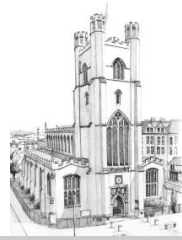


# Great St Mary's eMag

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From the Assistant Curate

If you have seen the 1981 film *Chariots of Fire*, starring Ian Charleson as Eric Liddell, you will already know why the centenary of Eric Liddell's Gold Medal at the 1924 Paris Olympics is being celebrated with a special Choral Evensong at Great St Mary's at 7pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

We're marking the centenary because Eric Liddell was a remarkable man: a Christian who lived out his faith with integrity and conviction.



Eric Liddell is famous for refusing to compete in heats for the 1924 Olympic races in which he was best qualified to run, because they were scheduled to be run on a Sunday. He won a bronze medal in the 200m and the gold medal in the 400m instead, despite these being events for which he was perhaps not so well-suited.

And Eric Liddell is famous too for the strength of character that he showed as a missionary in China, particularly when he was, together with members of the China Inland Mission and many others, a prisoner in an internment camp during the war between China and Japan.

Langdon Gilkey, who survived the camp to become a prominent theologian, is recorded by Wikipedia as having said of Eric Liddell's time in the camp: "*He was overflowing with good humour and love for life, and with enthusiasm and charm. It is rare indeed that a person has the good fortune to meet a saint, but he came as close to it as anyone I have ever known.*"

Eric Liddell died of a brain tumour in 1943 so he never lived to old age, but his entire life is one that is well worth commemorating. So we're delighted to be hosting this special Choral Evensong to highlight the challenge taken up in his name by a dozen students from Eltham College, where Eric Liddell was himself a student.

Between 26<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June they will be running, as a relay, the 680 miles from Paris to St Andrew's, where the opening sequence of *Chariots of Fire*, showing the Olympic team training on the beach, was filmed. In Cambridge, on their only stop during the relay, the runners will be reflecting on those Christian virtues of perseverance, resilience, integrity, commitment and excellence that underpinned both Eric Liddell's athletic success and his missionary work in China.

We shall be celebrating Eric Liddell's outstanding character and qualities, but even more importantly, a life lived completely to the glory of God.

If you would like to sing in the choir on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, please sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/gziQuhQ0zB>

Please note that the eMag is issued fortnightly. Please send any eMag contributions at least two weeks prior to publication, to [news@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:news@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

## Worship Schedule

### Weekend worship - see Term Card for details

#### Sunday 19 May

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** All Age Choral Eucharist
- **5pm** Come and Sing - Evensong (see poster below for details)

#### Sunday 26 May

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist (*no Children's Church*)
- **11.30am** University Sermon (Ramsden): Rt Revd Dr Paul Swarup followed by reception in Michaelhouse
- **5pm** Choral Evensong

#### Mid-week choral services

- Wednesday 15 May 5.15pm Choral Evensong
- Thursday 23 May 5.15pm Choral Evensong

### Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and [Facebook](#) only (*except Bank Holiday 27 May*)
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** in Michaelhouse (*except Bank Holiday 27 May*)
- Tuesdays 10.30am **The Ark**, a service of Holy Communion for children (*in Michaelhouse except half term 28 May*)
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**
- Thursdays in Term 7.30pm **HeartsEase** (SCM student meeting) in Michaelhouse

Except for 8am, most services are also livestreamed and available on Facebook/YouTube.

## Watch previous services

To watch previous services please see our [www.greatstmarys.org/home](http://www.greatstmarys.org/home)

Sign up for our mailing list at [www.greatstmarys.org/emag](http://www.greatstmarys.org/emag)



## Welcome Adèle Regan

We are delighted to announce that Adèle Regan has been appointed Children's and Youth Minister taking over from Dafydd and starting on Monday 20 May. We are also delighted that Adèle would like to continue as a choir steward, other than on Sundays.

A few words from Adèle, "You may have already seen me at GSM in my role as choir steward, looking after the amazing young people who make up our choirs. I am excited to take up the role of Children's and Youth Minister and continue to build on the fantastic work that Dafydd has done here. I come with over 20 years experience in youth and children's ministry working for a number of churches in different traditions and denominations. I am married to Matt who is training for ordained ministry at Ridley Hall and we have an old lady saluki x greyhound called Lucille. I am looking forward to seeing what God will do over the next year at GSM and in particular our children and young people".



## News & Events



### Thu 16 May - Chat-Play-Sing

The toddler and baby group 'Chat-Play-Sing' meets every Thursday 10-12 in Michaelhouse *except half term 30 May*. More information from [dafyddrj@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:dafyddrj@gsm.cam.ac.uk)



### Thu 16 May - Read, Mark, Learn

Read Mark Learn continues virtually on Thursdays 5 to 6 pm to study the New Testament reading for the following Sunday's Sung Eucharist. During Eastertide we shall look at some of the key episodes in the growth of the early church in Acts, before moving on to Paul's letter to the Romans and his second letter to the Corinthians, which contain some of his most important and personal theological reflections. For more information, contact David Grumett [davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk).

The Zoom link is [here](#).

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

Passcode: 876406



### Fri 17 May - Lunchtime Concert 1pm-2pm



Great St Mary's Lunchtime Concert series presents:

**The Schola Cantorum of King's College School,  
Cambridge**

The Schola Cantorum, the girls chamber choir of King's College School, present a programme of sacred and secular choral music.

Free entry, with donations.



## Sat 18 May - Men's Breakfast

**Men's Breakfast** 9.00am starting with Communion in the Harvey de Stanton Chapel (Michaelhouse) and breakfast in the Montefiore Room.

All are welcome - you can just turn up. Please contact [office@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:office@gsm.cam.ac.uk) for more information.



## Sat 18 May - Living in Love and Faith 9.30-12.00



LIVING  
IN LOVE  
& FAITH

Church of England 'Living in Love and Faith' Course:  
5 sessions on Christian teaching and learning about  
Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage

Website: [Living in Love and Faith \(churchofengland.org\)](http://Living in Love and Faith (churchofengland.org))

Earlier in the year, the PCC asked us to offer the

opportunity to learn about the teaching and issues related to human identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage, which the Church of England has been discussing in General Synod in the last year. This resulted in the House of Bishops commending 'Prayers of Love and Faith' (PLF) for use in regular public worship or private prayer in December 2023.

**The final session 18th May 9.30-11.00**

Led by Revd Canon Jutta Brueck and Revd Alison Kennedy.



## Sat 18 May - Lunchtime Concert Michaelhouse



Friends of Michaelhouse Concert 1-2pm

**Jessica Lawrence-Hares (soprano)**

**Olga Elbourn (piano)**

A programme of works by Wagner, Wolf, Rorem and Rachmaninoff

Free entry, retiring collection in aid of  
Michaelhouse Singers



## Sat 18 May



This year's Little Gidding Pilgrimage is on **Saturday 18 May**, and will be led by the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Revd Graham Usher. You can find out more [information here](#). If anyone wants more information or wishes to share a lift, contact [office@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:office@gsm.cam.ac.uk)



## Sun 19 May - Farewell to Dafydd



Dafydd announced in the April e-mag that he and Robyn will be moving to London in May. We will say farewell on Sunday 19 May at the 10am Eucharist service and have cakes at coffee afterwards.

If you would like to contribute to a leaving present, this can be done [on-line here](#). There will be a card to sign and donation box in Church on Sundays 12 and 19 May.





## Sun 19 May.....Come and Sing Evensong



Great St Mary's is hosting a Come-and-Sing Choral Evensong for advanced choral singers on Whitsunday. The musical programme includes Herbert Howells' electrifying St Paul's Service, Thomas Tallis's Loquebantur variis linguis, and Kenneth Leighton's Responses. We would love to invite singers to join us for what promises to be an ambitious and fun afternoon of music-making. The choir will be conducted by Alexander Berry (Director of Music, Great St Mary's) and the organist will be Alex Trigg (Organ Scholar, St John's Voices). The schedule as follows:

1400 Rehearsal  
1600 Tea Break  
1700 Evensong  
Music will be provided. For those who would like, an extra note-bashing rehearsal will be held on Saturday 4 May, from 1400 to 1600.

To sign up, fill in the following form: <https://forms.office.com/e/Aig3jesizh>. For more information, email [music@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:music@gsm.cam.ac.uk)



## Tues 21 May - Gardening Club



### All Things Bright and Beautiful - the GSM Gardening Club

Tuesday **21 May** 2 pm Guided tour of Murray Edwards College Gardens,

Tuesday **11 June** 10 am Guided visit to Homerton College Gardens

If you would like to go on either of the college garden tours, please contact: Juliet Jackson: [juliet@jmcj.org](mailto:juliet@jmcj.org) or David

Bridges: [db347@cam.ac.uk](mailto:db347@cam.ac.uk)

(Photo: Kim Fyson / Murray Edwards College Fellows' Garden)



## Mon 20 May - GSM Poetry Group



A 4th century depiction of the Ascension 'Something Understood' - the GSM Poetry group - meet monthly to discuss some poems and how they help us with our faith.

Our next meeting is on Monday 20th May, 7.30-9.00pm, at 3, Adams Road, Cambridge CB3 9AD Everyone is welcome.

Our themes this time are: May Day, Mary the mother of Jesus, and the Ascension. Please do bring a poem to share if you wish.

Any questions, or if you need a parking spot, please contact: Juliet Jackson: [juliet@jmcj.org](mailto:juliet@jmcj.org) or 07742820680



## Fri 24 May - Lunchtime Concert 1pm-2pm

Great St Mary's Lunchtime Concert series presents:

**Cambridge Chamber Ensemble**

Free entry, with donations.



## Tue 28 May - Special Choral Evensong 7pm



On Tuesday 28 May at 7pm, Great St Mary's will be hosting a special Choral Evensong, as part of a celebration of the life of Eric Liddell, on the centenary of his Gold Medal win in the 2024 Paris Olympics. Our Choristers and Alex Berry are on holiday, so we have invited James Potter, Director of the New Cambridge Singers, to direct the Occasional Choir, together with additional singers from other Cambridge and Ely choirs, with Jonathan Lilley playing the organ.

There will be a rehearsal at 6pm. The event will begin at 7pm with a short film about Eric Liddell and a commemorative relay being run from Paris to St Andrews via Cambridge (the runners will be with us that evening), and then the Choral Evensong. There will be

refreshments afterwards.

Read more about Eric Liddell [here](#).



## Fri 31 May - Lunchtime Concert 1pm-2pm

Great St Mary's Lunchtime Concert series presents:



**Tony Bridgewater**

Bridgewater *Piano Sonata* (2010)

Beethoven *Piano Sonata op. 13*

Beethoven *Sonata Pathetique*

Free entry, with donations.

## Pastoral Care



### Pastoral Care

**A message from Canon Jutta Brueck.** If you would welcome the opportunity to have a confidential conversation please do not hesitate to email me on [juttab@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:juttab@gsm.cam.ac.uk) or leave a message with the parish office on 01223 747273. Members of the clergy team are always glad to visit members of the church family in their homes, to talk about their faith, to pray with them (especially when they are ill), to be a listening ear, and a comfort in sorrow. Email Shirley [ssh49@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ssh49@gsm.cam.ac.uk)

### Pastoral Care Group

A Pastoral Care Group has been set up to help oversee our pastoral work at GSM. They will support the clergy and visit parishioners as requested. The group at present are: Ruth

Bridgen, Gordon Campbell and Margaret Johnston and Andrew Watson. You can speak to them or the clergy directly, or email Shirley [ssh49@gsm.cam.ac.uk](mailto:ssh49@gsm.cam.ac.uk)  
**In a pastoral emergency the phone number remains 01223 747277**



## 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
Brenda Hayward	31 May

## Service



## Congratulations to Patricia Pritchard OBE



Many congratulations to Patricia Pritchard (Tricia) who was awarded an OBE for services to Education and Social Mobility in Fenland and East Cambridgeshire in the King's Birthday Honours in 2023. She received the award from HRH The Princess Royal at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle in February.

Tricia, along with her husband, David, is a member of GSM's congregation and was Deputy Organist between 1965 and 1970, when she was studying at Homerton College. Her whole working life has been

in education and now, in retirement, she continues to devote her energies to educational projects. For the last seven years, she has served as Chair of the Fenland and East Cambridgeshire Opportunity Area Partnership Board (now renamed a Priority Area). The Board oversees programmes to raise attainment and to improve the life chances of young people, from all backgrounds, regardless of where they live or go school, so that they gain access to a wider range of careers and career routes. Tricia also chairs the Church Schools of Cambridge Trust and is delighted that there are strong links between the Trust and Great St Mary's.



## Christian Aid Week 2024



Although Christian Aid is allocated one particular week in May when it can conduct house-to-house collections, there is no reason why we cannot hold tea (or coffee) gatherings throughout May in order to raise funds for their commendable work. If you could consider inviting half a dozen friends and neighbours in, explaining that there will

be donation envelopes for Christian Aid, I can provide you with the necessary materials. It does not have to be just for GSM members but might be a good opportunity to welcome others too. Do please contact me if you/your house group would like to hold an event - and also if you would like to be invited to attend one.

There will also be donation envelopes available in church.

[lorna\\_atwell@hotmail.com](mailto:lorna_atwell@hotmail.com)



## Eco Tip - No Mow May



### How are you doing? - Give the mower a rest.

This will give your lawn a chance to breathe, for flowers to flourish and for critters to move safely through the longer vegetation. Longer grass will also help your lawn to cope better with drought by retaining soil moisture, it will also reduce run-off during heavy rainfall and help cool the atmosphere. Using the mower less frequently is a carbon-friendly option too. Raising the height of lawn mower cutting blades is another way of providing garden wildlife with a little extra habitat. If you're

worried that mowing less often will make your outside space look messy then there's a simple solution – mow a neat strip around, or perhaps mow a little path through, the longer areas. The mixture of plant heights can create a nice variety of habitats for wildlife.

**Many thanks to those who have already completed the GSM Eco Survey.** There is still time..... [You can complete the survey on this link.](#)



## PPC Minutes

To keep you better informed, you can find a link to the latest GSM PPC meeting minutes [here](#).





Coming soon.....

**Open Garden**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
2PM - 4PM  
3 Adams Road, CB3 9AD  
Entrance £5  
Concessions £2, accompanied children u16 free

To include:  
Tea and cake • Garden tours  
Ask a gardening expert • Kids' activities  
Live performances by choir members

**For sale**  
Garden plants • Houseplants  
Baked goods • Crafts

Donations of extra plants to sell gratefully received. Please drop off at 3 Adams Road anytime from Thursday 13th June or by arrangement: GSMplantsale@gmail.com

Great St Mary's THE INTERIOR LIGHTS CHARITABLE TRUST  
All proceeds to Great St Mary's Choir Summer Tour

## Academy of Great St. Mary's - Concert

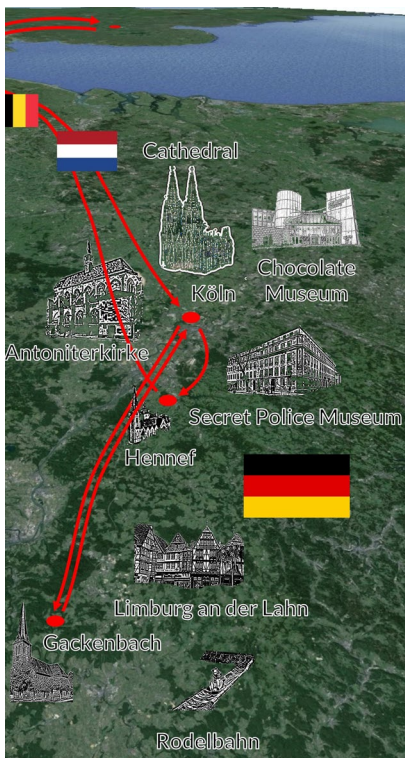
### Saturday 8 June 7.30pm

Do join us for a lovely concert including Brahms' beautiful 3rd Symphony, Mozart's exquisite Adagio K. 261 and Rondo K 269 with solo violinist David Richmond, and Weber's evocative Der Freischutz overture.

Tickets from ADCTicketing.com, the GSM shop and at the door.



## Choir Tour



In July 2024, Great St Mary's Choir will be singing concerts and services in Germany as part of a five-day tour. The choir will stay in Cologne, where they will sing a concert in the Antoniterkirche. They will also travel to the village of Gackebach, not far from Limburg-an-der-Lahn to give a concert on the theme of evensong. The choir is delighted to be singing at the vigil mass in Altenberg Abbey, a glorious building shared between Catholic and Protestant congregations. And finally, we shall join the congregation at the church of SS. Simon and Jude in Hennef (Sieg) near Bonn. Some lovely trips are planned for the choristers (and adults), including a visit to Cologne's chocolate museum and a chance to ride a Rodelbahn (an Alpine go-kart).

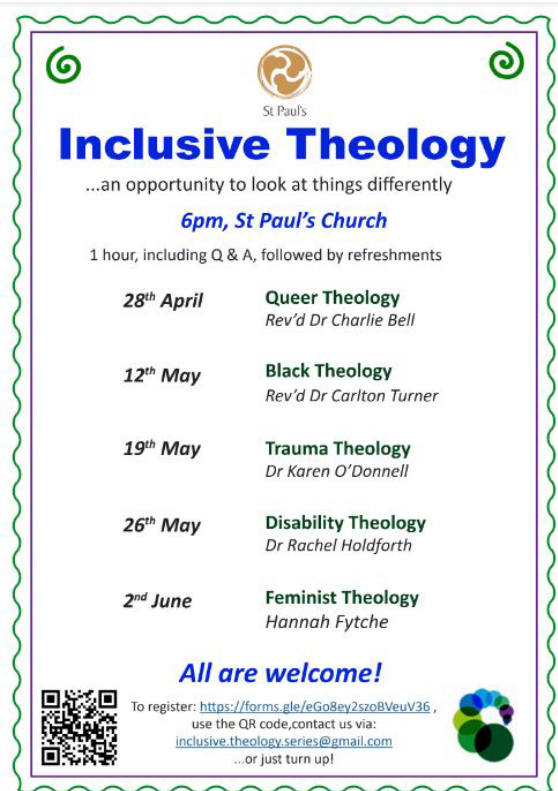
All participants have already made a significant financial contribution to the tour. We still need to raise a little more money in order to do all of activities we have planned for the week. If you are able to make a contribution towards the tour, we would be very grateful indeed – you can make a [donation here](#).

Thank you



## Elsewhere.....

You are welcome to all or any of the series of talks on Inclusive Theology at St Paul's Church, Hills Road, Cambridge.



St Paul's

## Inclusive Theology

...an opportunity to look at things differently

**6pm, St Paul's Church**

1 hour, including Q & A, followed by refreshments

<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Queer Theology</b> <i>Rev'd Dr Charlie Bell</i>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Black Theology</b> <i>Rev'd Dr Carlton Turner</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Trauma Theology</b> <i>Dr Karen O'Donnell</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Disability Theology</b> <i>Dr Rachel Holdforth</i>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Feminist Theology</b> <i>Hannah Fytche</i>

**All are welcome!**

To register: <https://forms.gle/eGo8ey2sz0BVeuv36>,  
use the QR code, contact us via:  
[inclusive.theology.series@gmail.com](mailto:inclusive.theology.series@gmail.com)  
...or just turn up!

### May

Thursday	16	10.30am	Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse
		7.30pm	Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday	17	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
Saturday	18	9.00am	Men's communion and breakfast in Michaelhouse
		9.30am	Living in Love and Faith Course in Michaelhouse
		1.00pm	Friends of Michaelhouse Lunchtime Concert
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>All Age Choral Eucharist;</b>
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Come and Sing: Choral Evensong</b>
Monday	20	12.30pm	Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch
Tuesday	21	10.30am	The Ark in Michaelhouse
		2.00pm	Guided tour of the Murray Edwards College Gardens, followed by tea in the café.
Wednesday	22	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM
Thursday	23	10.30am	Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse
		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
Friday	24	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
<b>Trinity</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist (no Children's Church);</b>
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>University Sermon (Ramsden): Rev Dr James Gardom followed by reception in Michaelhouse;</b>
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>

Monday	27		<b>Bank Holiday - no Morning Prayer or Christian Meditation</b> Church will open at 11am.
Tuesday	28	10.30am	<i>No Ark this week (half term)</i>
		7.00pm	Eric Liddell Service, followed by refreshments
Wednesday	29	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM
Thursday	30	10.30am	<i>No Chat-Play-Sing (half term)</i>
		7.30pm	Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday	31	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM

## June

<b>Trinity 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b> <b>Eucharist and Children's Church TBC;</b> <b>Evening Prayer (No Choral Mattins, half term)</b>
Monday	3	12.30pm	Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch
Tuesday	4	10.30am	The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday	5	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM
		1.00pm	First Wednesday Lunch in Michaelhouse
Thursday	6	10.30am	<i>Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse TBC</i>
		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
		7.30pm	Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday	7	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
Saturday	8	9.30am	Women's breakfast in Michaelhouse
		6pm	Joint Choral Evensong with Jesus College Choir in Jesus College Chapel
		7.30pm	GSM Academy Concert in GSM
<b>Trinity 2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b> <b>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church;</b> <b>Songs of Praise Hymn-Singing Service</b>
Monday	10	12.30pm	Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch
Tuesday	11	10.00am	Guided visit to Homerton College Gardens, followed by coffee in the dining hall.
		10.30am	The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday	12	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM
		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
Thursday	13	10.30am	<i>Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse TBC</i>
		7.30pm	Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday	14	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
			<b>University Term Ends</b>
Saturday	15	9.00am	Men's communion and breakfast in Michaelhouse
		1.00pm	Friends of Michaelhouse lunchtime concert in Michaelhouse
		2.00pm	Open Garden and Plant Sale at 3 Adams Road, Cambridge, in aid of the GSM Choir Summer Tour
<b>Trinity 3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8am</b> <b>10am</b> <b>5pm</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b> <b>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church;</b> <b>Choral Evensong</b>
Monday	17	12.30pm	Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch
Tuesday	18	10.30am	The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday	19	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM

Thursday	20	10.30am	<i>Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse TBC</i>
		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
		7:30pm	Heartsease in Michaelhouse
Friday	21	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
<b>Trinity 4</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church;</b>
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>
Monday	24	12.30pm	Christian Meditation in Michaelhouse, followed by soup lunch
Tuesday	25	10.30am	The Ark in Michaelhouse
Wednesday	26	12.30pm	Holy Communion in GSM
		5.15pm	Choral Evensong
		9.00pm	Compline
Thursday	27	10.30am	<i>Chat-Play-Sing in Michaelhouse TBC</i>
Friday	28	1.00pm	Free lunchtime concert in GSM
<b>Trinity 5</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8am</b>	<b>BCP Holy Communion;</b>
		<b>10am</b>	<b>Choral Eucharist and Children's Church;</b>
		<b>5pm</b>	<b>Choral Evensong</b>