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the Parish of the Ascension:Cambridge  
St Augustine's, St Giles', St Luke's (URC & Anglican), Castle St Methodist,  
St John the Evangelist (Romanian Orthodox at St Giles')*

# ASCENSION NEWS

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# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## PIP'S COAST PATH WALKS

As part of her rehabilitation from stroke pipking.com™ has decided to do a series of walks along the Norfolk coast path from Hunstanton to Cromer. This is supported by the long-suffering clinicians who are overseeing her recovery. The proceeds of this will be in aid of St Luke's Old



School- a community resource. She began her walking on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May from Old Hunstanton to Holme-next-the-Sea, approximately 2 miles. Two strangers she met along the way spontaneously donated £40 and taxied her, Judith and Poppy back to their starting point. If you'd like to sponsor her you can do so via:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/cf0acd78-d72b-4057-9b12-f7c57c44b0f2>

or on our website's Giving page

<https://www.churchatcastle.org/giving/>

Alternatively, cash in an appropriately marked envelope will be equally welcome and can be handed in at church or St Luke's office. You may also like to sponsor Philipa per mile covered.

*Philipa*

*Philipa will be accompanied on the walks by four-legged friend Poppy and two-legged friend Judith Crowe. Poppy will lead the way and investigate areas of interest and Judith is planning the routes in manageable stages. She will also be reporting on miles covered and adventures along the way in the News section of our website.*

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## FAREWELL and WELCOME BACK

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June Charles Mather will take his final service at St Luke's, following recent retirement. It will be a chance to say goodbye in the person and to thank Charles for his ministry.

During the URC vacancy, visiting URC ministers will take the services at St Luke's on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. On 22<sup>nd</sup> May we were delighted to welcome back Deborah McVey, and very recently we learnt that Deborah has been appointed as our Interim Moderator- the person who will steer us through the vacancy until more permanent arrangements are made. Deborah will also take the service with Philipa on the 24<sup>th</sup> July.

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### **COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH AT ST AUGUSTINE'S on Sunday 5 June**

Please note that there will be no Community Lunch of the usual sort at St Augustine's on Sunday 5 June. This is because Richmond Rd will be celebrating that day with a Big Lunch and street party for local residents: it will begin at 12.45pm and finish at 2.30pm, and most residents will be bringing their own food, some of which might be shared with those unable to provide their own. We are aware that there are other street events being held nearby on that day (eg. in Windsor Rd and Westfield Lane), and some regular Lunch Club members will no doubt be attending one (or more!) of them. For those not planning to go to another event, they would be welcome to come to Richmond Rd at 12.45pm and, if they are able to bring something to eat themselves, then that would be good if not essential. We will have some food in reserve. Anyone interested in coming who is not a resident of Richmond Road should contact Richard Footitt (01223 364929 or [JR.Footitt@gmail.com](mailto:JR.Footitt@gmail.com)) in advance please to discuss the possibilities. Please note that part of Richmond Road nearest the church will be closed to vehicles from around 11am to 3.30pm on the day.

Normal service will be resumed on Sunday 3 July at 1pm.

*Richard Footitt*

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### **“NEW LIFE” EXHIBITION**

The exhibition on the theme of ‘New Life’ will open after the united service at St Luke's on the 12<sup>th</sup> June, at 12 noon. It will also be open on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 11 am to 4pm and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 12 noon to 4pm. There will be work for sale on each open day and a

chance to see the renovation of the Old School house, and to put forward ideas for how the spaces can be used in the future.

*Judith Crowe*

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## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH JUBILEE YEAR



**Faith – Hope – Love –  
Since 1972**

2022 marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United Reformed Church (URC). The United Reformed Church was first formed in 1972 by a union of the Presbyterian Church of England and a majority of churches in the Congregational Church in England and Wales. St Luke's URC was originally part of the

Congregational Church in England. Various celebrations are planned for this year, culminating in a day in London on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The programme for that day begins with 'Open Church House' at the United Reformed Church House 10 am - 1 pm. Then a walk to Westminster for the Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration at Methodist Central Hall, Westminster for 2.30 pm. Tickets are free but must be booked in advance through: [www.bit.ly/urc50](http://www.bit.ly/urc50)

URC Eastern Synod is also holding a celebratory 'Big Day Out' with activities, crafts, worship for all ages held at Trinity Park, Ipswich on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Cost is £8 for adults, to cover refreshments on arrival and picnic lunch, children go free. Tickets for this event need to be booked by 15<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact Isobel Fox in advance of that date ([isobelfox50@gmail.com](mailto:isobelfox50@gmail.com). Tel 01223 312566) if you would like to book a place.

*Isobel Fox*

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## CAMBRIDGE CITY FOOD BANK

Donations can be dropped off at St Augustine's. There is a box in the glass porch that is accessible on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, 2-5pm, and another next door outside Janet's door. Their up-to-date requested donations list is here:

<https://cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>

## June Sunday Service Readings

*(May be subject to variation)*

- 5 June Acts 2:1-21 *or* Genesis 11:1-9, Psalm 104:26-36. 37b,  
Romans 8:14-17 *or* Acts 2:1-21, John 14:8-17 [25-27]
- 12 June Proverbs 8:1-4. 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5,  
John 16:12-15
- 19 June Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-end,  
Luke 8:26-39
- 26 June 1 Kings 19:15-16. 19-end, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1. 13-25,  
Luke 9:51-end
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### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 15-21 May

Next month's magazine will have a full report of all the money raised from envelope donations and special fund-raising events in our churches.

You can still give on-line via the two e-envelopes for Christian Aid. These are set up in the names of St Augustine's and St Luke's. Just click on the link and you will be guided through:

**St Augustine's e-envelope:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/e4753d53-d6eb-478d-abb4-deac90c085cd>

**St Luke's e-envelope:**

<https://giving.give-star.com/microsite/christian-aid/christian-aid-week/team/0ba9265a-a175-4b20-b7c3-d1fb568a7940>

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## ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

**Tom Ruston** who has served in the parish as an ordinand, mainly at St Augustine's, will be ordained deacon this Pentecost on 25<sup>th</sup> June by the Bishop of Birmingham. Please pray for Tom and all those being ordained. Tom will serve his curacy in the parish of St Matthew the Apostle, Perry Beeches in Birmingham.

**The Benefit Concert** for [the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#), organised by Philip Mead and others, with music from the St Augustine's Chamber Choir & Brass and Mark and Willem Perkins, has raised £1000.87 to date from generous donors.

**Isy Mead**, a homegrown young poet, has generously shared her poetry over the past few years, much of it winning prizes and public acclaim. She has just achieved another success, the award of First Prize in the 2022 Ver Poetry Prize competition with her poem "Duracell", written in 1994 during her time working in Rwanda. The judge was poet John McCullough – among his comments was this – "The limited sensory impressions the protagonist experiences – glossy, smooth metal, the stink of fermenting beer, 'sunshine gold' cassava – are delivered in plain, unfussy language which asks the reader to fill in the shocking background, making us feel what this man's going through all the more fiercely. I find it a staggering achievement."

Isy says "I won first prize of £600 with a poem entitled Duracell – based on a story of some one I knew in Rwanda and an exhibition at the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford".

<https://www.prm.ox.ac.uk/event/traces-of-the-past>

She has kindly given us permission to print it here on pages 17 & 18

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## ST GILES' NEWS

\* T@3 Platinum Jubilee Celebration on Wednesday 1st June.

We will start our celebration with a chauffeured punt trip down the Backs with Rutherford Punt Company (one punt has raised seats for bad 'hips and knees'). This will be followed by a memorable High Tea



at St Giles. The Jubilee Cake made and decorated by Janet Cockerill will be cut by the mayor, Jenny Gawthrope Wood, followed by a Raffle. Everything is free. All paid for by a Platinum Jubilee Grant from Cambridge City Council.

\* **Rewilding of the garden** is slowly coming on. Did you know you can order caterpillars through the post! Our first delivery of Peacock caterpillars are now happily eating away in our designated nettle patch.

\* **Charity Bake Sale** will be on Saturday 4th June, 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds will be divided between Cambridge Food Bank, CamCrag and Namuncha Schools Project.

*Stella Cross*

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## NEWS OF ST LUKE'S CHURCH FAMILY

This newsletter is published separately and available by email or printed copy on request. There are usually a few copies in St Luke's.

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## 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 with us too.*



### Eco-Church Film Night

This parish film night and discussion on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Luke's Church was well attended and the guest speaker, Bryony Trill, stimulated us all to think imaginatively (beyond the dire subject of replacing systems and costly repairs) and to think instead about what

particular subjects would capture the imagination of our individual churches. Here's what came out of the brief discussion groups:

- At St Giles the two congregations could get together jointly for a creative project. The replacement of the heating system should be as eco-friendly as possible.
- St Augustine's has no garden but could install planters on the surrounding hard standing and grow herbs. They could also think about the environmental impact of the Community Sunday lunch, and encourage the community groups that use their facilities to engage more positively with waste.
- St Luke's community centre users could be persuaded to audit their own environmental footprints in the way they operate within the building. Eco-church could be an item for consideration at all the congregational meetings.

Bryony also suggested two questions to help us energise Eco-Church - *'What can you do?'* and *'Who is going to be an eco-champion in your church?'* We'd be delighted to hear your answers!

## Let Your Garden Grow their Future

<https://rippleeffect.org/get-involved/individual/garden-twinning/>



Here is a fantastic 'twinning' idea for gardeners; both those who garden enthusiastically and those who don't, but wish they could in some way.



It's a new initiative from Ripple Effect, recently renamed from Send a Cow, a charity started in 1988 when Christian farmers answered an appeal from Ugandans desperately short of nutritious food after a long civil war. Renamed Ripple Effect this year, the organisation no longer sends cows to Africa—livestock is sourced locally. UK Christians are now invited to twin their garden and plant hope for a family in Kenya. A £60 donation provides three years' training in sustainable organic farming. From a small kitchen garden, families develop business skills to build a future with wider opportunities. Donors get the pleasure of helping to give a new start to a family in rural Kenya and also receive a wooden plaque to mount in their own garden, plus a vegetable-growing guide from no-dig expert Charles Dowding.



**Take the '30 days Wild' challenge this June.**

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we first spend time enjoying it! The Wildlife Trusts' ['30 Days Wild'](#) challenge (1-30 June) is a great chance to engage with nature as an individual or household, or with your church community. Download the '30 Days Wild' app [here](#) for inspiration throughout the month or sign up for the challenge and a daily email [here](#). Our 'Wild Christian' Facebook group will enable you to share your experience with others. For more practical tips and inspiration, sign up to Wild Christian [here](#).

**Circular Cambridge website** <http://circularcambridge.org/> is a good source for news, advice and events in our area, showcasing all the positive things already happening in Cambridge - recycling, reuse, sharing, repairing, information-sharing, eco-design and practical options. This summer there are Repair Cafes galore and inspiration and resources for initiatives you could undertake. Take a look to see what can help you take your next few big or small steps to help towards a greener, healthier planet.

*Sheila Rozeik*

## CAMBRIDGE CITY OF SANCTUARY APPEAL

A newly arrived Ukrainian family being helped by Cambridge Ethnic Community Forum are in need of bikes. They are a mother, a boy and a girl and Grandfather. Please contact

[rosemary.watson@talk21.com](mailto:rosemary.watson@talk21.com) if you can donate

anything suitable in good condition. They will also, of course, need lights, locks and helmets if anyone has those available as well. The demand for bikes is generally high at the moment, so please let us know if your members can offer anything suitable.

There are also requests for sewing machines.

<https://cambridge.cityofsanctuary.org/>



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## 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'**

In the warmer weather we are now generally meeting outside (inside only if wet). If you would like to come along for refreshments and company you will be made very welcome.



### ST GILES KNITTING GROUP

**Second Tuesday of the month, 10.30am-12noon**

Experienced or Not! We have a few projects you can be involved with, or do your own thing with support and advice. Just come along or contact us for a chat. Contact Stella Cross-s.m.cross68@gmail.com for up-to-date news.



## COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

**NB: this is suspended during June thereafter, monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 1pm at St Augustine's. All are welcome to come and share a delicious, freshly cooked lunch and friendly company. Cost of lunch, two courses including vegetarian options, wine or soft drinks: £5**

## BREATHING SPACE

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 5.30 pm at St Luke's**

Breathing Space meets 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 c354561 for more information about the group.



## ST GILES BAKE SALE

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Giles' gate**

All proceeds this month will go to St Giles' chosen charities, so come and choose from the delicious homemade cakes, tray bakes, biscuits, tea breads, jams, marmalades and pickles (many are suitable for freezing so come and stock up). The sale will take place at the Church Gate if fine, otherwise inside the church.

## RICHMOND ROAD JUBILEE BIG LUNCH & STREET PARTY

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 12.45 - 2.30pm, North end of Richmond Road**

Full details of this event for local residents are on the page 3 of the magazine.

## MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 8pm meeting in person and online.**

*"Can parts of the Christian story be viewed figuratively"* is the topic, a discussion to be led by Ken Smith. All are welcome, and anyone

who might like to come along or Zoom in should please contact Richard Catchpole on 07736 070907 or by [richard@rcatchpole.com](mailto:richard@rcatchpole.com).

## FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 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. You will need sturdy shoes and gardening gloves. Tools are provided. **Further dates for 2022:** 9 July, 13 August, 10 Sep, 8 Oct, 12 Nov, 10 December.

If you would like to support the work of the Friends, you can obtain an application form from the Parish Office or [online on our website](#).



## QUEEN ELIZABETH 1's CANOPY

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2-3pm at St Giles'**

The speaker in this first of a monthly series of Talks at St Giles is Margaret Waring, of The Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild. Tickets are available online in the form of a donation for the Friends of St Giles charitable funds (whatever you are able to contribute - suggested amount is £7.50 or more).

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/queen-elizabeth-is-canopy-margaret-waring-tickets-301980902007?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



## "NEW LIFE" EXHIBITION

**12<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon, at The Old School at St Luke's**

**18<sup>th</sup> June 11am - 4pm, 19<sup>th</sup> June 12noon - 4pm**

Come and see the creative responses to this theme of "New Life", from members of the community and church members. Works will be on sale and we hope to offer further open days.

## **CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Giles'**

This is held monthly on fourth Saturdays. 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](mailto:amwaring8@gmail.com) or [office@churchatcastle.org](mailto:office@churchatcastle.org).

## **ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2–4 pm at St Luke's**

All are welcome to this monthly group that meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Bring friends, whatever 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. Please contact Judith, 01223 357627, for further details and to find out about some of the lovely knitted garments they have for sale.



## **TOURS OF ST GILES–Clothed in Glory**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2–3pm at St Giles'**

These monthly tours are organised by the Friends of St Giles' Church (<https://www.fosgc.org/>) Please pre-book your place online at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tour-of-st-giles-church-tickets-301984372387?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> We welcome donations for our charitable funds (whatever you are able to contribute - suggested amount is £7.50 or more)

Further dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 24<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## **TALKS AT ST GILES – fundraising for the Friends of St Giles**

**2pm–3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of the month at St Giles'**

Further dates: 9<sup>th</sup> July: Richard Morris & Arthur Hibble, "Supporting schools in Africa": 13<sup>th</sup> August t.b.a. : 8<sup>th</sup> October: Stella Cross, the rewilding of St Giles' garden: 12<sup>th</sup> November: Colin Fludgate, "Religious upheavals of the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and their effect on Church Music"



# 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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn-vhbQASCJhW_Gz8Fww32Nmy_XuCQmNI)

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## OUR SERVICES ONLINE ON ZOOM

You are welcome to join all and any of these services. Send an email to [office@churchatcastle.org](mailto:office@churchatcastle.org) to receive a Zoom invitation to any of these services shown below. Resources for all online services 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 6.30pm at Castle St Methodist (in person only)
- Iona Service, monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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).

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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/>



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## 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.

A further option has been added called **Sleep Well with Daily Hope** – this new material can be found on 0800 804 8044 and selecting #. Through this option, individuals can now receive a relaxing and accessible guide to getting a good night's sleep which will improve their mental, emotional and physical health.

## **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 ring the number above.

### **COPE-Talking Together**

**COPE is Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise. Throughout June and July** they are running a new **TALKING TOGETHER series**, to bring older adults together for engaging and stimulating conversations about topics of shared interest. This free programme offers weekly telephone-based discussion groups which are joined from the comfort of your home. No special technology is required, just your own telephone. Each group, scheduled for 45 minutes, is facilitated by skilled leaders with whom participants can share their ideas, opinions and experiences. Please join us! Registration is required. **Phone 01223 364303** for details of the sessions and topics of discussion, or to receive one of their newsletters.

### **Overview of Dates**

**ENVIRONMENT** Bruce Huett – Monday 29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3 Aug at 1pm

**POET'S CORNER** Liz Williams/Clare Crossman – Monday 29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3 Aug at 2.15pm

**LOOKING AT CAMBRIDGE** Mike Petty – Monday 29 June, 6, 13, 20, 27 July, 3 Aug at 3.30pm

**THE POWER OF BOOKS** Leigh Chambers – Thursday 25 June, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July at 1pm

**GARDENING** Pam Gatrell – Thursday 25 June, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 July at 2.15pm

**DAVID PARR HOUSE** Tamsin Wimhurst – Thursday 25 June, 2, 9 July at 3.30pm (NB 3 sessions)

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## DURACELL

-the word, spelled out in copper or gold  
across two Double-As he holds in his hands:  
little cylinders, precise and glossy and smooth

like the cartridge cases or silver bullets  
that might have been used in another war  
to extinguish a scream in a second, not machete

making a scream endless, endless. Now's the chance  
to release the radio's latch in the dark,  
slot the batteries into each snug cocoon,

click back the lid, turn on the switch.  
Once a day, clockwork, he does just this:  
steadies his breathing and listens in

as the soft crackle sharpens to fluid speech,  
the latest on roadblocks and military movements  
intertwined with music for light relief,

then lists, and every night the names, he  
- won't recognise, and tomorrow is saved.  
He removes the batteries to a sisal-leaf basket, to sleep.

He stretches back amid the intense banana-stench  
of fermenting beer, cocooned in the pit  
his neighbour dug and hid him in.

She comes to check on him once a day,  
drops down a sleeve of plantain, perhaps,  
or a sachet of cassava, sunshine gold.

Sometimes, in the darkness, they eyeball each other,  
but more often than not he is sleeping.  
She drops down to find his heart beating.

*© Isabella Mead  
Rwanda, 1994*

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## NOTICES



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[www.cambridgereuse.org.uk](http://www.cambridgereuse.org.uk)  
Registered Charity No: 1139265







- **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](mailto: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.

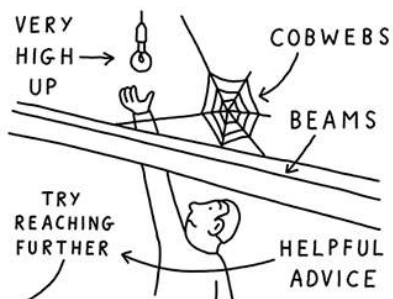
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Following the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022, this listing includes new representatives and those who continue to serve. We are grateful to them all.

# CHURCHWARDEN OF THE YEAR

HOW THE COMPETITION IS DECIDED



ROUND ONE: LIGHT-BULB CHALLENGE



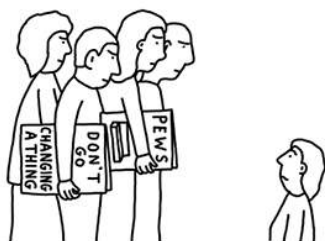
ROUND TWO: FACULTY-REGULATIONS EXAM



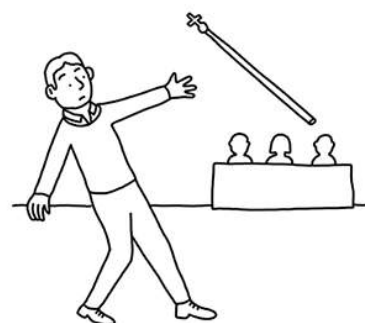
ROUND THREE: EMERGENCY LESSON-READING



ROUND FOUR: KEEPING ORDER IN THE CHURCHYARD



SEMI-FINAL: ABILITY TO WITHSTAND THE MIGHT OF HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS



FINAL: STAVE-TWIRLING

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE MINISTRY TEAM AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS 2021 - 2022 (post APCM 2022)

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    vacancy
- Assistant Priest Tom Ambrose
- Retired Priest    Owen Spencer Thomas
- Licensed Lay Ministers Margaret Cooper, Sylvia Pick (Emerita)
- Authorised Lay Minister for children Gill Ambrose

## Churchwardens ex-officio on PCC (elected annually)

St Augustine's Mark Wills, Philip Mead  
St Giles' Richard Catchpole  
St Luke's Doreen Ullinger

## 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 2020 – 2023 Antony Rix  
2021-2024 Patricia McGuire\*, Secretary  
2022-2025 vacancy

St Giles' 2020 – 2023 vacancy  
2021-2024 vacancy  
2022-2025 vacancy

St Luke's 2020-2023 Gill Ambrose \*  
2021-2024 Judith Crowe \*  
2022 -2025 Paul Gibbs

## District Church Councils

St Augustine's 2020 – 2023 vacancy  
2020 – 2023 vacancy  
2021 – 2024 vacancy  
2022 – 2025 vacancy

St Giles' 2020 – 2023 Valerie Anderson  
2020 – 2023 Arthur Hibble  
2021 – 2024 Margaret Waring  
2022 – 2025 [Helen Kinsey-likely to be elected at first PCC meeting after APCM]

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

**St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council as at Annual Congregational Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**

May Block, Margaret Cooper, Isobel Fox, Angela Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Lib Hallam, Joan Jeans, Frances Klein, Sue Mudie, Clare Redfern, Ken Smith and Doreen Ullinger

**St Luke's Joint Council as at Annual Congregational Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022:**

May Block, \*Margaret Cooper, \*Judith Crowe, Paul Custerson, Isobel Fox, Paul Gibbs, \*Frances Klein and \*Alison Taylor.

*\* appointments ratified at the APCM on 26 May 2022*

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## **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—her core working hours are **Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 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:** St. Luke's Office is open from 9.30am to 12.30 pm on weekdays. Phone calls on 01223 311136 will be picked up but there may be a delay in replying. If entry or information is needed please email stlukes\_office@yahoo.co.uk. Matters involving the ministry team should be referred to the Parish Administrator

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## SERVICES IN JUNE 2022

| Day  | St Giles'   | St Augustine's  | St Luke's  | Other   |
|--|---|---|--|---|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>5 JUNE</b><br><i>Pentecost</i>                     | 9am<br>Eucharist<br>HYBRID  | 9.30am<br>Service of the Word<br>ZOOM<br><i>No Community Sunday</i><br><i>Lunch</i> | 10.30am<br>All Age<br>Service of the<br>Word<br>Hybrid |   |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>12 JUNE</b><br><i>Trinity Sunday</i>               | 10.30am<br>United Communion at St Luke's -<br>A single service for all three churches |   |  | 6.30pm<br>C@C Service,<br>Castle St<br>Methodist<br>In person |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>19 JUNE</b><br><i>1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity</i> | 9am<br>Eucharist<br>HYBRID  | 9.30am<br>Service of the Word<br>ZOOM   | 10.30am<br>Communion<br>in person                      | 7pm<br>IONA: Prayers for<br>Justice & Peace<br>ZOOM           |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>26 JUNE</b><br><i>2<sup>nd</sup> after Trinity</i> | 9am<br>Eucharist<br>HYBRID  | 9.30am<br>Communion<br>HYBRID   | 10.30am<br>Communion<br>in person                      |   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>29 JUNE</b><br><i>St Peter's Day</i>            |   |   |  | 6pm<br>St Peter's Day<br>Service<br>St Peter's Church         |

### MIDWEEK SERVICES IN JUNE

**Mondays** – Compline, 6 pm A service of Night Prayer. Common Worship (on Zoom)

**Wednesdays** – Morning Prayer, Book of Common Prayer. 10 am (online on Zoom)

**Thursdays** – Midweek Eucharist, Common Worship. 10am (hybrid).

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

We welcome visitors to all our services - please contact the Parish Administrator during working hours to receive the Zoom link for attendance online. We continue to encourage mask wearing and social distancing to keep you and all in our churches as Covid-safe as possible.

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<https://www.churchatcastle.org/resources/>