



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

## NOVEMBER 2025

The Monthly Magazine from Church at Castle  
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This is my last piece for Ascension News. Every time I write or say 'this is the last...' it feels surreal that I should be stepping down from my position as Team Vicar. But after eighteen years as first curate, then vicar of course it feels odd to be leaving. The last few years have been particularly challenging. Covid years, then Philipa's illness, the ministry team getting smaller and smaller for all sorts of reasons, all this has put strain on the parish and on those left trying to hold things together. At the same time the world around us seems to be tearing itself apart. I've often been reminded of the lines from a Yeats poem,

'Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world...  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.'

The parish and the Church at Castle grouping now face a period of considerable change. But through all this change I have found the constants of faith, worship, friendship and community the bedrock on which to stand whilst spinning many plates! For all Christians these things guide our steps on the Way, Jesus' Way, through the inevitable ups and downs of life. I am immensely grateful for all who have helped keep me on the narrow path and been a support in difficult times. The Parish of the Ascension is a remarkable place and somewhere I have been privileged to call 'home'. I know God will continue to keep us in God's sight and care and will ever shelter us under God's wings. I want to leave you with two of my favourite pieces of scripture which have guided me in many stressful times and which you may find useful to contemplate and pray about,

*'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'* (Luke 12: 32)

and

*'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.'* (Matthew 6: 19 -21)

I ask for your prayers and I will ever pray for you. God be with you.  
Amen.'

*Janet*

### **Sunday Service Readings** *(May be subject to variation)*

- 2 November Daniel 7:1-3. 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-end,  
Luke 6:20-31
- 9 November Job 19:23-27a, Psalm 17:1-9 [or 1-8],  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5. 13-end, Luke 20:27-38
- 16 November Malachi 4:1-2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13,  
Luke 21:5-19
- 23 November Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11-20,  
Luke 23:33-43
- 30 November Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-end,  
Matthew 24:36-44
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## **NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

### **United Parish Communion Service**

Sunday 23 November, 10.30am at St Luke's. This will be Janet's last service before retirement. There will be no other morning service.

### **Advent Carol Service**

Sunday 30 November, 3.30pm at St Giles'. This is a service for the whole parish, to mark the beginning of the season of Advent. The music will be led by the Cantores Choir under the direction of Jeremy Wong. Everyone is encouraged to come to sing carols and hear the Advent readings.

### **News from Geoff Dumbreck**

We are delighted to hear the recent news from Geoff, who served as curate in the parish between 2013 and 2017, that he will be leaving the South Croydon Benefice where he is Vicar on 7th December. Currently he also serves as Area Dean in the Croydon Central Deanery. He will be licensed as Archdeacon of Reigate during Evensong at Southwark Cathedral (near London Bridge Station) at 3pm on 11 January 2026. He says, "Anyone who wants to come is very welcome!"

### **Services on 30 November and beyond**

The pattern of services (following the formal retirement of Philipa and Janet) will be decided once the interim ministers have been appointed. Please check the website frequently. We will try to keep everyone up-to-date with the rota of services and other parish events.

## ST GILES' NEWS

**St Giles Christmas Fair, Saturday 13 December 12.00–4.00pm**

We are again having a Christmas Fair after the break in the Summer due to Building Works. There will be fascinating stalls, music/entertainment and good food. If you would like to have a stall or offer help on the day please contact Stella Cross: [s.m.cross68@gmail.com](mailto:s.m.cross68@gmail.com)

*Stella Cross*

## ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

### Wedding of Isy Mead

October saw the marriage of Gill and Phil Mead's daughter Isy. Her husband, Sufi Hussain, is of Bangladeshi heritage, so the ceremony (called a Nikah) was held at the Cambridge central mosque.

We were made to feel very welcome. It was such a joyous cultural, ethnic and religious mix.

*Gill Mead*



## ST LUKE'S NEWS

**St Luke's Quarterly Giving Charity for October to December 2025**



For the last quarter of 2025 St Luke's will support Embrace the Middle East, formerly known as Biblelands, which is a long-established, grassroots Ecumenical Christian charity tackling poverty and injustice in the Middle East. <https://embraceme.org/> Where there is a need – for refuge, a home, for health care, for education, for justice and human rights – they, with their local partners, respond, currently working with Christians in [Egypt](#), [Iraq](#), [Israel and Palestine](#), [Lebanon](#) and [Syria](#), supporting health, education and community projects, which bring vital services to those at risk of

marginalisation and exclusion, regardless of race or religion. See page 8 below for details of a special fund-raising event at St Luke's on 15 November (involving a lot of teddy bears!).

### **News of St Luke's church 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.

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### **UPHOLDING CREATION – NEWS & IDEAS**

In this monthly section we will highlight actions and opportunities in our own churches, community and individual lives. **Please do share your own suggestions for action, tips and information with us too.**

### **AN ELF REPAIR CAFÉ**

The Grand Arcade is running its own Repair Café on 15 & 16 November. It is a partnership between Cambridge Carbon Footprint (CCF) which runs the Cambridgeshire Repair Network and the Grand Arcade, aimed at making Christmas more 'circular', preventing waste and items being thrown away needlessly. The repair elves are expert engineers and craftspeople. You can read about all the CCF repair cafes, Eco-Homes retrofit visits, online talks and swishes here,

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-you-can-do/events/>

And how to sign up to get your broken items repaired here:

<https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/what-we-do/repair-cafes/>

### **WHAT HAS NATURE EVER DONE FOR US?**

In the spirit of Monty Python, do take time to watch this short, thought provoking film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhlMWK7GysA>

And in the spirit of Scripture – Job 12: 7–10 (NIV)

“But ask the animals, and they will teach you,  
or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you;  
or speak to the earth, and it will teach you,  
or let the fish in the sea inform you.

Which of all these does not know  
that the hand of the LORD has done this?  
In his hand is the life of every creature  
and the breath of all mankind.

## ECO CHURCH: News, Prayer Diary, Support, Resources

- Sign up to get all the up-to-date news direct into your inbox via <https://arocha.org.uk/sign-up/>
- Join in prayer for God's creation <https://arocha.org.uk/get-involved/pray/>
- Access a huge bank of advice and resources <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/>

*Sheila Rozeik*

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## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



### Townswomen's Guilds

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 3rd at 2.30pm in St Augustine's Community Hall, Richmond Road. Our Speaker will be Kevin Pigney who will be telling us about his photographic journey, focussing particularly on wild life photography. There will be a 'Specials' sale table and a competition of wildlife photographs. Please bring yours along. There will be refreshments and a raffle so please come along. We look forward to welcoming (we ask visitors to pay £3.00)

*Caroline Wilson*

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### SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

**Monday 1 December 2025 at Chesterton Community College, Gilbert Rd**

Arrivals from 1.30pm, Music from 1.45–3.20pm

Local senior citizens are warmly welcomed to an afternoon of music provided by the Chesterton Community College Music Department. There will be the opportunity to listen to musical items and enjoy some seasonal refreshments.

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL** via the College Reception on 01223 712150

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### Next Community Art Exhibition at The Old School

The next exhibition on the theme of 'Weather' will open on Saturday 15 November. Works in the media of paint, charcoal or pencil, photography, collage and anything that can be hung for display are welcome from everyone.



The submission date is **Sunday 9 November from 12noon to 2pm**, at the Old School (best access is via the gate on the corner of Harvey Goodwin Avenue or St Luke's car park on Stretten Avenue). If that time is not convenient please contact Judith Crowe on 07883 427807.

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### **Volunteers Sewing Kits for Gaza**

In September's Ascension News we reported on a newly set up group of volunteers who are now meeting monthly in The Old School to sew essential hygiene kits to be sent to Gaza. The kits include female sanitary products, wash cloths, diapers and other much needed items. They will next meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 5pm. If you are interested please do drop in to The Old School. They also have a project to knit bonnets for newborn babies.

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## **WHAT'S ON WEEKLY**

### **CAFÉ@99**

**Every Monday and Friday, 10.45am– 12.15 pm, at 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.

### **COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING**

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

All are welcome to our community coffee mornings, which are held on most Wednesday mornings. Donations for the filter coffee, tea, cakes are welcomed to support various charities.



**OVER 50's STRENGTH & BALANCE CLASS,**

**Every Wednesday, 12 noon to 1pm at Castle St Methodist Church**

**Open to all. £3 per session**

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# TAKING A BREAK

## ST GILES' GARDENING WORK PARTY

Meets on the third Saturday 10–11am at St Giles' during warmer weather.

We'll let you know our 2026 dates starting in the Spring



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## SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

### ST GILES' CHARITY BAKE SALE

**Saturday 1 November 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Giles'**

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 monthly sales support the current charities: Cambridge Food Bank, International Red Cross and St Giles Hospitality Fund. Enjoy a cake and coffee inside the church or in the garden, depending on the weather.



### COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH – 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**Sunday 2 November, 1pm at St Augustine's**

This lunch at St Augustine's is normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month when all are welcome to come and share a delicious, freshly cooked lunch and friendly company. This month you can expect a special anniversary menu. Cost: two courses including vegetarian options, wine or soft drinks: £8. Please contact Richard for booking and information – 01223 364929



### BREATHING SPACE

**Wednesday 5 October, 5.30pm at St Luke's**

Breathing Space meets in person, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, to pray for the parish, our churches and local communities and individual concerns. Entry is by St Luke's car park door (please ring the bell). 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 01223 354561 for more information.





## **FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY**



**Saturday 8 November, 10am to 12 noon**

The Friends meet monthly on a Saturday morning 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. Read more about

the Friends group on their new website:

<https://ascensionparishburialground.uk/> You can support the Friends' activities by joining for a very modest annual subscription.

Last 2025 date: 13 December.

## **LOVE, BLUES & ROCK'n'ROLL EVENING**

**Saturday 8 November, 7.30pm at Castle Street Methodist**

Ray and Fabiola (with support from Jenny on our new – ex-Toft – electric piano) will lead a fun singalong of pop songs from the 1950s through to the 1980s. There will be a break in the middle for drinks and nibbles. As usual, there isn't a fixed charge for entry, but all donations are welcomed for the hall floor renewal fund.

## **FROM ARBURY TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC – MY TIME AS A GP IN TONGA**

**Friday 14 November, 6 –7pm at St Augustine's**

Dr Andrew Watson will describe his experiences whilst working as a volunteer GP in Tonga for 2 months: he will compare and contrast diseases encountered there and in Cambridge, and highlight the differences in treatment available and patient expectations.

Free entry, complimentary drinks and nibbles, retiring collection

## **COFFEE, TEA, CAKE & BISCUITS WITH THE TEDDY BEARS**

**Saturday 15 November, 10am to 12noon at St Luke's**



This Coffee Morning and Mini Market will raise funds for **Embrace the Middle East** and their work in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem.

Our Mini Market will offer you a good variety of stalls including cakes, nearly new, bottles, homemade cards, hand knitted goods as well as the enormous variety of teddy bears. Our largest bear wants you to guess his

name (notice he's a boy!) He looks forward to coming home with someone who will look after him well. There will also be a exhibition of recent pictures sent from Gaza and also showing the history of Embrace the Middle East who we are supporting at this event.

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the Old School (best access is via the gate on the corner of Harvey Goodwin Avenue or St Luke's car park on Stretten Avenue). If that time is not convenient please contact Judith Crowe on 07883 427807.



### **RECITAL: THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL PASSION & ANTHONY ETHERIN**

**Saturday 22 November, 6–7pm at St Augustine's**

St Augustine's Singers, conducted by Paul Jackson, will perform David Lang's 'The Little Match Girl Passion' (a work that won him the 2008 Pulitzer Prize) and Andrew Hugill's 'Three Settings of Anthony Etherin' (a first performance!). Free entry, complimentary drinks and nibbles, retiring collection.

### **CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP**

**Saturday 22 November, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Luke's**

These monthly workshops are held on the fourth Saturday of the month, led by Margaret Waring (Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild). In general all materials for the session will be provided. Participants will be invited to make a donation. Please book in advance as the number of participants is limited. Contact: [amwaring8@gmail.com](mailto:amwaring8@gmail.com) or [office@churchatcastle.org](mailto:office@churchatcastle.org).

You may like to bring something you have been creating recently and we can discuss how to proceed.

## **CSD BRASS AUTUMN CONCERT – VARIATIONS**

**Sunday 23 November, 3pm at St Luke's**

In this very varied programme, we present a variety of variations — fast, slow; happy, sad; exciting, thoughtful; traditional, new; famous, waiting to be discovered. Tunes galore, with something for everyone!

R. Newton — Cambridge (Variations on an 18th-century hymn tune)

E. Gregson — Chorale & Variations (from 'Partita')

P. Sparke — Variants on an English Hymn Tune

E. Elgar (arr.) — Nimrod (from 'Enigma Variations')

R. Vaughan Williams — Variations for Brass Band

R. Newton — The Pilgrim's Progress (excerpts)

E. Rubbra — Variations on The Shining River

G. Doughty — Grandfather's Clock

E. Gregson — Variations on 'Laudate Dominum'

Conductor: Christopher Lawrence

Soloist: Cameron Scott (Euphonium)

Tickets available from the ADC Theatre box office:

<https://www.adcticketing.com/whats-on/concert/csd-brass-autumn-concert-variations/>

The programme is centred on the idea of an opening theme followed by a series of movements developing that theme in different ways. Some are based on well-known hymn tunes such as 'Nicaea' ("Holy, holy, holy") and 'Laudate Dominum' ("O Praise Ye the Lord"), or the lesser-known hymn tune 'Cambridge'. One is based on the Salvation Army hymn 'Pilgrim's Song' while another uses the Gregorian chant 'Dies Irae'. These are all works by prominent brass band composers.

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

**Tuesday 25 November, 2–4pm at St Luke's**

The knitting group normally meets on the last Tuesday of each month. All are welcome whatever your level

of skill, bring friends, swap ideas and learn new techniques, or just sit with us companionably. Needles and wool will be supplied. We usually knit items for a good charity but do bring your own project as well, if you wish. Please contact Judith, 01223 357627, for further details.

## 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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## 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/>

**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 uploaded 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](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn-vhbQASCJhW_Gz8Fww32Nmy_XuCOmNI)

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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 the services shown below marked 'hybrid' or 'online'. **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)

- St Giles' Morning service, 9 am – hybrid
- St Augustine's Morning Service, 9.30 am – hybrid
- Castle St Methodist Morning Service, 10 am
- St Luke's Morning Service, 10.30 am, in person only
- Church at Castle United Evening Service, monthly on the second Sunday, 6.30pm at Castle St Methodist (in person only)

**1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAYS** – Communion at Storey's House 2pm, in person only

- THURSDAYS** – Midweek Eucharist at St Giles', Common Worship. 10am (online and also in person).
- St Luke's School Assembly, 2.45pm in term time, led by our ministers.
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### IF YOU DON'T USE THE INTERNET



#### **FREE HYMNS & PRAYERS ON YOUR TELEPHONE OR RADIO**

THE free phone line DailyHOPE has secured fresh funding, which is allowing the service to reopen.

Further resources are on the Faith in Later Life webpage

<https://faithinlaterlife.org/dailyhope/>

### **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 315000. The ministry team 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 might appreciate it, then please ring the number above.



**Talking Together** 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. All groups take place on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Just select from the five different topics and register. The leaflet is online or pick up a copy from COPE, based at St Luke's Church. Tel: 01223 364303 or Email: [copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com](mailto:copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com).

<http://www.copecambs.org.uk/talking-together.html>

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# NOTICES

**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 contact [office@churchatcastle.org](mailto:office@churchatcastle.org) or phone 01223 315000

**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](mailto: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 and include photographs too, if you have them.

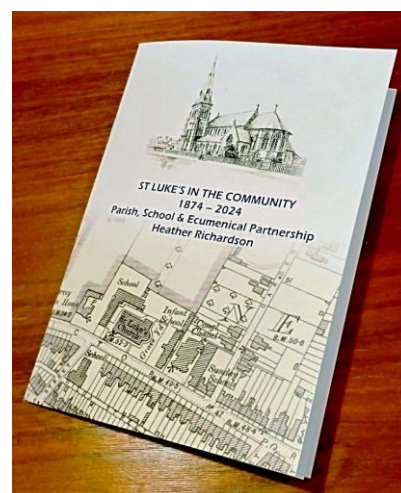


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## ST LUKE'S IN THE COMMUNITY 1874-2024

Copies of Heather Richardson's 32 page booklet can be purchased from the Parish Office or St Luke's Church for £5. Illustrated with 30 historic photographs, this local history traces how St Luke's school, church and parish developed hand in hand, and how the church, with the neighbouring Victoria Road Congregational church, became an ecumenical partnership today. Sale proceeds will go towards church funds.







### **BAA BAA (sheep of any colour) Have you any Wool?**

The St Luke's Knitters need fresh supplies of wool – double knitting weight is preferred. What are they doing with it all? Currently they are making blankets to donate to humanitarian charities. If you have wool to donate, especially anything colourful, please drop it off at St Luke's one Sunday morning or contact

Judith Crowe-01223 357627.

### **COPE NEEDS YOUR HELP [www.copecambs.org.uk](http://www.copecambs.org.uk)**

Cambridgeshire Older People's Enterprise is a local organisation that serves the county's over 50's, with their office sited in St Luke's Church. They are in urgent need of volunteers to help in the office which is open every weekday from 10am to 12.30pm. Volunteers help with:

- grant application and raising funds
- taking messages, answering the phone and emails, distributing post
- the monthly Newsletter – articles and distribution

If you would like to help please contact them by phone: 01223 364303, or email: [copecambs@outlook.com](mailto:copecambs@outlook.com)

### **Boost parish funds with your online Shopping**

The Parish of the Ascension is a registered charity and member of the Give as You Live scheme. This means that anyone can 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>



### **HOW ARE YOU CAMBRIDGE?**

<https://haycambridge.co.uk/>

H.A.Y. CAMBRIDGE is a website that brings together local activities and services that boost health and wellbeing. H.A.Y. is all about

helping you look after you. The website provides not just listings of local

activities, groups and services but also video introductions to group organisers and taster clips of what to expect. The H.A.Y. team are part of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust.

## **HELP IS AT HAND**

This directory lists many of the social services available in the Cambridge area to provide support to people facing difficulties in their daily lives (in mind, body, family and circumstances) or to help them out of difficulties. A printed copy is available on display in each of the churches – ask your churchwarden where if you can't find it.

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## **WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE MINISTRY TEAM AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS 2025 – 2026**

### **Ministry Team ex-officio on PCC**

Team Rector	vacancy
Team Vicar	Janet Bunker
URC Minister	Deborah McVey (interim)
Assistant Priest	Tom Ambrose
Retired Priest	Owen Spencer Thomas
Licensed Lay Ministers	Margaret Cooper
Authorised Lay Minister	Gill Ambrose
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Angela Gibbs
Parish Treasurer	Richard Footitt

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

St Augustine's	Norma Davies, Gill Mead
St Giles'	Oliver Coates
St Luke's	Paul Gibbs, Frances Klein

### **Deanery Synod representatives 2023–2026 ex officio on PCC**

Gillian Mead  
Oliver Coates

**Parochial Church Council** – all members of the PCC are ex-officio members of the appropriate DCC as at the APCM on 18 May 2025

St Augustine's	2023–2026	Antony Rix
	2024–2027	Patricia McGuire (Secretary)
	2025–2028	vacancy

St Giles'	2023-2026	Stella Cross
	2024-2027	Richard Catchpole
	2025-2028	vacancy
St Luke's	2023-2026	Gill Ambrose
	2024-2027	Joan Jeans
	2025-2028	Angela Gibbs

### District Church Councils

St Augustine's	2023-2026	Pam Clamp
	2024-2027	Sam Skeaping
	2025-2028	Hilary Footitt
St Giles'	2023-2026	Arthur Hibble
	2024-2027	vacancy
	2025-2028	vacancy

### St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council

*as at the Annual Congregational meeting on 23 March 2025*

May Block, Margaret Cooper, Isobel Fox, Angela Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Lib Hallam, Brian Harrison, Jane Holmes, Joan Jeans, Frances Klein and a post-share between Sarah Herring and Judith Crowe.

### St Luke's Joint Council *as at the ACM on 23 March 2025*

Anglican: Margaret Cooper, Judith Crowe, Frances Klein, Alison Taylor.  
URC: May Block, Isobel Fox, Angela Gibbs, Brian Harrison.

## GENERAL ENQUIRIES

*Please refer matters involving the ministry team to the Parish Administrator*

• **Ascension Parish Office** Parish Administrator: Sheila Rozeik

Email: [office@churchatcastle.org](mailto:office@churchatcastle.org), [officeatcastle@btinternet.com](mailto:officeatcastle@btinternet.com)

Post: The Old School, Harvey Goodwin Avenue, Cambridge CB4 3EU

Tel: 01223 315000. Messages may be left when the office is unattended.

**NB:** Sheila's core working hours\* are **Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 1pm**. In the case of an emergency please contact the Vicar, Janet, 01223 229976.

**\*The Parish Office will be closed for Annual Leave between Saturday 25 October and Sunday 9 November.**

**St Luke's Church Centre:**

Tel: 01223 311136. Email: [stlukes\\_office@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stlukes_office@yahoo.co.uk)

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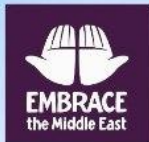
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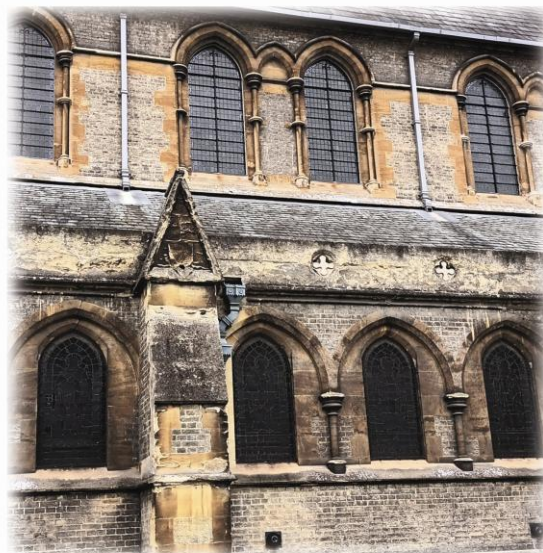
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## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2025

This plan is subject to change should one of the ministers become unavailable  
The rota for services from the 30 November will be available later in the month.  
Please check the website frequently.

Day	St Giles'	St Augustine's	St Luke's	Other
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>2 November</b> <i>Trinity 20</i>	9am Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Morning Prayer HYBRID Followed by Community Sunday Lunch	10.30am Service of the Word	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>9 November</b> <i>Trinity 21</i>	9am Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Communion HYBRID	10.30am Communion In person	6.30pm Church at Castle Evening Service at Castle St Methodist
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>16 November</b> <i>Trinity 22</i>	9.00am Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Communion HYBRID	10.30am Communion In person	
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>23 November</b> <i>Sunday next before Advent</i>	10.30am United Parish Communion at St Luke's			
<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>30 November</b> <i>Advent Sunday</i>	9.00am tbc	9.30am tbc	10.30am tbc	3.30pm Advent Carol Service at St Giles'

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek Communion, Thursdays 10am at St Giles'