Cambridge Civic Quarter

Creating a vibrant civic heart

Have your say as to the future development of the area right next to Great St. Mary's: the Market Square, Guildhall and Corn Exchange. You can read more information and complete a [survey here](#) which is open for comments until 22 June 2025.