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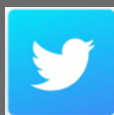
AN ECUMENICAL GROUP OF CHURCHES: ST. AUGUSTINE'S . ST. GILES' WITH ST PETER'S . ST. LUKE'S (URC & Anglican) . CASTLE ST. METHODIST . ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST (Romanian Orthodox at St. Giles')

**Churchatcastle is an ecumenical group of churches
in 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

FEBRUARY 2023

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LENT 2023

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 22nd February

There will be two in-person services for the whole parish. Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

10.30 am at St Luke's Church

6.00 pm at St Peter's Church



Parish Lent Reading Groups

Wednesday evenings, 6–7pm on *Zoom, 1st to 28th March weekly

Dust and Glory: A Lent journey of faith, failure and forgiveness

This is the Church of England's Lent theme for 2023. This year's resources are informed and inspired by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2023 Lent Book, [Failure: What Jesus said about sin, mistakes and messing stuff up](#) (SPCK) by Bishop Emma Ineson. There will be free online support for groups studying the book, including in-depth video interviews with the Archbishop of Canterbury and others exploring the themes of each of the chapters.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/dust-and-glory-resources-lent-2023>

Readings, Reflections and Prayers for the Lent Season

Thursday afternoons at 3 pm on *Zoom, weekly 23rd February – 6th April

Everyone is warmly invited to a weekly online Zoom meeting of readings and quiet reflection for the season of Lent. The readings will be taken from a variety of times, spaces, traditions and styles and there will be an opportunity to respond to them in quiet prayerfulness.

Further resources

A full list of resources, events and services during the period of Lent (including the *Zoom links) will be published and circulated soon via email and listed on the website. Print copies will be available in church or from the Parish Office.

United Parish Communion continues on every third Sunday. These will rotate around each church in turn, at the normal time for that church's morning service: 19th February, 9am–St Giles, 19th March, 10.30am–St Luke's

**World Day of Prayer Friday 3rd March
"I Have Heard About Your Faith"**

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The service this year has been prepared by the women of Taiwan, the main island in an archipelago of about 100 small islands off the south east coast of mainland China. It is the second most densely populated country in the world with a population of just under 24 million people.



The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa, then prayer in many languages travels throughout the world, through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

The Cambridge Service: Friday 3rd March at Downing Place URC in Downing Street at 10.30 am

This year there will be just one service in Cambridge which will give us the opportunity to worship with church members from all over the city, followed by some refreshments. The service will be led by Rev'd Deborah McVey, who will from next year be the City organiser for WDP.

There is no parking at the church, the nearest car park being Grand Arcade. The church is very close to the central bus station. Buses 1, 8 5, 6 from our area all stop close by. If anyone has a blue badge then there is parking in Downing Place, a small road beside the church.

Please ask me if you have any questions. We do hope that some of you will be able to come and support this service and meet some of our fellow Christians.

Margaret Cooper

February Sunday Service Readings

(May be subject to variation)

- 5 February Isaiah 58:1-9a. [9b-12], Psalm 112:1-9,
1 Corinthians 2:1-12. [13-end], Matthew 5:13-20
- 12 February Genesis 1:1 - 2:3, Psalm 136:1-9. 23-end,
Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end
- 19 February Exodus 24:12-end, Psalm 2 or Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-end,
Matthew 17:1-9
- 26 February Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19,
Matthew 4:1-11
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ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

The Spring programme of Friday night events at St Augustine's has an environmental theme. The talks continue on Friday evenings at 6pm.

10 February: Roger Lilley - "Cambridge Museum and what it tells us about our area".

24 February: Stephen Tomkins-"Why all is not well with the River Cam"

10 March: Mary Stretch - "The Migrants of Calais" (postponed from 28 Oct 2022)

24 March: Conor Jameson - "Finding WH Hudson: the Writer who came to Britain to save the Birds"

Prole Laureate poetry competition, 2022

Warm congratulations to Isy Mead who has won yet another first prize.

She has kindly allowed us to publish her winning poem here on page 21.

Read the judges comments at <https://prolebooks.co.uk/competitions.html>

ST GILES' NEWS

St Giles' Garden Needs You!

This peaceful garden is enjoyed by so many people and local wildlife but does need regular care and attention. Why not join a small Gardening Work Party that meets once a month? No experience is necessary. We will meet on the following Saturdays from 10 to 11am, followed by coffee and refreshments. Saturday 11th February, 11th March, 15th April, 13th May. Please contact me via the Parish Office with any queries.



Welcome Wednesday and T@3 New Year Meal Wednesday 18th January. 21 people came, with quite a few apologies due to winter colds etc. The menu was roast turkey with all the trimmings followed by an amazing spread of desserts, then a free Raffle run by Colin Fludgate. Much amusement due to some rogue tickets getting into the pot!!

T@3 had talked and decided December was always busy but January can be a very grey month. so rather than having a Christmas lunch we would have a New year meal with a similar menu. The tables had lit candelabra and pots of spring flowers to help us look forward to warmer times and lovely food with generous portions. Many thanks to all the people who came early to set things up. A good time enjoyed by all.

- The monthly Saturday morning Charity Bake Sale hopes to resume on 1st April.
- We continue our Welcome Wednesday afternoons, 1-5 o'clock with the free Soup Lunch followed by T@3. Everyone is welcome.

Stella Cross

ST LUKE'S NEWS

News of St Luke's Family

This monthly newsletter is published separately and available by email or printed copy on request. Printed copies are also available in St Luke's.

Saturday Night Travel Talks and Supper at St Luke's

At the time of going to press, we are about to enjoy our first Travel Talk (on 28th January) of this season when Dr Bill Block will take us on a safari in Trinidad and Tobago. We will have a report of this next month

Travel Talk on 4th March

Our second travel talk of the season has now been arranged for Saturday 4th March. Supper will be served at 6.30 pm followed by the talk to be given this time by Margaret Cooper. The talk is entitled "My travels during the Pandemic". Tickets will be on sale in the churches during February or from Margaret on C.354561 Price £12

New Year's Coffee and Cake Concert

With a change of venue from St Augustine's to St Luke's we wondered whether the audience would still find us. We needn't have worried - before 10.00 am there was a trickle of people arriving and in the next hour we had around 100 people enjoying coffee and cake.

Moving into the church for the concert, what a treat awaited us all. Chihiro Ono with Philip Mead accompanying her on the newly restored Steinway piano transfixed everyone with the beauty of her playing. We enjoyed works by Schubert, Smetana and Johann Strauss ending of course with the Blue Danube Waltz before we all clapped loudly and called for an encore. How quickly the hour had passed! We really hope that Chihiro can return for next New Year.

Expenses were fairly high but we still managed to make £380 for Church Funds. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way, front of house and behind the scenes.

Margaret Cooper

Come and join the St Luke's Gallery Quire



Church music in the eighteenth and early nineteenth century was led by a motley band of singers and musicians singing and playing their hearts out from the gallery. Such vibrant music faded when the organs were installed. Now there is a revival of interest in this robust form of folk music.

Come and join this musical renaissance! No experience necessary! All voices and instrumentalists welcome - whatever your level! All you need is a love of a good tune!! The inaugural rehearsal is on Sunday 12th February, 11.45am at St Luke's - after the service.

Interested? Contact Philip Mead 01223 357431/ meadpj@hotmail.com - let us know your voice and/or instrument - or turn up on the 12th February and give it a try!

Philip Mead



UPHOLDING CREATION – NEWS & IDEAS

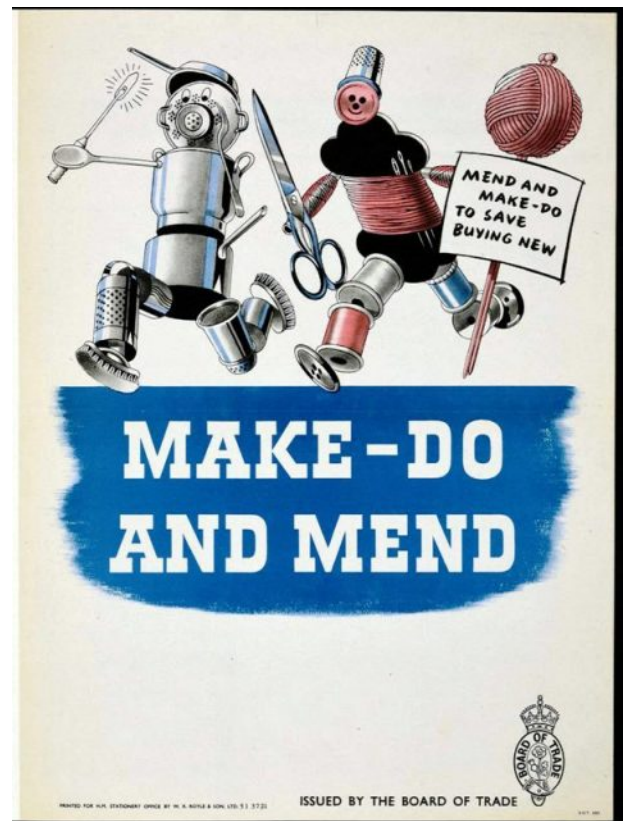
As we all strive to live more lightly on the earth for the sake of all creation and future generations, there is a bewildering amount of advice and information now coming at us from all quarters. In this monthly section we will highlight actions and opportunities in our own churches and community – please do share your own suggestions for action, tips and information with us too. Click on the blue hyperlinks for more information.

The Little Steps

Make Do and Mend – now where have we heard that before? This slogan and government campaign came about when clothes rationing was introduced during the Second World War. The population was encouraged to do whatever they could to extend the life of their clothes and then all household items. Although the terms ‘reduce, reuse, recycle’ were not used, that became the ethos of the times.

Now, eighty years later, there are equally good and urgent reasons to get your broken stuff mended rather than throwing it out and buying new stuff. **The Repair Cafes** that are running locally during 2023 are places where skilled ‘menders’ will try to repair your broken items for a very small amount or sometimes for nothing. There are three running nearby in February alone, in Burwell, Great Shelford and at East Barnwell Community Centre, with seven up to the end of April. Full details of how to book a slot are online:

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/repair-cafes/>



A diary date for an online event:

How to crack on with it: practical, local advice to reduce your carbon footprint on Tuesday 28 March, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/events/how-to-crack-on-with-it-practical-local-advice-to-reduce-your-carbon-footprint>

Always useful resources:

<https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/resources/>

Sheila Rozeik

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



OUR HOME: UKRAINE An Art Exhibition in support of Ukraine

18–25th of February in The Old School at St Luke's (Special event on the 24th of February)

Organised by OurHome Gallery and St Luke's Church, Cambridge

Curated by Anna Nesterenko and Aleksandra Churakova

Participating artists: Vitaly Khoma, Alina Kostrichenko, Olga Sherstyuk, Kseniia Sribna, Gayane Arushanian, Andrii Plyndin, Yulia Yurchenko, Irina Dobrovetska, Lena Avinova, Valentina Murenkova, Olesia Kryvolapova, Nataliia Verbova, Irina Kulikova, Margarita Godgelf

The contemporary anti-war art exhibition **OUR HOME: UKRAINE** presents works by 14 artists from Ukraine and their supporters. Ukraine is a country once known for its rich sunflower fields, beetroot borscht, Cossacks and the incredible Dnieper River. But with the onset of the Russian aggression in 2014 and a full-scale invasion in February 2022, Ukraine is known for war, for the suffering and the hardships associated with it, and for the selfless defence of its freedom and right to exist peacefully.

Explore different states of mind and feelings during the exhibition from the 18th to the 25th of February at St Luke's Church, Cambridge. Some artists created these artworks in bomb shelters under constant bombardment; on the road to escape and in different locations of exile; safe but in fear for their loved ones, fighting back as they best can. The paintings, like their creators, have come a long way to get to the UK, just like any refugee: days on the road along ruined and mined roads, under the constant threat of shelling, hours-long lines at the borders, through foreign countries and straight to our exhibition.

Half of the price of the painting will go to the author or authors of the work, the other half will be donated to a Ukrainian charity.

Join us for the special event on the 24th of February dedicated to the one-year anniversary of the invasion and during the whole duration of the exhibition.

Visitors' information:

18–19 February: 10am–8pm, 20–23 February: by appointment

24–25 February: 12pm–8pm

Contact: Anna Nesterenko, +447895472027 E: annaanester@gmail.com

SPARE ROOMS

Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire are launching a new campaign to ask people to offer a spare room, especially for single Ukrainians who are having to move on from the first host. Further details are at <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/support-for-ukraine-it-all-starts-with-a-spare-room/>

PALESTINE FILM NIGHT

Date: 2nd February, 7.30 pm – 9 pm

Location: Friends Meeting House, Jesus Lane, Cambridge

Cambridge Palestine Solidarity Campaign is hosting the showing of two films. *'Shooting the Messenger'* is a short documentary about the deliberate killing and intimidation of Palestinian journalists, including Al Jazeera reporter Shireen Abu Akleh. The second film, *'A Story of Ethnic*

Cleansing, documents the ethnic cleansing of Al Arakeeb village, which has been destroyed 204 times by the Israeli army.

The Director, Musheir El-Farra, will introduce the films and take questions after their screening.

He is fundraising for children's projects in the Gaza Strip: Never Stop Dreaming children centre in Khan Younis; Qayis centre for psychological support for children in Kuza'a and New Horizons in Nussairat refugee camp. The event is free, with an opportunity to donate.

Pamela Manning

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

CAFÉ@99

Every Monday and Friday, 10.45am- 12.15 pm, St Augustine's

A café run by and for the local community. Come to meet neighbours, share conversation, read a paper, or simply relax. The café is open 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.

COFFEE MORNING

Every Wednesday, 10.30am to 12 noon at Castle St Methodist Church
followed by

OVER 50's STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASS

12 noon to 1pm. Open to all. £3 per session



TEA @ 3

Every Wednesday, *3-5pm* at St Giles'

With the onset of autumn weather we are now meeting inside the church. If you would like to come along for refreshments and company you will be made very welcome.



+ WELCOME WEDNESDAY LUNCH at 1pm at St Giles'

NB *The church is currently offering warm refreshments during the extended hours from a simple soup lunch at 1pm, up to 5pm*

BREATHING SPACE

Wednesday 1st February, 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.



CAMCRAG WINTER FAIR & BIG SLEEPOUT

Saturday 4th February, 1–5pm at St Giles' and then overnight in the garden

There will be food and craft stalls, guest speakers, and entertainment, followed by a shared evening meal for the sleepers and guests, a sponsored sleepout overnight, and

a communal breakfast to celebrate an amazing night.

<https://camcrag.org.uk/sleepout2023/>

COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 5th February, 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: £8. It is helpful if you can let Richard

Footitt know in advance that you wish to come. (01223 364929)



MENS DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday 6th February, 8pm online and at home*

Anyone who might like to come along for their first time, or at least Zoom in, should contact Richard Catchpole on 07736 070907 or by richard@rcatchpole.com to check the *meeting place* and the topic.

CAMBRIDGE MUSEUM: What It Can Tell Us About Our Neighbourhood
Friday 10th February, 6–7pm at St Augustine's

Roger Lilley from the Museum of Cambridge will describe the origin and history of this fascinating local museum, the story behind some of its intriguing exhibits, and how and why they came to be here.

Free entry, complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles, a retiring collection may be taken

FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND
WORKING PARTY

Saturday 11th February, 10am to 12 noon

The Friends meet monthly for a 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 and everyone is welcome.

Further meeting dates: 11 March, 15 April, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 7 October, 11 November, 9 December



MAGDALENE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

Friday 17th February, 7.30pm at St Giles'

Programme:

Samuel Barber – Violin Concerto (First Movement)

Cécile Chaminade – Flute Concertino

Johann Hummel– Trumpet Concerto third movement

Dvorak– Eighth Symphony

The concert is conducted by Tim Tian with support by Magdalene College Music Society. Tickets will be £3 for students and £5 for non-students, free for Magdalene members.

OUR HOME: UKRAINE An Art Exhibition in Support of Ukraine

Saturday 18th to 25th February daily at The Old School at St Luke's

Work by 14 Ukrainian artists– *see more on pages 8 and 9*

Visitors information:

18–19 February: 10am–8pm

20–23 February: by appointment

24–25 February: 12pm–8pm

Contact: Anna Nesterenko, +447895472027, annaanester@gmail.com

WINTER DREAMS: ROMANTIC, BEAUTIFUL AND EXCITING

Saturday 18th February, 6–7.30pm at St Augustine's

Cambridge Chamber Music presents a concert dedicated to WINTER – including pieces by Sibelius (*Spring Quartet Intimate Voices*), Grieg (*Two Elegaic Melodies*), Telemann (*Concerto for Two Violins*), Bach (*Concerto for Two Violins*), Haas (*Duo for Viola and Cello*), Schubert (*Trout Quintet theme and variations*) and Elizondo (*Danzas Latinoamericanas*).

Free entry, complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles, a retiring collection may be taken

ART CLASS

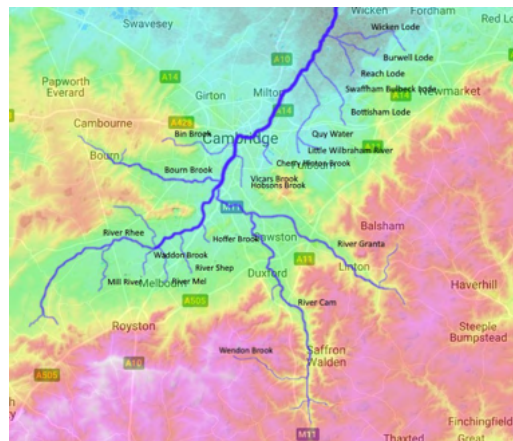
Thursday 23rd February, 7–9pm in The Old School at St Luke's

This usually meets monthly on last Thursday of month. Bring any Art materials that you have, except oil and acrylic paint for your first session. Don't worry if you don't have any, as materials can be provided, and advice about what to buy for later classes. Cost: £3 (cash please) All are welcome. Contact Judith Crowe, 07883 427807.

WHY ALL IS NOT WELL WITH THE RIVER CAM

Friday 24th February, 6–7pm at St Augustine's

Stephen Tomkins, Chairman of the Cam Valley Forum, will explain in an illustrated talk and follow-up discussion, why there is now so much concern about the River Cam, as a chalk-aquifer sourced stream, and about its future ecological well-being. Free entry, complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice and nibbles, a retiring collection may be taken



CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

Saturday 25th February, 10am to 12 noon at St Giles'

This workshop is held monthly on fourth Saturdays, led by Margaret Waring (Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild). In general all materials for the session will be provided. Participants are invited to make a donation to the Friends of St. Giles' Church.

Email: amwaring8@gmail.com

GUIDED TOURS OF ST GILES–Clothed in Glory

Saturday 25th February, 2–3pm

Come and join a tour of this historic building and help maintain this beautiful interior. These monthly guided tours are organised by the Friends of St Giles' Church (<https://www.fosgc.org/>) usually on the fourth Saturdays. We welcome donations for our charitable funds.

ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday 28th February, 2–4pm at St Luke's

The knitting group meets on the last Tuesday of each month. All are welcome, bring friends, whatever your level of skill, swap ideas and learn new techniques. 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. Details of the current project are given below.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES TAKING A BREAK:

- **St Giles' Bake Sales** – these will recommence on 1st April 2023 with the warmer weather, and continue on the first Saturday mornings of the month.
- **Iona Service** – plans are in hand to hold these as before, monthly on the third Sunday, but reorganising will take a little time longer.

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_XuCOmNI

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 for all online services are on our website - <https://www.churchatcastle.org/resources/>

SUNDAYS (please check the month's services on the back page of the magazine)

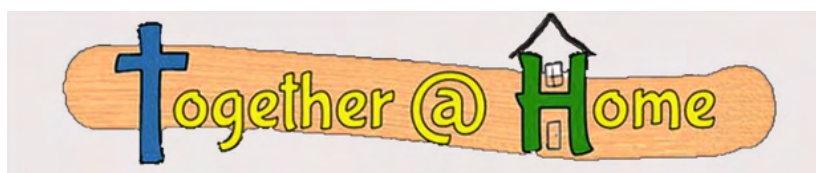
- St Giles' Morning service, 9 am
- St Augustine's Morning Service, 9.30 am
- St Luke's Morning Service, 10.30 am
- Church at Castle United Evening Service, monthly on the second Sunday, 6.30pm at Castle St Methodist (in person only)
- Iona Service, monthly on the 3rd Sunday, 7 pm* *check monthly**

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

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

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.

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.

talking

together

A free programme of stimulating telephone-based discussions on Mondays and Thursday for older adults. This is a unique initiative that brings older adults together for stimulating telephone-based conversations about topics of shared interest. Just select and register for a group and we will do the rest. We will call you on your phone when the

discussion is about to start and connect you to your group. Then you enjoy 45 minutes of discussion, facilitated by a skilled leader.

Ring 01223 364303 to register or find out more. Leaflets are available from COPE, St Luke's Community Centre, Victoria Road, CB4 3DZ

NOTICES

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



The Parish of the Ascension is a registered charity and member of 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, by clicking 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)* - here is a shortcut

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

- **Have you got news for us?** It is good to hear about people, and what they are doing in their communities practically and creatively. Send your news via email to: office@churchatcastle.org or post it to Sheila Rozeik at the Parish Office. The deadline for submissions is ten days before the end of the month, but please send your article as early as possible. Please do include photographs too, if you have them.

- **Inbox or Letterbox** 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 2021 – 2022
(post APCM 2022)**

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

Ministry Team ex-officio on PCC

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| 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 | Gill Ambrose |

Parish Safeguarding Officer Angela Gibbs

Parish Treasurer Richard Footitt

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

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| St Augustine's | 2020 – 2023 vacancy |
| | 2020 – 2023 vacancy |
| | 2021 – 2024 vacancy |
| | 2022 – 2025 Lisa Evans |
| St Giles' | 2020 – 2023 Valerie Anderson |
| | 2020 – 2023 Arthur Hibble |
| | 2021 – 2024 Margaret Waring |
| | 2022 – 2025 Helen Kinsey |

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

St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council

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

St Luke's Joint Council

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

NEXT MEETING DATES

PCC: Monday 6th February 2023. 7.30pm at St Augustine's

ECC: Tuesday 7th March 2023. 7.30pm at St Luke's

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 12.00 pm on weekdays. Matters involving the ministry team should be referred to the Parish Administrator

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Blue Plaque for Cecilia Payne: Isabella Mead

I first saw it at dusk, facing the moon:
a roundel, the royal blue of winter mist,
the white letters cut like patterns in ice
to mirror the Earth, or a twilit Space.

Holst himself urged her to study music,
join him in the balletic sweep of the planets,
the grandiosity of love and war and magic
but in very essence too blue and passive.

She preferred not planets but the stars,
studied the sun with strident attention,
measured its steadfast golden precession
towards an explosive vibrant summation

of hydrogen and helium and blinding light.
What marker for a thesis that surpassed the stars?
These days I've taken to timing my run
to pass her plaque at exactly midday,

see it shining and shadowless, almost gold
in a full stream of sunlight, and the words
appearing and disappearing by turns;
by turns again, illuminating and erasing her name.

Cecilia Payne (1900–1979) was an astrophysicist whose ground-breaking 1925 thesis concluded that the sun and stars were mainly made of hydrogen and helium. Cambridge did not award her a degree due to being a woman, and Harvard did not allow her to become a professor for many years for the same reason. Even today, male contemporaries are credited for her work.

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

| Day | St Giles' | St Augustine's | St Luke's | Other |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY <i>3rd Sunday before Lent</i> | 9am Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Communion HYBRID 1pm Community Sunday Lunch | 10.30am Service of the Word In person | |
| SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i> | 9am Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Communion HYBRID | 10.30am Communion In person | 6.30pm C@C Service, Castle St Methodist In person |
| SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY <i>Sunday next before Lent</i> | 9.00am Combined ChurchatCastle Communion Service at St Giles' Church Hybrid | | | 7pm Iona Service <i>Postponed until further notice</i> |
| SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> | 9am Eucharist HYBRID | 9.30am Communion HYBRID | 10.30am Communion In Person | |

ASH WEDNESDAY: Wednesday 22nd February

There will be two in-person services for the whole parish. Communion and Imposition of Ashes.

10.30 am at St Luke's Church **6.00 pm** at St Peter's Church

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

Thursdays – Midweek Eucharist at St Giles', 10am- Common Worship (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.

Email: office@churchatcastle.org, Tel: 01223 223774 (weekdays 9am and 1pm)

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