



AN ECUMENICAL GROUP OF CHURCHES: ST. AUGUSTINE'S . ST. GILES' WITH ST PETER'S . ST. LUKE'S (URC & Anglican) . CASTLE ST. METHODIST . ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Romanian Orthodox at St. Giles')

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ASCENSION NEWS

DECEMBER 2021

The Monthly Magazine from Church at Castle

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Philipa says this about the Carol, 'It came upon the Midnight clear...'

I have always loved this carol, even as a little child when I didn't understand the concepts of a weary world or a sad and lowly plain nor indeed had experienced a crushing load.

Beyond a stubbed toe or so when I'd ignored advice about putting shoes on, I didn't know what slow and painful steps really meant. The line which stood out for me then as now was the repeating line about singing angels!

After this year of so many uncertainties, worldwide, local and personal that each of us has experienced and as we face what might seem like an uncertain future, it is good to remember the constancy of angels and the joyful and soothing accompaniment that echoes all around us whether we perceive it or not.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Christmas might not seem 'the same' this year, but it really is the same. Nothing can detract from the fact that Jesus was born as one of us, 'The word became flesh', or that he lived as one of us, experiencing the same circumstances, or that he is entirely present with each one of us in whatever life experience we find ourselves. And so far as I know no one has ever been able to stop angels from singing!

What I intend to do this Christmas time is listen out for angels and I hope you will do the same. They come in all sorts of guises and we may not always realise that they are present but I am absolutely certain that they are there!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas

1.

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to
men,
From heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing

2.

Still through the cloven skies they
come,
With peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains,
They bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its babel sounds
The blessed angels sing.

3.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife
The world has suffered long;
Beneath the angel-strain have rolled
Two thousand years of wrong;
And man, at war with man, hears not
The love-song which they bring;
O hush the noise, ye men of strife,
And hear the angels sing.

4.

And ye, beneath life's crushing load,
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way
With painful steps and slow,
Look now! for glad and golden hours
come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road,
And hear the angels sing!

5.

For lo!, the days are hastening on,
By prophet bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world give back the song
Which now the angels sing.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2021

Christian Aid has shared the amazing news that Christian Aid Week donations have peaked at over 5 million pounds! They say “*We never fail to be surprised, delighted and grateful for the partnership of churches, volunteers and communities across the UK and Ireland. Thank you.*”

ADVENT GROUPS

This year there are two online study groups for everyone in our churches. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you don't have the Zoom link for any of the online only services.

‘Come Thou Long Expected Jesus’: Wednesday Evenings, 6–7 pm on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd December online on Zoom. We will use material written by John Birch, based on the Wesley hymn 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'. John's website is here,

https://www.faithandworship.com/Advent_Bible_Study_Guide.htm#gsc.tab=0

The Study Guide can be bought as a downloadable Pdf for £2.99 from the website. If anyone has an issue with buying/downloading it, Janet Bunker can provide them with a hard copy.



Advent Reflections and Readings

Thursday afternoons, 3pm on 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd December online on Zoom.

There are also other online activities you might like to join, and a telephone resource for those who do not use the internet. It is possible to join Zoom groups using your telephone – please contact the Parish Administrator to find out more – 01223 223774

Anticipating Advent (online): An invitation from our diocesan partners in Nordkirche, Germany

Pastorin Christa Hunzinger writes:

You are cordially invited to join us in the workshop and/or the Anticipating Advent service and the “Tea and Stollen” afterwards!

On **Saturday, November 27, 2021** we first do an **Advent Workshop** at **3 p.m. GMT** until latest 5 p.m. This year’s theme is derived from a line within Paul Gerhard’s Advent hymn “O Lord, how shall I meet thee” which speaks of a blossoming heart in readiness of our Lord’s return. We talk about how we welcome guests and how we prepare ourselves in Advent time how to welcome God in our lives. We do a little handcraft in the workshop. I attach the models, **please print the models out beforehand.**

We then celebrate an **Advent Service** at **5.30 p.m GMT**. We are going to do it as an Agape Meal, so please have **some bread and a few grapes** ready for the service! Afterwards there is still some time to chat with “Tea and Stollen” via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82365998334?pwd=YnZzdndic3NSWD1VWovZkpScXV0dz09>

Advent Online <https://adventonline.faith>

If you’d like further Advent input, there’s also a great new website called Advent Online put together by Christians from across the globe offering a wealth of resources and reflections on the Advent themes of hope, peace, love and joy. You may want to use this consistently throughout Advent, or dip into it occasionally.

'At the Heart of Christmas'

The Church of England is offering Advent and Christmas reflections via email. Sign up on this webpage:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/heart-christmas-our-2021-advent-and-christmas>

You can also download the app for the CofE's Advent/Christmas campaign (when it becomes available). The app is available for mobile devices (iOs and Android) and will give readings and

reflections based on Nine Lessons and Carols. It will also be available for smart speakers!

Daily Hope is a free phone number (0800 804 8044) offering music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. **Comfort and Joy** reflections, services and some of the music will also be available through this service during Advent and Christmas. This will enable as many people as possible to access the content. Please do share this number with those you know who might make use of this service.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Services in December are listed on the back page of the magazine, and separately in the listings section. Please contact the Parish Administrator if you don't have the Zoom link for any of the online only services.

24 December Christmas Eve Services

4pm – St Giles' Crib Service

11.30pm – Parish Midnight Mass at St Giles

25 December – Christmas Day

9am – St Giles' Eucharist

9.30am – St Augustine's Eucharist

*9.30am – St Luke's Communion **Please note the earlier time*

26 December Christmas 1

9am – St Giles' Eucharist

10.30am at St Luke's – United Communion for St Augustine's and St Luke's

7pm – IONA Christmas Service – online on Zoom

5 January

10.30am – ChurchatCastle United Service at Castle St Methodist

NB: St Augustine's, St Giles', St Luke's and Castle St Methodist churches join together in a single morning service.

ST GILES' NEWS

Ank's Big Day



On 15th November Ank was invested with her British Empire Medal, together with other Birthday Honours recipients, in Great St Mary's.

Afterwards many of her friends from different organizations and areas of work joined Ank and her family for a celebratory lunch at St Giles, which had been beautifully decorated and provisioned by the congregation there.



St Giles' Christmas Festival

This year the festival will be less about Christmas trees and more about what is happening throughout Advent. As well as having a few trees in church, we will again have four trees outside which will once again be decorated by our local schools. Inside the church will glow with lights, with eighteen beautifully decorated window ledges, and the church mice putting on their own displays.

ST LUKE'S NEWS

Update on Community Photographic Exhibition in The Old School

We are still waiting for the display rails to be installed, so we'll keep you informed of progress. In the meantime we hope you are digging out your own lockdown pictures and projects for the exhibition, which is planned to last for several months. If you have a special project undertaken during this time, there will be a one-off open day.



Here are the details again:

We are inviting you to share your experiences of the last year and eight months Covid period through pictures and projects. Some suggestions are as follows, and could be photographs or your own drawings or paintings: Family and friends, unusual home life, enforced separation, home schooling, social distancing. Clapping for the NHS, queues, face masks. Home deliveries, empty streets, pets and space for wildlife, gardens, making things, cooking, shortages, stockpiling! The Zoom boom, meetings, church services-or not?, closure notices.

Ryman's can print them for you; A3 is the best size for looking at on the wall; A3 would cost £4.10 for a colour print and A4 £3.30, if you would like to handle that yourself. Another alternative is for you to send your photo digitally at the highest resolution possible to Sheila Rozeik, and we can get them printed for you at a slightly lower cost by Minuteman Press, (roughly £4 for A3 size and £2.25 for A4 size). Wilko's have some very good value plain frames as a special offer at the moment (£5-£10); clip frames are only £3.

Any queries to me, please. Email: jcrowe1@virginmedia.com or Telephone: 01223 357627 or 07883 427807

Judith Crowe

St Luke's Charitable Giving Scheme – October to December 2021

The last quarter of the year's charity giving at St Luke's is Commitment for Life, supporting work in Zimbabwe. At the moment Zimbabwe is suffering, like all countries, from the Covid

Pandemic, the impact of natural disasters such as the major regional cyclone two years ago, tropical storms indicative of climate change, and social and economic problems. You can read reports of this work on their website at: <https://urc.org.uk/our-work/commitment-for-life.html>. If people would like to donate they can give cash at in-church services, or send notes or cheques to St Luke's Church in envelopes marked 'Commitment for Life'. Cheques should be made out to "St Luke's Church Cambridge".



Frances Klein

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

UPHOLDING CREATION – NEWS & IDEAS



As we all strive to live more lightly on the earth for the sake of all creation and future generations, there is a bewildering amount of advice and information now coming at us from all quarters.

In this new monthly section we will highlight actions and opportunities in our own churches and community – please do share your own suggestions, tips and information too.

- **Eco Church Report Post COP26**

Following the mixed outcomes of COP26, it's clear that the Church and wider society has much work to do in the months and years ahead to build on the positive outcomes of the climate negotiations and defend against the risks.

Through Eco Church, we aim to expand and strengthen the churches already engaged across a spectrum of action. This will include helping churches build on commitments made as part of the [Climate Sunday](#) initiative, to support many more churches to register as part of the Eco Church community and achieve their first or next award. We want to equip many more churches to go beyond the Eco Church Bronze award level, taking deeper and longer term actions to achieve Silver and Gold awards.

Whilst pledges in the [Glasgow Pact](#) to cut emissions in line with 1.5 degrees are inadequate, there is more that we can do collectively to hold our Government to account and to continue to make progress across our own church buildings and land towards significant carbon reduction. A review of the Eco Church survey in 2022 will ensure that it is as effective as possible in helping a wide range of churches to meet Net Zero or similar targets.

One of the positive outcomes of COP26 is the recognition of the value of Nature-based Solutions. Churches have an important role to play in this through sharing their learning across borders and traditions, to accelerate and maximise the contribution of church-managed land to addressing climate change and its impacts, and to protecting nature. Eco Church therefore has a significant part to play towards A Rocha UK's land goal to regenerate 75,000 acres of church land for nature and cutting carbon over the next five years. It's one of the reasons why we'll be encouraging as many churches as possible to get involved in [Churches Count on Nature](#) again in 2022, to better understand the nature on our land which we can all work together to protect.

- **Thermal Imaging Training 2 (online)**

Wednesday 9th December, 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Thermal imaging vividly reveals where a building is leaking heat and therefore wasting energy. By using a thermal imaging camera you can look at your home and find out where the weaknesses are. By joining this 90 minute online training session you'll learn from expert trainers how to use the cameras and how to interpret their images. After the session, you'll then be able to make bookings to

borrow one of our cameras to conduct your own surveys. Training and loans are free, but booking is essential.

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/>

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

CAFÉ@99

Every Monday and Friday, 10.45am– 12.15 pm, St Augustine’s

This community café in St Augustine’s has re-opened for one and a half hours on Monday and Friday mornings. All are welcome to drop in and enjoy freshly brewed Fairtrade coffee, cakes and some friendly conversation.

TEA @ 3

Every Wednesday, 3pm at St Giles’

With the colder weather we are now setting up indoors again. All Covid safety regulations will be observed, and a register of visitors will be kept. If you would like to come along you will be made very welcome. A play area will be set out for parents with small children from 2 to 4 pm.



MEN’S DISCUSSION GROUP

The group is taking a break in December. The first meeting in 2022 will be on Tuesday 11th January at the usual time of 8pm. If you would like to know more about these group discussions or the venue of each, please contact Richard Catchpole on 07736 070907 or by richard@rcatchpole.com.



BREATHING SPACE

Wednesday 1st December, 5.30 pm at St Luke’s

Breathing Space has started to meet again in person, on the first Wednesday of the month, to pray for the parish, our churches and local communities and individual concerns. Entry to St Luke’s is by the car park door (please ring the bell

if the door is shut). Breathing Space welcomes new members who want to feel part of a praying community – we would love to have YOU with us. Please contact Margaret on 354561 for more information about the group.

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS

Saturday 4th December, St Giles'

10am to 12 noon: Paint your own Christmas Card.

All materials are supplied. Expert guidance given. Book on 368150. £5 donation.

2pm to 4pm: Make Your Own Christmas Table Decoration.

All basic materials are supplied but do also bring any of your own favourite bits and pieces, and secateurs if possible.

Tables will be widely spaced and you are requested to wear a mask.



COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 5th December 1pm at St Augustine's Monthly on the first Sunday

All are welcome to come and share a delicious, freshly cooked Sunday lunch and friendly company. If you are planning to attend please notify Richard Footitt in advance, to help with planning. Cost of lunch, two courses

including vegetarian options, wine or soft drinks: £5

CEILIDH FOR CALAIS

Friday 10th December, 7.30 – 9.30 pm at St Giles' Church

Come and dance with The Jumping Beans ceilidh band, and raise money to help refugees stranded in Europe



and support the work of [Cambridge Convoy Refugee Action Group](#). Snacks will be available in the interval, included in the ticket price; drinks are also available – please donate generously. You can hear all about our activities at the CamCrag

stall. Advance tickets: £12 waged, £5 unwaged can be bought on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ceilidh-for-calais-tickets-98608260963> Tickets on door: £15 waged, £8 unwaged. Please bring a mask and support our social distancing guidance.

FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY

Saturday 11th December, 10 am to 12 noon.

The Friends meet monthly for a socially-distanced working party at the Ascension Burial Ground, where there is much to do. All are welcome to come and help with this last working party of 2021. If you would like to support the work of the Friends, you can obtain an application form from the Parish Office or online at

https://www.churchatcastle.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FABG-Membership-form_2019-1.pdf



ST GILES' CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 11th December, 12noon-4pm

Well spaced tables with wide gangways will be selling an amazing mixture of seasonal items from local charities and crafts people. There will be lights, decorations, live piano music and light refreshments.



ST GILES' CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 15th December, 7pm at St Giles'

All are welcome to this candlelit service of readings and carols, with resident choir Cambridge Vocal Consort. Please bring your mask.

SONGS & CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday 18th December, 1pm at Michaelhouse, Trinity St Cambridge

St Augustine's Singers

St Augustine's Brass

Conducted by Philip Mead

Piano Mo Wah Chan

Retiring Collection in aid of the Michaelhouse Singers



ST AUGUSTINE'S CAROLS GOES ON TOUR!

Saturday 18th December

6pm Meet outside St Augustine's to sing our first carol

Walk and sing up Richmond Rd & Huntingdon Rd

6.30pm Darwin Green

Walk and sing up Eddington Avenue

7pm Eddington Square

Carols around the Christmas Tree

Bring a light/torch and bells. Walk with us all or some of the way

Sing with us as we walk past your home!

Collection for Cambridge Foodbank & Embrace the Middle East

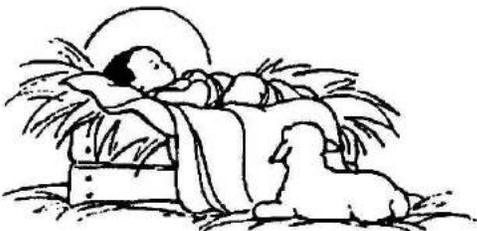
ALL WELCOME



ST LUKE'S COMMUNITY CAROLS

Sunday 19th December, 6pm

We will gather and sing outside, so please dress warmly, and bring a torch if you wish.



CRIB SERVICE

Friday 24th December, 4pm at St Giles'

We welcome you all to this service around the crib on Christmas Eve.

PARISH MIDNIGHT MASS

Friday 24th December, 11.30pm at St Giles'

CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

There will be no workshop in December, The monthly workshops will start again in January. They are held on fourth Saturdays, with a two-hour morning session. The space is set up with suitable distancing. Please bring your own mask. Margaret Waring (Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild) will lead the workshops. In general all materials

for the session will be provided. Participants will be invited to make a donation (£15) to the Friends of St. Giles' Church. Please book in advance as the number of participants is limited. Email: amwaring8@gmail.com or office@churchatcastle.org.

ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP

Meets on the Last Tuesday of the month, from 2-4 o'clock. All are welcome, bring friends, what-ever your level of skill, swap ideas and learn new techniques. Just come with anything you are working on or would like to do. Needles and wool will be supplied. For further details please contact Judith, 01223 357627



WORSHIP AND PRAYER RESOURCES ONLINE

Church at Castle: Downloadable service and worship resources are kept up-to-date on our own website at: <https://www.churchatcastle.org/resources/>

The Diocese of Ely has Sunday morning resources to share on their website at: <https://www.elydiocese.org/church-in-action/sunday-morning-resources/>

Daily Devotions: The United Reformed Church has daily Bible readings, reflections and Prayers for the season at <https://urc.org.uk/>

Sing a Hymn: The Royal School of Church Music has uploading a whole playlist of hymns on their YouTube channel, for you to sing along with. It does not cover the whole year but there are plenty of cracking hymns to enjoy. https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn-vhbQASCJhW_Gz8Fww32Nmy_XuCQmNI

OUR SERVICES ONLINE ON ZOOM

You are welcome to join all and any of these services. Send an email to office@churchatcastle.org to receive a Zoom invitation to any of these services shown below. Resources are on our website – <https://www.churchatcastle.org/resources/>

SUNDAYS

- St Giles' Morning service, 9 am
- St Augustine's Morning Service, 9.30 am
- St Luke's Morning Service, 10.30 am
- Church at Castle United Evening Service, monthly on the 2nd Sunday, 6.30pm at Castle St Methodist
- Iona Service, monthly on the 3rd Sunday, 7 pm (except in August)

MONDAYS – Compline, 6 pm A service of Night Prayer. Common Worship.

WEDNESDAYS – Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer. 10 am

THURSDAYS – Midweek Eucharist, Common Worship. 10am (online and also in person).

December Sunday Service and Christmas Day Readings

(May be subject to variation. The full text is available on our website Resources page)

- 5th December *Either* Baruch 5: 1-9 *or* Malachi 3:1-4, Luke 1:68-79, Philippians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6
- 12th December Zephaniah 3:14-end, *Either* Isaiah 12:2-end *or* Psalm 46:4-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:7-18
- 19th December Micah 5:2-5a, *Either* Luke 1:46b-55 *or* Psalm 80:1-8, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]
- 25th December Isaiah 52:7-10, Psalm 98, Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12], John 1:1-14
- 26th December 1 Samuel 2:18-20. 26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-end
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FOR CHILDREN

Together at Home produces very child-friendly resources that children and their families can share. <https://www.tath.co.uk/>



IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE INTERNET



FREE HYMNS & PRAYERS ON YOUR TELEPHONE

This is an excellent national initiative for those who are especially isolated:

A free national phonenumber **Daily HOPE** is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**

Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury before being able to choose from a range of options, including Prayer during the Day and Night Prayer updated daily from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England's weekly national online service. An option called **Hymn Line** also offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily.

WORSHIP RESOURCES FOR EVERYONE

We can send resources for people to use at home. If you would like a printed copy of any prayers, hymns or services please ring Sheila Rozeik on 01223 223774

As a ministry team we can also telephone those who would like to say the service and share the liturgy with them. If you would like one of us to share the service with you or know of someone else who doesn't have internet technology who might appreciate it, then please let Philipa know - ring 07967 196560.

NOTICES



- **Boost parish funds when you shop online**

The Parish of the Ascension has been a registered charity for two years, and has joined the Give as You Live scheme. This means that anyone can now donate to the Ascension Parish funds, at no extra cost to themselves, whenever they are shopping online. Don't forget to click on the Give as You Live icon on your browser when starting to shop and select the Parish of the Ascension. Our registered charity name is long - *The PCC Of The Ecclesiastical Benefice Of The Ascension, Cambridge (St. Giles with St. Peter, St. Luke And St. Augustine)* - so here is a shortcut to sign up:

<https://www.giveasyoulive.com/join/ascensionparishcambridge>

Did you know, when you sign up to @GiveasyouLive the retailers you shop with will make a donation to us for every purchase you make? It's completely free, and the funds help us to keep providing our vital service. Sign up for us today!

- It is good to hear news about people, and what you are doing for and in your communities practically and creatively. We will try to reflect this in the next magazine. Send your news via email to: office@churchatcastle.org or post it to Janet Bunker, 95 Richmond Road, Cambridge, CB4 3PS. The deadline for submissions is ten days before the end of the month, but please send your article as early as possible.

- If you would like to have the Ascension News delivered to yourself or someone else electronically or as a print copy, please send the details to office@churchatcastle.org or phone 01223 223774

**WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE
MINISTRY TEAM AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS 2020 – 2021
(post APCM 2021)**

Contact details are on our website or from the Parish Office.

Ministry Team ex-officio on PCC

Team Rector Philipa King
Team Vicar Janet Bunker
URC Minister Charles Mather
Assistant Priest Ank Rigelsford
Assistant Priest Tom Ambrose
Retired Priest Owen Spencer Thomas
Licensed Lay Ministers Margaret Cooper, Sylvia Pick (Emerita)
Authorised Lay Minister for children Gill Ambrose
Authorised Lay Pastoral Minister Sue Mudie

Churchwardens ex-officio on PCC (elected annually)

St Augustine's Mark Wills, Philip Mead
St Giles' Richard Catchpole
St Luke's Paul Gibbs

Deanery Synod representatives 2020–2023 ex officio on PCC

St Augustine's vacant
St Giles' vacant
St Luke's Jane Holmes

**Parochial Church Council – all members of the PCC are ex-officio
members of the appropriate DCC**

St Augustine's 2019 – 2022 Patricia McGuire *, Secretary
2020 – 2023 Antony Rix
2021–2024 vacancy
St Giles' 2019 – 2022 vacancy
2020 – 2023 vacancy
2021–2024 vacancy
St Luke's 2019 – 2022 Frances Klein *
2020 – 2023 Gill Ambrose *
2021–2024 Judith Crowe *

District Church Councils

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| St Augustine's | 2019 – 2022 vacancy |
| | 2020 – 2023 vacancy |
| | 2020 – 2023 vacancy |
| | 2021 – 2024 vacancy |
| St Giles' | 2019 – 2022 Helen Kinsey |
| | 2020 – 2023 Valerie Anderson |
| | 2020 – 2023 Arthur Hibble |
| | 2021 – 2024 Margaret Waring |

* not eligible for re-election when current term ends in year indicated

St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council as at Annual Congregational Meeting on 21st March 2021:

Gill Ambrose, May Block, Margaret Cooper, Judith Crowe, Isobel Fox, Paul Gibbs-*ex officio* (Churchwarden but expires after APGM 2021 with no apparent replacement), Lib Hallam, Jane Holmes, Joan Jeans, Frances Klein *co-opted* (Finance Officer), Sue Mudie, Heather Richardson and Ken Smith.

St Luke's Joint Council as at Annual Congregational Meeting on 21st March 2021:

May Block, Margaret Cooper, Judith Crowe, Paul Custerson, Isobel Fox, Paul Gibbs, Frances Klein, Ken Smith.

ONLINE

ChurchatCastle: www.churchatcastle.org,
Twitter [@churchatcastle](https://twitter.com/churchatcastle)

St. Augustine's: <https://stas.org.uk>,
Twitter [@stascambridge](https://twitter.com/stascambridge)

St. Giles': <https://www.facebook.com/saintgileschurch>

The Friends of St. Giles' Church: <https://www.fosgc.org>

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Ascension Parish Office Parish Administrator: Sheila Rozeik
Email: office@churchatcastle.org, officeatcastle@btinternet.com
Post: St. Giles' Church, Castle Street, Cambridge, CB3 0AQ
Tel: 01223 223774, 01223 315000 (recorded messages only),
Please note: Sheila is running the Parish Office from home, but her core working hours are **Mondays to Fridays between 9am and 1pm.** Please bear this in mind and avoid contacting her unnecessarily outside these times.

St. Luke's Church Centre Centre Supervisor – Heather Taplin,
01223 311136. Email: stlukes_office@yahoo.co.uk
NB: Currently St. Luke's Office will be open only from 9.30am to 12.30 pm on Wednesdays until further notice. If entry or information is needed please email stlukes_office@yahoo.co.uk
Phone calls on 01223 311136 will be picked up but there may be a delay in replying.
Matters involving the ministry team should be referred to the Parish Administrator, as above.



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Philip Mead
~ piano ~

Saturday 1 January
10am to 12 noon
St Augustine's Richmond Rd CB4 3PS

SERVICES IN DECEMBER 2021

| Day | St Giles' | St Augustine's | St Luke's | Other |
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| SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER Advent 2 | 9am Sunday Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Service of the Word ZOOM | 10.30am All Age Service of the Word HYBRID | St Augustine's Community lunch 1pm |
| SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER Advent 3 | 9am Sunday Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Sunday Communion HYBRID | 10.30am Sunday Communion HYBRID | 6.30pm C@C United Evening Service at Castle St Methodist |
| WEDNESDAY 15 DECEMBER 7pm | 7pm Carol Service with Cambridge Vocal Consort | | | |
| SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER 6-8pm | | 6-8pm Carol Service on Tour | | |
| SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER Advent 4 | 9am Sunday Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Service of the Word ZOOM | 10.30am Sunday Communion HYBRID | 6pm St Luke's Community Carols |
| FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER | 4pm Crib Service at St Giles | | | 11.30pm Parish Midnight Mass, at St Giles |
| SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER Christmas Day | 9am Christmas Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Christmas Communion HYBRID | *9.30am Christmas Communion HYBRID | |
| SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER Christmas 1 | 9am Sunday Eucharist HYBRID | 10.30am United Sunday Communion for St Augustine's, St Luke's, CSM At St Luke's HYBRID | | 7pm IONA Christmas Service ZOOM |

NB: This plan is provisional and will be subject to change should one of the ministers become unavailable.