

Great St Mary's eMag

1-16 March 2025: Issue 169

From the Vicar: Living faithfully in a complex world.



The season of Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday, when we are brought once again face to face with our frailty and our mortality, and thus, with our utter dependence on God. We are called to turn to God, and this starts with the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life. We are invited to bring to God our journey through everyday life, as well as our questions as to how God is at work in the unfolding of events in our lives and the wider world. As the world around us seems more unpredictable, with forces gaining sway that are inimical to what many of us hold as core to our faith, it feels the more important that we do less and pray more, if we can. That will mean different things to each of us, but at heart it is about genuinely listening to God. I would like to encourage all of us to make some space this Lent for time with God, for prayer and reflection, for us to journey through life more intentionally as people of faith.

The Church of England theme this Lent is 'Living Hope'. Information about resources for daily reflection and prayer can be found on the [Living Hope website](#). For example, you can subscribe to receive a daily email or download the App, to access daily bible readings, short reflections and a practical challenge. In this eMag, you will find four Lent book recommendations, trusting that one of them may feel relevant to where you are at on your journey. The clergy welcome your feedback on these suggestions.

An important dimension of Christian life is to journey *together*. Here at Great St Mary's, we do that by participating in our weekly rhythm of prayer, worship, bible and other study groups, as well as in the fellowship we share and the conversations we have with each other. I am grateful to David Grummet for organising the retreat to the Coptic Church Centre on 14 March, which is open to all.

The Wednesday lunchtime Lent talk series this year is on the theme of 'living faithfully in a complex world', with five local speakers who are practically involved in areas of social justice education and transformation. This theme is also central to the '[Big Church Read](#)' Lent book 'Wild, Bright, Hope', which we featured in the last eMag. It contains twelve stories of community and faith engagement in diverse contexts which seek to inspire us to reflect on our own journey in life and where we find hope. Please, let me know a.s.a.p., if you would like to join a group to explore the themes in this book together.

My prayer for us as a church and for all who are part of Great St Mary's is that this holy season may indeed be a time for us to grow in faith, in hope and in love, as we journey with Jesus to the cross on Good Friday and beyond, to the transformation on Easter Day. May we be people of hope and of God's kingdom.

Every blessing for a Holy Lent,
Jutta

Revd Canon Jutta Brueck
Vicar

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Worship Schedule

March services - see Term Card for details

Sunday 2 March (Safeguarding Sunday at GSM)

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist and Children's Church with the commissioning of Revd Rosie Hewitt, and Choir Stewards
- **4pm** Choral Evensong
- **5.30pm** Peace Vigil

Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

- **12.30pm** Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
- **7pm** Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes

Sunday 9 March - (1st Sunday of Lent)

- **Please note there will be road closures due to Cambridge Half Marathon**
- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist and Children's Church
- **4pm** Choral Evensong

Thursday 13 March

- **6.30pm** Choral Evensong

Sunday 16 March - (2nd Sunday of Lent)

- **8am** BCP Holy Communion
- **10am** Choral Eucharist
- **4pm** Choral Evensong

Weekday Worship

- Monday—Friday 9am **Morning Prayer** in church and on YouTube
- Mondays 12.30 pm **Christian Meditation** *in Michaelhouse - followed by soup lunch*
- Tuesdays 10.30am **The Ark**, Children's Communion *in Michaelhouse*
- Wednesdays 12.30pm **Holy Communion**
- Thursdays 7.45pm Heartsease (SCM student meeting) in Michaelhouse

Mar-Apr Term Card



Livestreaming of Services - update

The services can be accessed via the Great St Mary's YouTube page on

<https://www.youtube.com/c/greatstmarys>

Some recent services:

[Choral Eucharist Sunday 2 February 2025](#)

[Choral Compline with Schola Cantorum Monday 17 February 2025](#)

[University Sermon Sunday 23 February 2025](#)

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



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News & Events



Wed 5 March - First Wednesday Lunch

The first Wednesday Lunch on 5 March will also be Ash Wednesday.

We shall therefore be offering a very simple lunch of just soup and bread after the 12.30 service.

This will be in line with all the lunches during the Lent Series. Do come!

Lunch will be in the Michaelhouse Chancel, 1-2pm.



Thur 6 and 13 Mar - Chat-Play-Sing

Chat-Play-Sing meets on Thursdays at 10am in Michaelhouse for toddlers with their parents or carers.



Thur 6 - Read, Mark, Learn

Read Mark Learn will meet virtually on Thursdays from 5 to 6 pm (**except 13 March**). This term we will mostly study the Old Testament reading for the following Sunday's Sung Eucharist. Coming upHabbakuk, Third Isaiah and Haggai. For more information, contact davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk.

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84052562470?pwd=SWJnZ1dCcFFOTzRWdlI4WGhpSG9ydz09>

Meeting ID: 840 5256 2470

Passcode: 876406



Fri 7 to Sun 16 March - Psalm 27 Fest



Psalm 27 Fest: Being Christian Today
7th-15th March 2025

Organised by students, local churches and College chapels, Psalm 27 Fest is a week of celebration and fellowship through creative workshops and activities for young adult Christians in Cambridge. How does it feel to be a Christian today? What issues are we currently facing? What Christian resources do we have for seeing and sharing joy, hope, and love in our lives?

There are workshops on topics from science and religion with Michael Reiss to Christian Meditation to Being Christian in Gen Z. It begins with Chine MacDonald of Theos Think Tank at St Bene't's and ends with Alisha Lola Jones and the University Gospel Choir at Great St Mary's – with worship in chapels and churches during the week, showcasing some of what Cambridge has to offer young Christians. It's there to offer some engagement and encouragement for Christians but open to all who might want to explore the faith."



You can register for individual Psalm 27 Fest sessions via this QR code, or by following this link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSexDcy4nr87E3Q80SS12Ppi0GS4ToUnVVVflyr_XEV45GOI9A/viewform?pli=1.



Sat 8 March - Women's Breakfast



Women's Breakfast 9.30am

The women's breakfast will be held in the Montefiore Room at Michaelhouse

Join us for food, conversation and prayer



Sat 8 March - Christian Meditation Workshop

**Psalm 27 Fest - Christian Meditation Workshop 14.00-15.00 at Corpus Christi
Chapel**

As part of the festival Clare Stephenson will be leading a workshop on Christian Meditation. This is an opportunity to learn about some of the ways in which we can develop a prayer practice in which the intention is to rest in the presence of God and in attentive awareness of being held in God's love. This is a practice which begins in times of prayer, but which over time will profoundly shape the way day to day life is experienced, as the presence of God and God's love becomes more deeply known at all times.



And if you can't come along to the workshop, do join the **regular Christian Meditation group** which meets **every Monday lunchtime in the Hervey de Stanton chapel**. The meeting is from **12.30-1pm** and is followed by a soup lunch for those who wish to stay. No need to book, but to find out more please ask Jutta or Clare.

Sun 9 March - Tea Party



Tea party for Ukrainian refugee families

Sunday 9 March 3-5 pm at Michaelhouse

The Wider Concerns Committee is hosting our fourth tea party for Ukrainian refugee families living in Cambridge. It will be a wonderful opportunity to welcome and support them again at this time of much anxiety about the devastating situation in Ukraine. We would love to have cakes and help! Please contact margaretj222@gmail.com if you would like to be involved in this special tea party.



Wed 12 March - Lent Lunchtime Talk

Lent 2025 at Great St Mary's - 'Living Faithfully in a Complex World'



Revd Dr Carole Irwin - Encounter across difference in a Christian community for people with and without intellectual disabilities.

The first of our Wednesday lunchtime talks in Michaelhouse with local speakers engaged in areas of social justice education and transformation.

A light soup lunch is provided at 1pm with talks starting at 1.10pm



Fri 14 March Coptic Church Centre day retreat



We are honoured that His Eminence Archbishop Angaelos, the Coptic Archbishop of London and Papal Legate to the United Kingdom, has invited members of Great Saint Mary's to the Coptic Church Centre in Stevenage. This will be a great opportunity during Lent to take some time out and encounter a different Christian tradition from our own. The day retreat will comprise two morning sessions then in the afternoon a pilgrimage to the Cathedral followed by a closing Anglican Eucharist in the private chapel. The retreat will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3.40 p.m. Those who wish may take the 8.55 a.m. train from Cambridge to Stevenage and the 4.08 p.m. return service. For drivers, the full address is the Coptic Orthodox Church Centre, Shephalbury Manor, Broadhall Way, Stevenage, SG2 8NP.

The suggested voluntary donation is £30 (£20 retired or unsalaried) including refreshments and lunch. Donations may be made on the day in cash. In order to reserve a place, please contact davidg@gsm.cam.ac.uk by 5 March with the following details: i) name(s); ii) any dietary requirements; iii) whether you wish to share a return taxi between Stevenage railway station and the Centre. Sixteen people have already signed up but there is more for more.



Sat 15 March - Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast 9.00am

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.

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



Sat 15 Michaelhouse lunchtime concert

Michaelhouse, Trinity Street, Cambridge: 1.00 to 2.00 pm

The Cambridge Early Music Consort

Songs sacred and profane: from Machaut to Josquin

Directors Matthew Alec Gouldstone and Edward Wickham

Free entry, retiring collection in aid of Michaelhouse Singers



Sat 15 Cambridge University Gospel Choir Concert

Cambridge University Gospel Choir concert (part of the Psalm 27 Festival of Christianity)
Great St. Mary's Church at 5.30pm
With pre-concert talk by Dr Alisha Lola Jones.



Sun 16 March - The Chorister Experience

The Chorister Experience

Sunday 16th March, 2.45-5pm, at Great St Mary's



**Do you
have a child
aged 6 to 8
who loves
to sing?**

Warm-up & musical games
with our Voice Coach

Singing workshop with
our choristers

Take part in a real service
of Choral Evensong

Observe a chorister
singing lesson

After the event, participants
will be able to sign up for

voice trials

Saturday 29 March

Saturday 19 April

Scan to book!



We also have chorister
places for boys in year 5.

To find out more or
arrange an audition,
please email us at:

music@gsm.cam.ac.uk

The Chorister Experience

The Music Department is inviting children aged 6 to 8 to join the Great St Mary's Choristers for an afternoon of fun music-making culminating in a service of choral evensong on Sunday 16 March. Participants will need to arrive at 2.45pm at Great St Mary's with a parent or carer. The children will take part in singing games, warm-ups and rehearsals at Great St Mary's while the parents attend some short talks, observe a singing lesson, and meet our current chorister parents in Michaelhouse. Evensong begins at 4pm. To sign up, please fill in the following online form:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8U6ZVyn2Zk>

After the event, there will be the opportunity for children to sign up for a voice-trial to join the Great St Mary's Choristers. We are holding auditions on 29 March and 19 April 2025. We are currently recruiting children who will be in Years 3 and 4 from September 2025. (We typically take 3 boys and 3 girls in each year group). We also have places for boys currently in Year 5, who would be able to join mid-year. At a voice trial, we ask

children to sing the first verse of *Away in a Manger*, to do some vocal and aural tests, and read aloud a short passage of text. For more information about voice-trials or the Chorister Experience afternoon, please email music@gsm.cam.ac.uk



GSM Electoral Roll - PLEASE READ

New Electoral Roll for the Parish of St Mary the Great with St Michael, Cambridge

Every six years, we have to assemble an entirely new electoral roll, in accordance with Church Representation Rules. 2025 is such a year. Everybody who wishes to have their name on the new roll must apply to be enrolled. Joining the Electoral Roll is also a way of showing your support for Great St Mary's and to participate in the governance structures of the parish, if you wish to do so, as it is the register of lay persons who are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC). This year's APCM will be held on Sunday 18 May, and the new roll must be completed by then.

Church Rules require us to follow a very specific timetable, which will start with the display of a formal Notice in Great St Mary's and in Michaelhouse on Tuesday 11 March 2025. Applications, which can be made on paper or electronically, must be in the form specified. From 11 March a copy of that form can be accessed via a button on the home page of our website www.greatstmarys.org and there will be paper forms available in GSM and in Michaelhouse. The new Electoral Roll will be published on Friday 2 May, online and in hard copy in Great St Mary's and Michaelhouse. It will show names, but no other information, and must remain on display for at least 14 days prior to the APCM. Only those whose names are included in this new Electoral Roll will be entitled to stand for election or to vote at the APCM.

We hope that you will renew your membership of our Electoral Roll, or join for the first time. Please do not hesitate to contact the Electoral Roll Officer, Joanna Womack, or speak to the clergy, if you have any questions. It is really important that we gather together on the new Electoral Roll the names of all those who wish to exercise their rights in the Parish.



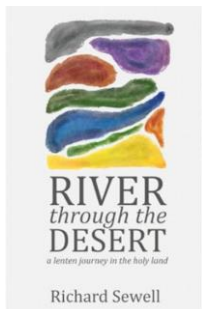
Lent Books



Lent Books for personal reading and Group Study:

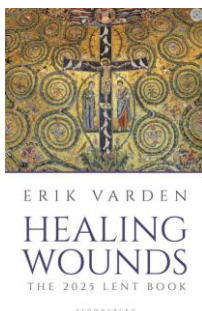
Wild Bright Hope: Reflections on Faith - the Big Church Read Lent Book 2025

This Lent book brings together 12 dynamic voices, each contributing a unique chapter on the power of hope. The 12 contributors share what gives them hope in the areas in which they work. They include a teacher, an advisor on economics and social welfare, an international reconciliation and mediation practitioner, a community organiser. You can find an introductory video and more information on the **Big Church Read** website.



River through the Desert: A Lenten journey in the Holy Land by Richard Sewell

Richard Sewell, Dean of St. George's College, Jerusalem, wrote this series of meditations during the COVID pandemic, inviting us to reimagine what it means to travel with Jesus during Lent. In weekly reflections, Richard Sewell takes readers step by step through a landscape riven with the traces of God. A great way to be enriched by the special character of the Holy Land.



Healing Wounds: The 2025 Lent book by Erik Varden

This Lent Book, draws on the New Testament to spell out why Christ's wounds are efficacious for the healing of humankind. Structured to guide readers through a journey

of reflection, beginning with the raw reality of suffering and moving toward the possibility of redemption and renewal, Varden employs a contemplative tone, inviting readers to sit with their own experiences of pain and consider how these might be transformed through faith and introspection.



Searched me out and known me: Journeying Lent with the Psalms by Charlie Bell

Over 15 chapters the following Psalms and corresponding themes are explored: 51 (Preparation, Repentance, Reflection, and Sin); 91 (Reliance); 102 (Lament); 32 (Sanctification); 34 (Abundance); 23 (Service); 118 (Power); 103 (Fear); 16 (Doubt); 55 (Betrayal); 116 (Companionship); 22 (Faith and Hope); 130 (Watching and waiting); 85 (Redemption through love). Each chapter is built around one of the above psalms, the day's Gospel according to the Church of England's lectionary and concludes with the Church of England's daily collect. Beyond the first chapter, it aims to offer readers a reflection on the psalm and reading, some discussion around a theme, thematic prayers, and further questions.

The Revd Dr Charlie Bell is this year's preacher at The Cambridge Festival Evensong on 23 March at 4pm.

 **Lent Lunchtime Talks**



Great St Mary's
THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH CAMBRIDGE



Living Faithfully in a Complex World

Wednesdays
1 - 2pm

AT MICHAELHOUSE

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| 12th March | Carole Irwin - Encounter across difference in a Christian community for people with and without intellectual disabilities |
| 19th March | Dr Claire Benn - AI and Apocalypse |
| 26th March | Alison Kennedy - Being Good Citizens, Citizens UK and community organising in Cambridge |
| 2nd April | Ruby Quantson Davis - Becoming an active peacemaker: stories from the field |
| 9th April | James Gardom - Cambridge Colleges & University Sanctuary as a response to forced migration |

Gather in Michaelhouse at 1pm on the dates shown and talks will start at 1:10pm. Light soup lunch provided.
All are welcome.

Pastoral Care



Pastoral Care at Great St. Mary's

At Great St Mary's we are committed to the care and nurture of all members of our church community. **Pastoral visitors** are one aspect of how our church fulfils this commitment to pastoral care.

What is Pastoral Care?



The word **pastoral** as we know it today evolved in the context of the church. In the late 6th century Pope Gregory I wrote a classic guide (*Regulae Pastoralis Liber*) which gave instruction about the priests' duty to attend to the 'care of souls', including providing instruction, taking confession, and administering the sacraments. The guidance was of course modelled on the example of Jesus as shepherd and servant.

The term pastoral care is now used more widely also in secular settings such as social work, schools and colleges, to describe holistic support of individuals and is often overseen by named people in a pastoral team. Specifically, Christian pastoral care is ultimately concerned with developing quality relationships, so enabling one another to recognise, follow and become more like Jesus Christ. It is a commitment to love one another because we ourselves are first loved by God, and embraces a wide range of

activity in support of one another, in and beyond the church.

Pastoral care might involve:

- sustaining others through prolonged difficulty or immediate need
- enabling the journey of healing and wholeness
- considering the process of reconciliation with God, self and others
- offering guidance about other resources and enabling different perspectives
- offering holy communion (either directly or by extension) in the home setting
- praying for others

Great St Mary's Pastoral Care Group

Pastoral care can be offered informally by each of us to others from time to time, as explained above. In addition to this very important aspect of the Christian calling of us all, at Great St Mary's, we have a team of appointed pastoral visitors drawn from the ministry team and the wider congregation. Together they share a more formal responsibility for pastoral care of others.

The GSM Pastoral Care Group consists of 13 people who are drawn to this ministry and whose pastoral abilities and integrity have been recognised by others. Each member of the group contributes to monthly meetings in which pastoral concerns are shared in confidence and in which home visits to those who might most benefit from them are planned. Each member of the group agrees to abide by a role description and also undertakes regular training in safeguarding as stated in the role description. We also are planning training events which might be of interest to the wider GSM community (e.g. on Dementia Awareness, Falls Prevention and Talking about the End of Life). The current Pastoral Team Leader is Ally Barrett.

Intercessors at Home

The Home Intercessors are a group of 19 appointed people who each are prepared to faithfully commit themselves to praying (individually at home) for particular requests, in absolute confidence. The Home Intercessors are each sent, by email, a prayer list (updated approximately weekly). This includes personal prayer requests, upcoming baptisms, weddings and funerals, the year's mind list for the week, the Wider Concerns charities which we are supporting at GSM and topics from the GSM monthly prayer calendar for that week. The personal prayers on the Home Intercessors list are treated with great respect and are not shared outside the group.

Intercessions in Church

You might have noticed that after a period of not praying for people by name in our livestreamed services, we have re-introduced prayers for individuals. All prayers in public services are only made with the permission of the person being prayed for, and we pray for that person by Christian name only.

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 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: clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk

To request a pastoral visit, or to be added to a prayer list, or to let us know about someone for whom you have a concern, please let one of the clergy know, or send an email to clergy@gsm.cam.ac.uk, or leave a message on the pastoral phone (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.



Colin Hill	6 March
Douglas Johnston	10 March
Stewart Hall	10 March
Stephen Hawking	14 March
Bill Gaskell	18 March
Ilse Man	19 March
Catherine Crawford	20 March
Norah Orange	21 March
Joan Boursnell	23 March

Anne Gleave	24 March
Lesley Anne Hetherington	24 March
Colin Campbell	24 March
Julia Jepps	25 March
Frank Mallett	27 March
Betty Gaskell	29 March
Elizabeth Coverdale	29 March
Elizabeth (Liz) Bellm	30 March

Service



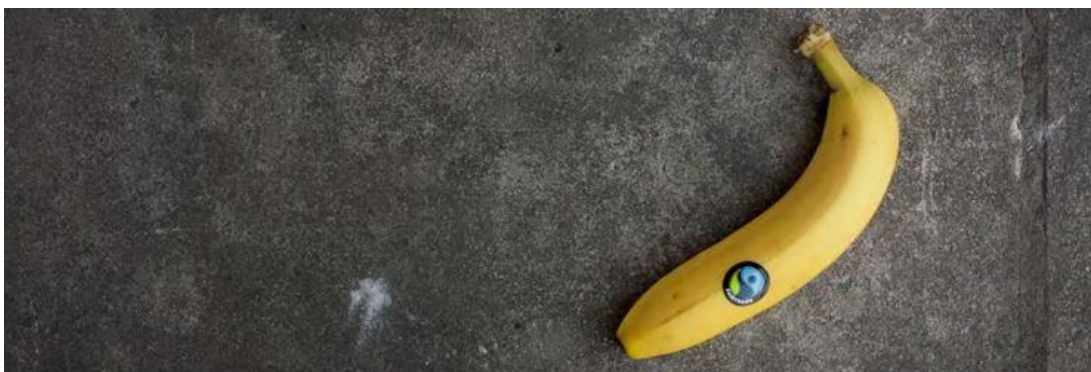
News from the churchyard



Project 'Sleeping Beauty' is underway. You may have noticed that the area to the left of the west door has been cleared, and replanted with shrubs, perennials and bulbs. (The shrubs are, from left to right, an *Abelia grandiflora*, a *Daphne odora*, a *Euonymus* and a *Choisya*). When it is a little warmer, we hope to plant some wildflowers and annuals. What all these plants have in common, is that they are attractive to pollinating insects, and flower at different times of the year. Already some primroses (from Sarah Goff's garden) have started flowering and some of the bulbs are beginning to shoot up, but it will take a long time, years, before it all looks really established.

Last week, a team of gardeners braved rain and bitter cold, to prune, fertilise and manure all the roses in the churchyard. See above: Katya, Juliet, Sarah and Katrina beside the climbing rose to the right of the south porch.

Eco Tip - Fair Trade



Churches have been at the forefront of promoting fair trade products for decades, making the

connection between trade and poverty and committing to using fairly traded goods such as tea, coffee and sugar. There are a few well-recognised certifications. In looking for international products which are fairly traded and ethically sourced, seek out those which have the Fairtrade 'mark' or the Rainforest Alliance 'seal'.

Great St. Mary's intends to be part of this campaign by registering with the Fairtrade Foundation and making commitments to: 1. Use Fairtrade products wherever possible; 2. Celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight (more on this in September); and 3. Engage with other Fairtrade events and connect with community groups.



Greetings cards and books



Birthday and Greetings Cards

These are being sold to support the Bethlehem Rehabilitation Hospital just on the FIRST Sunday of the month. The hospital's main aim is to re-integrate disabled people back into society and help them achieve a degree of independence. After the Gaza war, their services are much needed.

All the cards - as pictured - cost £1 each and every penny goes towards the commendable work of this hospital. Have a think about whose birthdays are coming up and come and buy a card or two on 2 March at coffee in Michaelhouse.

Bookstalls

Thank you to all who support the two bookstalls, either by purchasing books or by donating them. Sales have been good but we have now reached a crisis point: I have no more paperback novels to put out! So do please see if you can bring anything in (paperback novels preferred) and just pop them into the box by the bookstall in the narthex at the West End of the church. (All proceeds support the roof repair fund).



Wider concerns - news from Gaza



The Princess Basma team in Gaza is reunited and is still growing

"We cherish all good news these days. And so we celebrate the safe arrival of our two displaced therapists from southern Gaza to join their colleagues at our satellite unit in Gaza City. We are also delighted that they are joined by a seventh team member, Ala'a our new Speech and Language therapist. This means that we can truly embrace our multidisciplinary model of rehabilitation and treat children with complex needs and their families holistically and in one place. Our Princess Basma team in Jerusalem continues to provide crucial support and supervision for them online. Last week, the Gaza team joined the Jerusalem team virtually in their training on how to work with children with amputations. Very special thanks to everyone who supported us throughout 2024 with your thoughts, prayers and generous giving".

Ukrainian family seeking to come to the UK



Matthew 7:7-8 *"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.."* We're knocking.

Hello. My name is Nataliia. I am from Ukraine (Kharkov - eastern Ukraine). I have a family - my husband, eldest daughter (20) and youngest daughter (5). We are now in Ukraine. We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. We are looking for an opportunity to

come to England and are looking for people who could help with the sponsorship programme and thus get a visa. We want to be safe. We pray. Thank you. Natalia. Please contact margaretj222@gmail.com if you know of anyone who might be able to help this family.

Twilight at GSM - 17 February



We had a wonderful event as part of the University's 'Twilight at the Museums' on 17 February. Over 80 (children and parents) came for the first part of the evening for craft activities. Natalie (our Education Officer) had laid on very imaginative aspects of the moon, and how the cycle of the moon shapes the calendars of the three Abrahamic faiths - Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. The children loved creating the night sky on two large tables.

At 7pm we had a 'masterclass' in choral singing – preparing for a service of Compline - with the Schola Cantorum, conducted by Graham Walker Director of Music at Emmanuel College. About 90 participants sang from the north gallery, a beautiful service of Compline, with the Schola Cantorum choir below. It was a very meaningful service at this challenging time in world politics. There was also a good 'audience' for the 'masterclass' and many stayed for Compline too. The event drew in a wide range of people and it was lovely to see GSM so full, excited and engaged. It was a memorable occasion.

This is the link to the Compline Service:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/AWpMufID0Zg?feature=shared>.

We were also featured on Radio 105.

Coming up.....

Academy of GSM Concert



Academy of Great St Mary's concerts conducted by Adam Pounds

Saturday 22 March 7.30pm at Great St Mary's

Join us for a wonderful programme with Walton's evocative Spitfire Prelude and Fugue, Elgar's exquisite Enigma Variations and Vaughan Williams' beautiful Symphony no.5.

Tickets £8-£16 from <http://www.adcticketing.com> or Great St. Mary's Shop,

A fund raising event for Great St Mary's

Saturday 29 March 7.30pm at Sawston Parish Church, with the Stapleford Choral

Society. Beethoven's Mass in C. Tickets at the door.

Clothed in Glory Exhibition at Ely Cathedral



An exhibition of exquisite embroidery from 1876 to the 1960s, from the archives of the Community of the Sisters of the Church.

A truly unique exhibition showcasing a wide variety of embroidery techniques and styles of ecclesiastical vestments produced by the Sisters and their helpers in their embroidery workroom. Each piece on display has been created with an imaginative use of textiles from silk damasks to dress fabrics. [Read more here.](#)

Wednesday 12 February - Sunday 16 March 2025

Monday - Saturday: 10am - 4pm

Sunday: 12pm - 3pm

Please check for any changes to regular [opening hours.](#)

Entry is included with a Cathedral [Visitor Ticket](#) or Pass.

Elsewhere.....

For sale - GSM glasses



GSM beer glasses will be on sale on Sunday

In the GSM shop

Priced at £3 each or 4 for £10,

Ideal for those looking ahead to spring and summer events!

(Reduced from £5.99 each)

World Day of Prayer - Fri 7 March

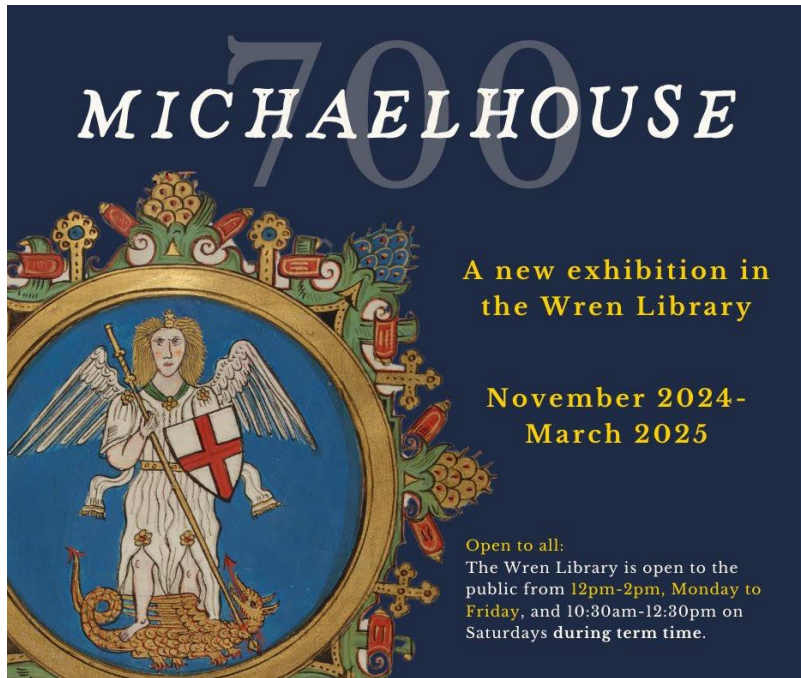


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
A world wide wave of prayer
'I made you wonderful'

Downing Place
United Reformed Church
Friday 7th March, 10.30am
All are welcome!
Refreshments available afterwards

worlddayofprayer.net/cook-islands-2025 

Michaelhouse in the Wren Library



700th Anniversary of Michaelhouse - Exhibition at Trinity College, Wren Library

Commemorating the 700th anniversary of Michaelhouse which was instrumental in the development of the town and university. In 1546, it merged with King's Hall to form Trinity College.

The Wren Library is open 12 to 2pm Monday to Friday and 10.30-12.30 on Saturdays (in term).

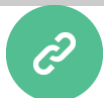
We have commissioned a booklet about the fascinating history of Michaelhouse which will complement the Exhibition and there will be further celebrations in the spring.



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