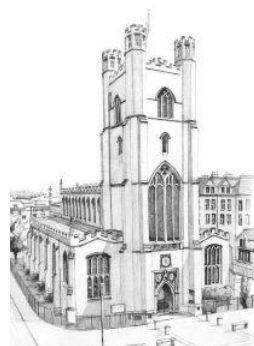


Great St Mary's eMag

4-17 September 2026:

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Dear Friends

The Church of England's General Synod recently approved a new festival of the church year: The Festival of Creation in Christ, to be celebrated on the first Sunday of September. For churches like GSM, with Mary as Patron, who celebrate their Patronal Festival in early September (to coincide with the festival of the birth of Mary on 8 September) this could seem to present something of a conundrum about what to celebrate! This year, we have stayed with Mary, as we usually do, on the first Sunday of September, and will make use of the worship material for the new festival throughout 'creationtide' (which runs through September until 4 October).



Next year we plan to keep both festivals: Creation in Christ on the first Sunday of the month, and Mary a week later. This will make our Patronal festival feel like it's part of the season of creationtide, and the more I have thought about it, the less I am worried about the two themes *competing* for our attention. Rather, it presents us with a beautiful opportunity to see creation and incarnation as part of one great divine gesture. The Word that spoke the universe into being, is the same Word that becomes flesh, born of Mary, thus sanctifying (declaring holy) all physical matter. Both creation and incarnation treat the material world as holy – beloved of God.

Christ is the source of all creation, but Mary is the gateway through which the *new creation* enters the physical universe. St Paul even compares the earth's longing for healing with the experience of a woman in labour. And in Mary's 'yes' at the Annunciation we see the vital response to God's creative command; God still calls us to co-operate in the divine purposes for the world, to give our own very practical 'yes' to all the life-giving renewal that the earth needs and for which we pray.

Every blessing,
Ally

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

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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>

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

Worship schedule

September services – see www.greatstmarys.org/whats-on for details

Sunday 6 Sept - Trinity 14

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Patronal Festival Eucharist and Children's Church
- **5pm** Come and Sing Evensong for advanced singers (rehearsal from 3:00pm) - please scan the QR code on the poster below to sign up

Sunday 13 Sept - Trinity 15

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (with commissioning of volunteers)
followed by 'Blessing of the Bicycles and Buggies and Backpacks'
- **5pm** Choral Evensong for the start of the Festival of Preaching (all welcome)
preacher: Chine McDonald

Monday 14 and Tuesday 15 Sept

Church closed for Festival of Preaching (open to delegates only) - no Morning Prayer

Sunday 20 Sept - Trinity 16

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

Regular Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube (**except 14 & 15 Sept**)
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** in Michaelhouse - *followed by soup lunch*
- Tuesdays **The Ark and Choral Evening Prayer** resume after the summer break
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**
- **Please check website for dates of Wednesday Choral Compline and Thursday Choral Evensong**

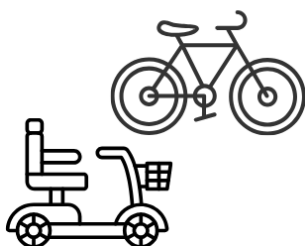
Creationtide 2026

at Great St Mary's & beyond



Sunday 13 September

11.15am Blessing of
Bicycles and buggies



Sunday 20 September

10am Choral Eucharist:
'Jonah, the Whale, and other
Creatures of God' (preacher:
Richard Davies) with
discussion over coffee



2.30pm Blessing of Pets



Sunday 27 September

10am Choral Eucharist:
The Chevin Sermon



11.15am 'Children's Church
Plus' creationtide art workshop
International bring and share
lunch from 12 noon.



Sunday 4 October

10am Harvest Festival
All Together Eucharist
(St Francis Day)



4pm Ecumenical Choral Evensong
for Creationtide followed by
refreshments and discussion



Friday 4 September

10am Visit to the University
Library 'Living Waters'
exhibition (poetry, art and
the fight for clean rivers)
with refreshments in
the UL tea room.

Wednesday 16 September

Fowlmere RSPB reserve
(with coffee afterwards).
Meet in the car park
at 10am for a leisurely
walk around the nature
reserve, led by Andrew
Dobson. Bring binoculars if
you have them. For more
information, email
news@gsm.cam.ac.uk

All through the season

Engagement station
in Great St Mary's
Resources for
prayer, discussion
and reflection

Self-guided
churchyard trail



For full details, visit
greatstmarys.org/creationtide

Creationtide

Resources for
thought & action
prayer & reflection

www.ecologicalexamen.org

*A resource in the Ignatian tradition
to help us renew our relationship
with creation and with God*

The fifth mark of mission:

*To strive to safeguard the integrity
of creation, and sustain and renew
the life of the earth*

For God was pleased to have all
his fullness dwell in him, and
through him to reconcile to
himself all things (Col 1:19,20)

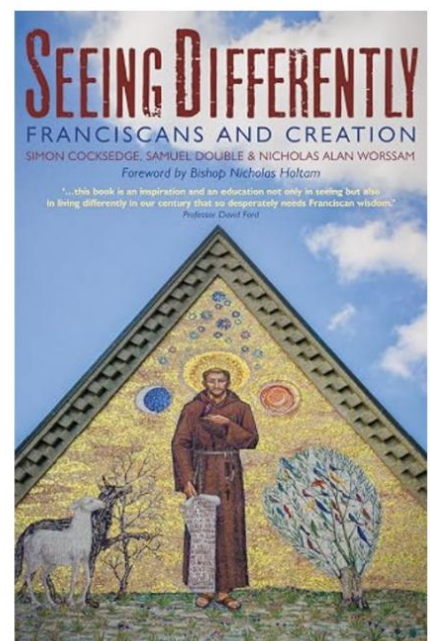
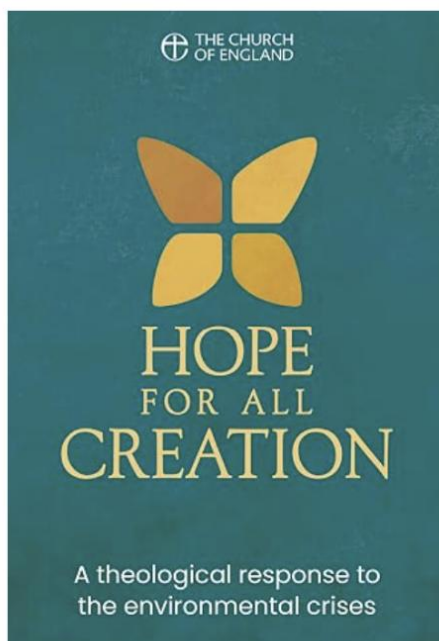
*Christ brings reconciliation to
all things, but what might
reconciliation between people
and the Earth look like?*

Scan the QR code
for the ecumenical
resources for
creationtide 2026



*The care of the Earth is our most
ancient and most worthy, and after
all our most pleasing responsibility.
To cherish what remains of it and to
foster its renewal is our only hope.*
(Wendell Berry)

Scan the QR
code for Bible
studies based on
the sustainable
development goals



News & Events

Patronal Festival Sunday 6 September 2026

Celebrating the Blessed Virgin Mary
at Great St Mary's, the University Church



10am Choral Eucharist
Sung by the Youth & Parish Choirs
Preacher: The Vicar

5pm Choral Evensong
Come & Sing for advanced singers
scan the QR code to sign up



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE



Tues 8 Sept Cloud of Unknowing: Home Group



A discussion and meditation group which restarts on Tues 8 September. Held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month from 7.30-9.00pm, at 22 Manhattan Drive, CB4 1JL.

After a summer break, the Cloud of Unknowing home group will be gathering again to share the deepening of contemplative prayer with the help of a text on Christian contemplative tradition.

This group takes its name from the medieval anonymous classic, the "Cloud of Unknowing", which was our guide during the first few months of the group forming. At each meeting we reflect what we have learned and put into practice from the text, sharing our personal experiences of contemplative prayer, and conclude with a 20-minute time of silent prayer, using the pattern with which those who attend the Monday lunchtime Christian meditation sessions will be familiar.

We warmly welcome new members at this point when we will embark on the exploration of the themes in a new book. For more information please contact Richard Summers on richards.rs12@gmail.com or Clio Edgington on clio.edgington@gmail.com



Fri 11 Sept - Lunchtime concert at GSM 1pm

The Button End Band is a group of friends based in and around Cambridge who play an eclectic mix of traditional folk music from the British Isles and beyond, spanning some 500 years. The group currently comprises Hil Cribb (Keyboards, Guitar, Recorder, Chapman Stick and Melodeon), Noel Cribb (Fiddle and all things stringed), Quentin Rea (Guitar, Banjo and Mandolin) and Richard Summers, Recorder, Low Whistle and Guitar).

The Band are often joined by other musicians for specific events. They enjoy playing for local community and church events such as, fundraising concerts, open days (and gardens), fetes and parties and are delighted to be invited back to Great St. Mary's.

Free entry with retiring collection.





Women's Breakfast 9.30am

Meet in the Montefiore Room at Michaelhouse

All welcome to eat, chat and pray.

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



N.B Ride and Stride 2026 Following the Women's Breakfast, Ruth Bridgen is planning to do a walk round central Cambridge churches and chapels if anyone is interested in joining her at 11am outside GSM. For more information about how you can take part in this year's Ride and Stride, see the information below in 'Coming up'



Sat 12 Sept - Ride & Stride for Churches



Ride and Stride is a countywide sponsored event supporting historic churches and chapels across Cambridgeshire. Participants are sponsored to visit as many churches as they can in one day, typically by cycling or walking, with other forms of participation also possible.

Purpose

Raise money for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, which supports repairs and improvements to church buildings across the county.

Give participants a way to support a nominated local church, which can receive half of the money they raise.

Encourage people to explore Cambridgeshire's churches, chapels, churchyards and local heritage.

Who can take part

Cyclists, walkers and families looking for a one-day challenge.

Church members and local supporters raising funds for their own parish or chapel.

People who prefer alternative participation, such as visiting by horse, canoe, mobility aid, or by organising a local event.

Church volunteers who can welcome visitors, sign sponsor forms and provide refreshments or information.

How the day works

Choose a route linking churches and chapels you would like to visit.

Collect sponsorship in advance or use the online fundraising option promoted by the Trust.

Visit participating churches on 12 September and record each stop.

Thank welcomers and volunteers at each church, and take time to enjoy the buildings and churchyards.

After the event, collect sponsorship and submit funds according to the organiser's instructions.

Saturday Prayers for Daily Life

A short and simple service
to pray for God's blessing
for ourselves, for one another,
and for the world.

Everyone welcome.

Monthly on Saturdays at 11am
in Great St Mary's Church:

12 September
17 October
14 November
12 December



Great St Mary's is an Inclusive
Church, a Fairtrade Church,
and a Silver Eco-Church.
www.greatstmarys.org

Creationtide Food bank collections

On Sundays 13, 20 & 27 September & 4th October

**we invite non-perishable food
for the Cambridge Foodbank.**

They particularly welcome:

**Instant coffee, long-life milk,
noodles, pasta sauce, squash, and
tinned: fruit – pasta – rice pudding**

They do not need:

**Baby food, Baked beans, Bottled
water, Cereals, Pasta, Powdered milk
or Tinned soup**



**There will also be gift aid envelopes
in church for donations.**



Sun 13 Sept - Commissioning of volunteers

Commissioning of Great St Mary's Volunteers at the 10am Choral Eucharist

The life and ministry of Great St Mary's flourishes because so many people offer gifts and time in the service of God and this Church. Some ministries and roles are highly visible, others are in the background; all are important and valued. This September, we will again commission all our volunteers in a Sunday Eucharist. It is to say thank you for all they contribute to our worship and witness, to pray for them, and to dedicate all our work to the service of God's mission in the world.



This year, the commissioning will take place just before the offertory with shorter liturgy than we used last year. We are inviting our volunteers to think of an object that would represent their ministry in our midst, to bring it to the altar during the offertory, if they wish to do so. We hope that all ministries will be represented, and we are sending ideas what this might be to the activity leaders. Some of our volunteers have a number of ministries and are welcome to decide what would make most sense for them.

We hope that many of our volunteers will be present at this service; all volunteers are thanked, prayed for and commissioned, whether present or not! The service will be followed by the Bicycle & Backpack blessing and refreshments in the church garden (weather permitting).

The Annual
Blessing of



Bicycles
Buggies



Mobility
Scooters

& Backpacks



Sunday 13 September c.11.15am
Great St Mary's Churchyard
Everyone welcome.



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE



Wed 16 Sept
Mid-week Creationtide walk



Fowlmere RSPB reserve (with nearby coffee after).
Meet in the car park at 10am for a leisurely walk
around the nature reserve, led by Andrew Dobson. Do
bring binoculars if you have them. If you are not an
RSPB member, there is a small parking charge. The
walk is on flat ground for about 1.5 miles. For more
information, email news@gsm.cam.ac.uk

Pastoral



Pastoral Care and Prayer at Time of Need

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

Please know that **you can request a visit from one of the clergy who would be delighted to share Holy Communion with you and your loved ones at home.**

If you would like to know more about either the Home Intercessors or the Pastoral Care Groups from the point of view of joining either group, do please talk to Jutta or Ally (or send an email to clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

Funeral Plans

Many people find it helpful to think about their funeral wishes well in advance, and to talk to their family about this, or to a member of the clergy. To help you think about funeral planning please feel welcome to ask for a [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.



Thank you from Anne Lindley

May I thank the congregation for their good wishes and love for a very good recovery from my recent operation. I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of so many and have returned walking happily and pain free! It feels very liberating and I am truly grateful.

Anne Lindley

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.

September	
Barbara Sayer	2 September
Cyril Tucker	2 September
Ron Clifton	3 September
Val Chivers	6 September
Harold Hodgson	12 September
Sylvia Watson	15 September
Alice Mant	17 September
Iris Crossley	18 September
Giles Ecclestone	19 September
Betty Orange	22 September
Peter Girling	24 September
Fiona Campbell Brown	26 September
James Wood	30 September



Service



Children, Young People and their Families

Dates for this term:

Children's Church for 0-11s, every Sunday during school term time, from 9:45, in Michaelhouse
Play, wonder, community, creativity. Begins 6 Sept.

Emmaus Youth Group for school years 5-9, alternate Wednesdays 17:45 – 19:00, in Michaelhouse
Faith, friendship, fun and... pizza

Dates for this term: 23/9, 7/10, 21/10, 11/11, 25/11, 9/12

Mystic Pizza for school years 10-13, alternate Wednesdays 19:45 – 21:00, in Michaelhouse
An opportunity to explore questions of life and faith in a relaxed and open way, also featuring pizza!
Dates for this term: 23/9, 7/10, 21/10, 11/11, 25/11, 9/12

The Ark for 0-5s and their grown-ups, every Tuesday during school term-time, 10:30 – 12:00, in Michaelhouse. A holy communion service for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups, with opportunities for little ones to participate throughout. Begins 8 Sept.

Chat-Play-Sing for 0-5s and their grown-ups, every Thursday during school term time, 10:00 – 11:30, in Michaelhouse. A friendly and welcoming baby and toddler group with refreshments, free play, story time and singing. Begins 10 Sept.

Save the date: There will be a Creationtide Art Workshop for all ages and abilities on Sunday 27 Sept, in the churchyard garden, after the 10 o'clock service



Parish Choir and Lay Clerks

Those attending regular services at Great St Mary's will notice some new faces among the back rows of the choirs. This term we launch our new adult choirs, the Parish Choir and the Lay Clerks.

The Parish Choir is an SATB chamber choir which sings on its own and alongside the Youth Choir. It is made up of many longstanding Choir Adults who are joined by a number of new people. Starting the Parish Choir means that for the first time we can welcome adult sopranos to sing regularly at Great St Mary's. This term we welcome new sopranos Elizabeth, Dilly, Kelsey, Robin and Zoe; new altos Bettina and Yuxuan; and new bass Jay, and a host of new deputy singers. The Parish Choir will sing for its first service of term on Sunday 6 September.

The Lay Clerks are a volunteer ATB consort that will sing alongside the Choristers. This will enable our younger singers to develop a repertoire of high-quality SATB music, provides them with a better musical formation, and allows us to bring a large number of new adult singers into our choral foundation. This term we welcome new altos Angela, Blandine and Joy; new tenor Florence; and new bass Simon, alongside a group of deputy singers. The Lay Clerks will sing for their first service on Sunday 13 September.

Having a much large pool of adult singers means that when all the choirs sing together for Carols by Candlelight and at Easter, we are much better able to support the huge treble sound made by fifty choristers and youth choir sopranos! The changes bring the opportunity to broaden our repertoire considerably, and I am greatly looking forward to hearing the choirs develop and flourish over the coming months and years.

Alex Berry



Wider Concerns



Concrete Rose is a Community Interest Company (CIC) with a Christian ethos and a determination to both deliver and equip others to provide first-class care and support for the most vulnerable young people across the UK. We work alongside and support those of all faiths (and none), all ethnicities, all genders and all sexualities. We have first hand knowledge of their remarkable work here in Cambridge helping students in great need. They are especially looking for host families to provide a home and support for students who are alone and without any family support through

bereavement, or because they are care leavers, or because of family breakdown. They also welcome volunteers to help with mentoring, and financial help.

See <https://concreterose.co.uk/>

The Wider Concerns Committee is impressed by their work. Please contact wardenm@gsm.cam.ac.uk if you would like to know more about Concrete Rose.

Eco Tip - Living Water

Creationtide 2026—running from September 1 to October 4—centers on the global theme of **"Living Water"**. Supported by ecumenical partners like [A Rocha International](#) and the [World Council of Churches](#).

Some of you joined a GSM visit to the ["Living Water: Poetry, Art and the Fight for Clean Rivers"](#) exhibition at the University Library at the beginning of September. If you couldn't join us, the exhibition remains until 5 Dec 2026.

Monday - Friday 9am to 6.30pm (last entry 6pm) · Saturday 9am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm) · Sunday closed · Entry is FREE and OPEN TO ALL. No booking required.

Do join a GSM trip to RSPB Fowlmere nature reserve on Wed 16 Sept and walk next to the beautiful Shep (photo left) - one of only 160 remaining chalk streams in the UK - there are only 210 globally! (Find details in the calendar above).





Choir Tour to Denmark & Sweden

At the end of a July a party of fifty-three set off for a five-day tour of Denmark and southern Sweden. Ashley Chirico (Youth Choir member) and Miriam Asrat Jeans (Chorister) write about their experiences here:

Ashley writes:

This trip has been so fun and incredibly rewarding: we met new people, explored new places, tried new food, and sang some pretty epic music. We left on 22 July. Waking up at 6.00am was worth it for the view of mountains of white cloud we flew above like foam in a gargantuan bubble bath. In around the same time it took to go through security at Heathrow, we had made it to Copenhagen.

As it was my first time in Denmark, I had no idea what to expect. I had heard that Danes were very private people, so I had been steeling myself for awkward social interactions! On the contrary, the border staff at the airport were extremely friendly, very patiently listening as I explained that I had not, in fact, been in France since February. We all separated into our groups and tried to get the train to our hostel, with varying levels of success. When we finally arrived I was shocked at the size of the building: instead of the tucked away Travelodge I was expecting, we were led into a seventeen-storey skyscraper! After settling in our rooms, we set out for the river tour.

The boat was very long and partially ceilinged in clear plastic. I sat at the end with most of the youth choir which I am certain made the boat tip a little, causing the choppy waves of the estuary to lap up the sides threateningly. We were guided through the sights by the knowledgeable but slightly profane Oskar, all the while waving at people relaxing on the banks and bridges which were so low that even the choristers could run their hands along the bottom as we passed under. Under one particularly long stone bridge we were invited to sing 'The Lord Bless You and Keep You' Which we were assured would sound beautiful in the acoustic. The passers-by on the other side clapped and smiled, whether in awe or pity it was hard to tell. The wind and rain soon picked up as we glided into open water, and the weaker among the youth choir sheltered under the plastic ceiling. We were told the stories of all the buildings that we passed, a concerning proportion of which had burnt down at some stage. Suddenly, the rain stopped and the clouds uncovered the sun, causing a stunning double rainbow to appear. Everyone flooded back outside, phones and cameras in hand, as we took selfies in the golden sunlight. As we drifted back towards the hostel, singing happy birthday to youth choir member Ellie, I wanted to capture that feeling somehow and store it internally.

After eating a surprisingly tasty meal at the hostel buffet, we headed up in cramped lifts to our floors. The view from our eleventh floor window was unreal. It was like a moving masterpiece of art, the rides of the Tivoli Gardens theme park looked like a Lego set in the light of the setting sun. We definitely did not feel like going to sleep. The whole reason teenagers sleep for so long is so they can stay up all night on occasions like these. Unfortunately the exhausted chaperones did not share our sentiment and after an hour of celebration, we were convinced to go to sleep.

The next morning we packed our cassocks and music and set off for St Alban's Anglican Church. The metro was astoundingly efficient and not at all busy: you could even go to the front and watch the train glide eerily through the ghostly tunnels. St Alban's was a lovely church. Jarring in its familiarity, it really felt like we had stepped back into England. Hundreds of people came in and watched our rehearsal, I almost wanted to tell them to go away and come back for the actual concert. Following a break with Danish pastries, we suited up in cassocks to the great joy of nearby tourists and processed into the church, now completely full, and assembled around the altar. The music was fantastic. All 10 pieces ran smoothly and the solos were en pointe. We ignored the bored visitors leaving during the concert and sang piece after piece, senza riposo. It was fantastic!

Afterwards, we were treated to a lunch of Smørrebrød in a local restaurant although they were clearly overwhelmed by the sheer number of orders to the point where they actually ran out of the dark grainy bread and had to resort to white instead. We subsequently separated into two groups: shopping and swimming, of which I chose the latter. As we approached the pool, filled with water from the estuary, I was filled with excitement. A huge multi-storey diving platform leaned over the water with teens wildly launching themselves off into the water. I was shocked and outraged when I learnt that falling ten metres into frigid water did not pass the risk assessment and I would be restrained to the shallow children's pool. After trudging back to the hostel, half frozen, we found the other group warm and dry, shopping bags in hand. After another delicious meal and some intense table football, we retired to our room where nine of us sat on one bed, playing silly games and chatting. After watching a singing duo in the bar I realised I had forgotten my room card and was forced to climb all eleven flights of stairs, discovering in the process that the stairwell had an ethereal acoustic unlike anything I had heard. We played Irish snap and other games up on the fifteenth floor before once again going to bed.

On Friday morning we journeyed to the Trinitatis Kirke, a huge, gilded gothic church with an enormous organ. Our rehearsal was good. Very good. I could tell that the whole choir was in the zone and ready to perform. The concert was excellent, dare I say, better than the last. Our 'Steal Away' sent some to tears and we were given a standing ovation when we finished. A victory for GSM.

Miriam continues:

After the service, we ate organic hotdogs from a stand in front of the Cathedral. They were really tasty! Then, we went to the Tivoli theme park. With our spending money and lots of freedom we had lots of fun. There were lots of great rides including one of the oldest roller coasters in the world. Some very brave people went on the biggest roller coaster with 3 loop-the-loops!

On Saturday morning, we took the train to Lund. We went sightseeing in our groups and visited a food market. After lunch we had time to do some shopping at the market – lots of us bought Swedish sweets from an old-fashioned sweet shop. After that, we all met at the cathedral to see the famous clock strike three o'clock. We then sang our concert in great acoustics. Then we headed to Botulf's Restaurant & bar for dinner where we also sang to the owners.

On Sunday morning, we got up early and took the train to Roskilde. We rehearsed in the cathedral then sang hymns in Danish at the Højmesse (Communion Service)! We then had a guided tour of the cathedral. After lunch, we had a guided tour in the Viking Ship Museum – it was interesting and they had two very old boats on display. After that it was time to head to the airport and arrive in Cambridge in the early hours of Monday morning.

From my (Alex Berry's) perspective, the tour was a huge success. The music-making was among the very best I have heard from Great St Mary's Choir, and the choristers, youth choir, and choir adults were a great group to spend time with. Many thanks to all the staff and choir adults for making it an enjoyable and rewarding tour.

News & Events



Sat 19 Sept - GSM Quiet Day at Clare Priory, Suffolk

Please join us from 10.00am to 4.00pm on Sat 19 Sept, and explore how the gift of Franciscan spirituality can enable us to go deeper on our way to God.

Our quiet day offers a precious opportunity to reflect, be nourished and pray; to ponder God's presence and offer of love; to receive that peace which Christ longs to give us. The day will be framed by Morning Prayer and Eucharist, focussed with 3 short addresses, and leave plenty of space for silence, prayer, and reflection. If you have never been on a quiet day, we strongly encourage you to try it.



Spaced across the day, Revd Canon James Shakespeare will offer three reflections on St Francis' work, to deepen our encounter. Canon James Shakespeare has been a Third Order Franciscan, and an ordained priest, for nearly 30 years. He has ministered in various contexts in the Dioceses of Leicester & Ely, as well as Manchester. He is a trained spiritual director, and studied Christian spirituality at Sarum College, Salisbury. James is presently Bishop's Spirituality Adviser, Vicar of St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, and Rural Dean of Cambridge South. In 2025, on sabbatical, James made a pilgrimage to Assisi, St Francis' home city. He is delighted to be offering this welcome space, in challenging times, for journeying deeper with Christ.

Clare Priory is in a lovely setting with walks in the garden by the river.

Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring your own lunch..

Venue cost is £20 for the day, which includes tea and coffee (morning and afternoon). Additionally, travel on the 16-seater. Minibus costs £16. If the minibus is full, shared lifts may be arranged.

Please book as soon as possible, to help us to plan

Please contact Clio Edgington or Christine Armistead c/o sarahh@gsm.cam.ac.uk for more information.

For bookings, please contact Clio.

How to book:

Please email your name and contact telephone number to Clio c/o sarahh@gsm.cam.ac.uk, stating if you would like a space on the minibus, or will travel independently. Please also confirm that you have made a bank transfer for £20 or £36 using these details:

Bank: Santander

Account Name: Great St Mary's Church

Sort Code: 090155

Account No: 50843086

Please use the reference Quiet Day, to identify it.



Sat 19 Sept - Michaelhouse Lunchtime Concert

Friends of Michaelhouse Concert

Michaelhouse, Trinity Street, Cambridge. 1pm-2pm

Oliver Griffin and friends

J.S. Bach Trio sonata for flute and violin BWV 1038

J.S. Bach Cantata 82a 'Ich Habe Genug'

Soprano Claudia Allan

Cello Clare Gilmour

Baroque flute Oliver Griffin

Harpsichord Steven McBirnie

Violin Lorenz Wernisch

Oliver Griffin (baroque flute) and Steven McBirnie (harpsichord) have been performing in Cambridge for over 25 years and in that time have been joined by a group of musicians to play music from the 18th century at baroque pitch. Ten years ago Clare Gilmour (cello) joined Steven as continuo, while soprano Claudia Allan and violinist Lorenz Wernisch joined in 2026. Our repertoire is a mixture of instrumental sonatas and arias for soprano and flute.

Free, with a retiring collection in aid of Michaelhouse Singers

Save the date: Sunday 27 Sept at 4.00pm - Friends of Michaelhouse or those interested in becoming Friends are invited to tea in Michaelhouse before Choral Evensong at 5.00pm, also in Michaelhouse.



The Academy of Great St Mary's

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SAT 19 SEPTEMBER
7.30PM

GREAT ST MARY'S - THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH

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Blessing of Pets & their People



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

A Service of Blessing for Pets & their people

at Great St Mary's
Sunday 20 September
at 2.30pm



Everyone welcome



22 Sept to 3 Oct - Michaelhouse Exhibition

Thursday 24 September 5.30-7pm in Michaelhouse
Roads Less Travelled - Private view and celebration

A 'CoDesignFocus' photography exhibition and knowledge exchange project, showcasing the work of talented photographers.

CoDesignFocus is a knowledge exchange initiative involving Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) with local and regional health partners whilst developing co-produced outcomes. CoDesignFocus works with communities whilst co-producing a digital 'app' to support practice, participation, and research. This year, CoDesignFocus has partnered with University College London (UCL) to deliver the project and demonstrate meaningful research impact around the value of the arts to healthy communities. Dr Julia Johnson is a Senior Lecturer at Cambridge School of Art (ARU) and a Second Supervisor on the MASc Creative Health programme at UCL. Julia leads CoDesignFocus.

The exhibition is supported by the Friends of Michaelhouse and is open 22nd September – 3rd October.



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE

Bring and Share!

Global Harvest Lunch

**Sunday 27 September
at 12 noon**

Michaelhouse Chancel



We invite you to bring dishes from your home countries to celebrate the international make-up of our congregation!

Everyone welcome!

- Please book soon to wardenm@gsm.cam.ac.uk indicating what you would like to bring (main course, salad, dessert) and how many of you will be attending. Also, please indicate if you have an allergy.
- There will also be sign up sheets in church each Sunday.
- Food will need to be accompanied by a short list of ingredients, in large letters (**NO NUTS**) and an allergens list



Sunday 4 October at 4pm
Great St Mary's, Cambridge

LIVING WATER

An ecumenical Choral Evensong
for the Season of Creation

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Janet Tollington
The Choir of Great St Mary's Church

The service is followed by refreshments and informal discussion with the preacher on creationtide themes for those able to stay

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Romsey Mill - Job Opportunity

YOUNG PARENTS DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Romsey Mill's Young Parents Programme (YPP) exists to help young parents (aged 14-21) to fulfil their potential as parents. Our team members are alongside parents from early pregnancy, helping them to prepare practically and psychologically for family life.

This is a part-time, permanent contract - 22.5 hrs per week but we are open to discuss other options to suit the best candidate.

Salary range: £26,824 to £29,064 pro-rata

Closing date: 9am on Wed 9th Sept 2026

Interviews: Monday 14th Sept

Romsey Mill is an Equal Opportunities Employer; there is a requirement that the post-holders need to be appreciative of the organisation's Christian Ethos.

Full details of the role, including the job pack can be found at: <https://www.romseymill.org/vacancy-young-parents-development-worker>



Peoples' Emergency Briefing - 25 Sept

A summer we won't forget with so many weather records broken. This free presentation is very timely.

On **Fri 25 Sept** join the **Cambridge Mayor's screening of the People's Emergency Briefing** at the historic Cambridge Guildhall, followed by a facilitated discussion.



The People's Emergency Briefing provides a clear, evidence-based explanation of the climate crisis. The film follows the **National Emergency Briefing**, held in Westminster on 27 Nov 2025, when nine international experts addressed 1,200 politicians and other leaders on the scale of the emergency and its impacts on health, food security, national security and the economy.

This is not a party-political event, and there is no expectation that attendees sign up to any campaign or organisation. The aim is simply to learn, reflect and discuss. Everyone is welcome.

Doors open at 18.00. The film begins at 19.00 and lasts 50 minutes. Afterwards there will be a facilitated discussion. Light refreshments will be served. You can [reserve a seat here](#).

For more information, visit the [National Emergency Briefing website](#).

Whether you are already deeply engaged with environmental issues or simply curious to learn more, we hope you will join us for an informed, constructive and thought-provoking evening.

Supporters include Greenpeace, Climate Psychology Alliance and Cambridge Climate Therapists.

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Great St Mary's offers a range of groups and activities for children from birth to 18.

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Great St Mary's has a long and rich music tradition, with six choirs, two pipe organs, an orchestra and weekly concerts.

EDUCATION



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Great St Mary's regularly welcomes school groups and offers education outreach around heritage, faith and sustainability. To find out more visit www.greatstmarys.org/education

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