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Parish of the Ascension: Cambridge
St Augustine's, St Giles', St Luke's (URC & Anglican LEP),
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ASCENSION NEWS

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To all in the Parish of the Ascension

Peace be with you!

It is with deep gratitude that Lucinda and I find ourselves called to serve in the Ascension. We were so very warmly welcomed at our installation on the 8th January, and your enthusiasm for us as we have been to all of the churches for services, coffee mornings, meetings, and, no doubt, considerably more to come has been most encouraging. We have been in the parish for a mere three weeks and we thank you for your support, advice and guidance.

As I write, it is Holocaust Memorial Day, and I am conscious that the horror of the Holocaust speaks to us in this 21st century as we see a range of countries, from close allies to those more distant from us, in which the current climate seems to justify maltreatment, persecution of people, under spurious, headline-grabbing notions of making places great again. Trying to re-imagine lost 'empires'. Harking back to a colonising history of subjugation, othering, not honouring the stranger in our midst. Please, in this time, pray for all who are persecuted, subject to war and inhumanity, famine and poverty. Not least, those in our own city.

Our Christian witness must be of a beacon of light, a bright illumination of God's love, celebrated. Visible to all. Our risen and ascended Lord commands us to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves, but he later says to his disciples: *"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

In Acts 1, we read of the Ascension of Jesus. It tells of his concern for his followers, his disciples, and, by extension, for us. We are told:

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. You will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

That is who and what we are called to be: witnesses to the love of God; evangelisers, in both word and deed; workers for the kingdom on earth

as it is in heaven; loving, as Christ loved, all, even those with whom we don't always see eye to eye.

We look forward to walking alongside you in our pilgrimage. We have a Gospel to proclaim!

With every blessing,

Andrew

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

1 February Malachi 3:1-5, Psalm 24:[1-6] 7-end, Hebrews 2:14-end,
Luke 2:22-40

8 February Genesis 1:1 - 2:3, Psalm 136:1-9. 23-end,
Romans 8:18-25, Matthew 6:25-end

15 February Exodus 24:12-end, Psalm 2 *or* Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-end,
Matthew 17:1-9

22 February Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19,
Matthew 4:1-11

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Services in February

We are aiming to continue the monthly pattern of services. We will try to keep everyone up-to-date with the rota of services and other parish events, by the weekly emailed bulletin and as published on the website or in the magazine.

Candlemas Evensong

Sunday 1 February, 6pm at St Giles'

Rev'd Sarah Atkins and the Chapel Choir of Magdalene College warmly invite all to join them in a service of Choral Evensong.

United Parish Communion Service

Sunday 15 February, 9.00am at St Giles'

This is the single united morning service for all three parish churches.

Service for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 18 February, 6.00pm at St Giles'

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

Gill and Phil's daughter, Isy, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy just before Christmas – Sufi Austen Mead Husain (see photo on page 6). Isy hopes that he will be christened in St Augustine's in the Summer – so expect the entire Bangladeshi diaspora to descend on Richmond Road!

Gill Mead

Natalie (Mo Wah) Chan, who is the resident pianist at St Augustine's, is a justifiably proud mother following her son Jacob's stunning sporting achievement, as the following report makes clear. Congratulations Jacob!



'Jacob Wong, aged 10, of Cambridgeshire made history at the end of the year 2025 as the county's first ever junior National Champion in the boys' doubles event at the U11 English National Championship

tournament. Jacob was also a finalist in the singles event and won the silver medal. Given his consistent top tier achievements and respectful behaviour throughout the year, he was invited to represent England in a sextuplet team and compete at the Badminton Planet Youth Tournament in the Netherlands, a historic European international championship. Jacob won both his matches at the finals and secured the silver cup for the team. In the individual events, Jacob defeated pairs from Germany, Belgium, and France with his England partner and secured the doubles Champion. Jacob's extraordinary achievements were earned from his exceptional resilience to challenges, strive for excellence, and dedication to the sport.'

ST GILES' NEWS

Half of the stained glass aisle windows are back in place, clean, repaired and with beautiful details revealed. Take a look if you can.

ST LUKE'S NEWS

2026 sees an exciting new start for the parish as we welcome Rev'd Andrew Day as our new interim priest in charge, and Rev'd Lucinda Howard as our new interim associate priest. St Luke's hosted the licensing service on 8th January, with around 90 people attending the service and finger buffet that followed. The uplifting service was led by the Rt Rev'd Dr Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon and Acting Bishop of Ely, with Rev'd Canon Nick Moir, the Rural Dean and Venerable Dr Alex Hughes the Archdeacon, also participating. We were pleased to welcome family and guests of Andrew and Lucinda, as well as representatives of the Anglican and URC church and clergy.

Angela Gibbs





*Thanks to Tom and Judith
for the photographs*

St Luke's Quarterly Giving Charity for January to March 2026

The recipient charities will be decided at the next meeting of the Ecumenical Church Council.

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.

An Authorised Lay Minister? You must be joking!

Yes! I was a bit surprised too! And it must have been some sort of divine irony that I was officially "Done" on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul. No Damascus Road for me - no flashing lights or voices from heaven. I certainly had had a vocation experience - called to be a librarian (I kid you not - I can still remember floating across Whiteknights Park in Reading when I realised that this was the career for me). No - this was more of an "Alright then. I suppose. Could be", kind of thing. It was more like the time when I was a school librarian (best job in the world) and the headteacher stalked into the library, looking faintly irritated, and said, "Gill - you know some Latin, don't you? No-one else does. Could you teach a bit to help out the Latin teacher - just basic stuff and it will only be for a term." So I did - literally one chapter ahead of the pupils. After the initial panic, I thought "This not too bad. I can do this!"... and thus it was for the next quarter of a century.

So...lay ministry. The past four years have been a testing time for the parish. Janet has been at her wits end keeping services going. There have been several occasions when we nearly had to cancel



at the very last minute. Once it was finding a priest at the eleventh hour and I had to deliver Janet's sermon. A couple of times the inspirational Gill Ambrose gave me her script for the Service of the Word at St Luke's which I read out when she was not able to be there. Then there was Gill letting me help with her Services of the Word at St Luke's - exchanging thoughts, testing out ideas, laughing a lot! So in the end it was, "This is not too bad. I can do this", followed by "I suppose I'd better do this properly!" And Janet did not roar with laughter when I told her (well - only a bit)

It was perhaps more fitting that I was authorised as an ALM; worship leader on my birthday as my life has been a series of rebirths - I thought I was one thing and found I was something else. I thought I was a shy, quiet, introvert who never said anything but I found at university I was the seminar leader who kept holding forth! I thought I was an academic librarian cataloguing arcane texts in a back room but found I was really an extrovert Reader Services Librarian getting excited about issue figures, I thought I was dull classics teacher until I discovered plasticine... and now ...

Bring it on!

Gill Mead

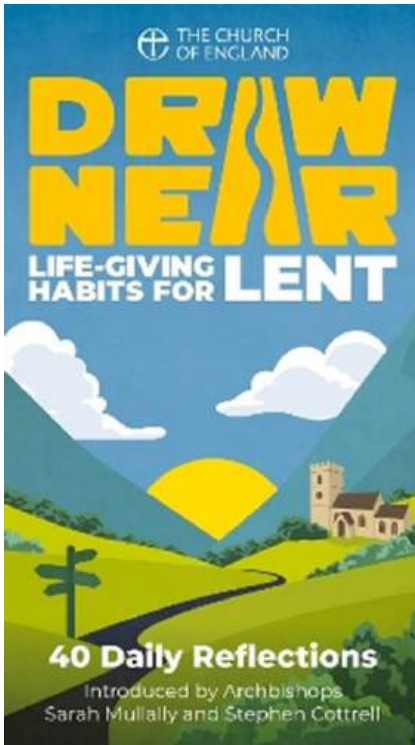


LENT 2026

An early start to Lent this year means that the Ash Wednesday service will be at 6pm at St Giles' on the 18th February.

Here are two suggestions for Lent reflections, one an online app and the other a booklet.

Everyday Faith is the daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week. The 15 minutes of daily readings, prayers and reflections will be focused seasonally on Lent. It is free to download and use, from <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/exploring-faith/everyday-faith>



"Draw Near: Life-giving habits for Lent" is the Church of England theme for 2026, offering a 40-day rhythm of daily Bible readings, prayers, and reflections. It focuses on six, week-by-week, practical habits—worship, prayer, Scripture, communion, service, and sharing the good news—to help believers deepen their relationship with God.

The booklet can be ordered from Church House Publishing for £2.99 per copy.

Further details are on this webpage:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/draw-near-life-giving-habits-lent>

Castle Street Methodists will be holding a weekly Lent bible study on Tuesdays, open to all, at 7.30pm in the church hall starting on 24th February. The sessions will use this year's Lent resources from the Methodist Church. <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/lent/>

DIARY DATE- World Day of Prayer 2026

Friday, 6 March at 10.30am, St Bene't's Church, Benet Street, CB2 3PT

Please put this date in your diary and support this united service for Cambridge. The service, based on the theme 'I will give you rest' (Matthew 11. 28-30) has been prepared by Christian women in Nigeria.



World Day of Prayer is a women-led, international, ecumenical movement of both prayer and grant giving that enables us to hear the stories of women from all over the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The day will be celebrated in over 146 countries and islands. It begins in Samoa, then prayer in many languages travels around the world, through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa.

The service will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to donate (with GiftAid if appropriate) to the work of WWDP. Further information is online at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Travel to St Bene't's:

By bicycle: There are bicycle racks on Free School Lane by the church, as well as on Benet Street by the Chop House.

By car: It's best to park at one of the Park and Ride car parks and come in by bus. Otherwise, the best place to park is in the [Grand Arcade car park](#), which is a short walk from St Bene't's. There is short-term parking on Free School Lane.

Blue badge holders: There are a few disabled bays in Peas Hill, Guildhall Street and Trumpington Street and more in the Grand Arcade car park. There is disabled access into the church and a hearing loop.

Amanda Bailey



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.**

THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT is back between 9 and 15 March 2026!

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

The aim is for people from households, schools and communities across the country to take part in the UK's biggest people-powered investigation

into household plastic waste by counting it, recording and sharing the results and letting the government know the true figures of what plastic the UK is throwing away and where it ends up. You can sign up to take part via the web page below and will receive your kit by post or email.

<https://thebigplasticcount.com/how-it-works>



Cambridge Carbon Footprint



Cambridge Carbon Footprint is a fantastic local organization that works to raise awareness of climate change issues and support people in the move to low-carbon living. Their website offers resources and events to help and encourage us all in our efforts to live more lightly. Take a look at <https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/> to find what is offered.

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/>
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- Access a huge bank of advice and resources <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/resources/>

Sheila Rozeik

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



A belated Happy New Year to you all. Unfortunately I had to cancel the January meeting as the heating had broken down in the hall. Sadly, there is no quick solution to the problem as it seems the entire heating system needs replacing, the current one being 30 years old. There will be replacement heaters in use but it may not be quite as warm over the coming months so be sure to wear your thermals and

thick pullovers!

Our next meeting will be on Monday 2nd February at 2.30 pm in St Augustine's Community Hall Richmond Road. Our Speaker will be Amanda Sutherland who will talk about her creative journey as a designer of wedding dresses, fascinators and tiaras including film and TV work. Our competition subject is a Fascinator so please dust yours down and bring it along for us all to admire. As usual there will be a raffle. This month we will be charging £1.00 a ticket to benefit Arthur Rank Hospice

as we have a special surprise prize! There will be refreshments as usual.
Looking forward to seeing everyone
Best wishes,

Caroline Wilson

Blanket of the Month

The St Luke's Knitting Group has completed another, colourful blanket, ready to be sent to Hope and Aid Direct, a humanitarian relief charity

<https://hopeandaiddirect.org.uk/>

Hope and Aid direct have sent thanks to the group and said they are sending a lorry to Ukraine this



week. Contributions of colourful wools are much appreciated - if you have some to donate, please contact Judith, 01223 357627.

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 – 1pm at Castle St Methodist
Open to all– just turn up on the day. £3 per session

TAKING A BREAK

St Giles' Garden 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



St Giles' Charity Bake Sale

First Saturday of the month, 10am to 12noon. Homemade cakes and other baked delights will be on sale at St Giles' gates in the warmer weather with coffee and refreshments in the church.

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 1 February, 1pm at St Augustine's

This lunch at St Augustine's is normally on the 1st Sunday of the month when all are welcome to come and share a delicious, freshly cooked lunch and friendly company. Cost: two courses including

vegetarian options, wine or soft drinks: we have raised our price to £10. Please contact Richard for booking and information – 01223 364929



BREATHING SPACE

Wednesday 11 February, 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.



FROM THE RAILWAY STATION TO THE SENATE HOUSE: Women at Cambridge 1869-1948

Friday 20 February, 6pm at St Augustine's

This illustrated talk by Liz Duignan will examine the complexities of the almost eighty year struggle for women's higher education at Cambridge, set against a backdrop of societal attitudes and the resistance of both the University and the colleges. This is one of the talks in the [Spring Programme of Local Events](#), supported by Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Roads' and Benson Area Residents' Associations, and compiled by St Augustine's Church. Entry is free, with a retiring collection. A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice, and nibbles.

FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY

Saturday 21 February, 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 website: <https://ascensionparishburialground.uk/> You can support the Friends' activities by joining for a very modest annual subscription.

Further 2026 meetings: March 28; April 11; May 23; June 13; July 18; August 15; September 12; October 17; November 14; December 12

TROMBRIDGE: Fellowship of the Trombone

Saturday 21 February, 8pm at St Giles'

30+ trombonists offering serious musical fun from classics to the present day. Tickets: £10, students-£5, (refreshments included), available from Eventbrite or on the door.

CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

Saturday 21 February, 10.30am to 12.30pm back in St Giles'

This workshop is normally held monthly on fourth Saturdays at St Giles', led by Margaret Waring (Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild). In general all materials for the session will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own current project. Participants are invited to make a donation to the Friends of St. Giles' Church. Please book in advance, email: amwaring8@gmail.com

ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday 24 February, 2–4pm at St Luke's

The knitting group normally 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. Can you donate any spare wool you have stashed away? We support charity projects practically with what we knit.

THE HISTORY OF THE HUNTINGDON ROAD ESTATE

Friday 27 February, 6pm at St Augustine's

This illustrated talk looks at how the Huntingdon Road Estate took shape, from open farmland and ancient routeways to the familiar neighbourhood we know today. Using maps, photographs and local stories, it explores the area's changing landscape and community over time. Join local historian, Michelle Bullivant, for a fascinating journey through the history of the Estate, an area which embraced many of the roads where we now live and use every day.

Entry is free, with a retiring collection. A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice, and nibbles are served.

FOR CHILDREN



Together at Home produces very child-friendly resources that children and their families can

share. <https://www.tath.co.uk/>

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/>

Everyday Faith from the Church of England. Find out more and download the app via cofe.io/EverydayFaithApp

Daily Devotions from the United Reformed Church. A daily reading, reflection and short prayer are available by email, URC social media and this website. <https://devotions.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-vhbOASCJhW_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 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 update on the back page)

MIDWEEK SERVICES

1st 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

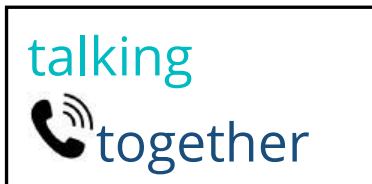
FREE HYMNS & PRAYERS ON YOUR TELEPHONE OR RADIO



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.

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

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 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 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.



<https://www.reform-magazine.co.uk/>

Reform, produced by the United Reformed Church, is a fresh and challenging magazine

exploring theology, ethics, personal spirituality and Christian perspectives on social and current affairs. Published eight times a year by The United Reformed Church, the magazine is for people who enjoy reading about Christian ideas from a range of viewpoints. It covers a wide range of thought-provoking topics of relevance to everyone (not specifically URC) and features writing from journalists, academics, politicians, campaigners, scientists and religious leaders. [£18 for the digital edition \(with free access to all digital back issues\) £29.50 for the printed and posted edition](#)

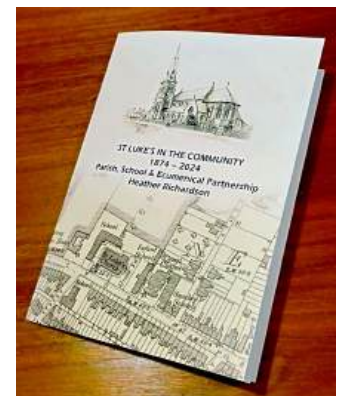
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Do you have your free 2026 C@C pocket diary?

Pick one up from any of the churches.

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 STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP 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 and the monthly Newsletter - articles and distribution. If you would like to help please contact them by phone: 01223 364303, or email: 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 - *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 easily.

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

Ministry Team ex-officio on PCC

Interim Priest-in-Charge	Andrew Day
Interim Assistant Priest	Lucinda Howard
URC Minister	Deborah McVey (interim)
Assistant Priest	Tom Ambrose
Retired Priest	Owen Spencer Thomas
Licensed Lay Ministers	Margaret Cooper
Authorised Lay Minister	Gill Ambrose
Authorised Lay Minister	Gill Mead

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.

Meetings: St Giles' DCC, 12 February 7.30pm location TBC

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Please refer matters involving the ministry team to the Parish Administrator

Ascension Parish Office Parish Administrator: Sheila Rozeik

Email: office@churchatcastle.org, 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.**

St Luke's Church Centre:

Tel: 01223 311136. Email: stlukes_office@yahoo.co.uk

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Day	St Giles'	St Augustine's	St Luke's	Other
SUNDAY 1 February <i>Epiphany 4</i>	9am Sung Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Sung Eucharist followed by Community Sunday Lunch	10.30am Holy Communion	
SUNDAY 8 February <i>2nd Sunday before Lent</i>	9am Sung Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.30am Communion In person	6.30pm Church at Castle Evening Service at Castle St Methodist
SUNDAY 15 February <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>	9.00am United Parish Communion at St Giles'			
WEDNESDAY 18 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	6.00pm United Parish Service for Ash Wednesday <i>with imposition of ashes</i> at St Giles'			
SUNDAY 22 February <i>Lent 1</i>	9am Sung Eucharist HYBRID	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.30am Communion In person	

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Midweek Communion on Thursdays 10am at St Giles' followed by refreshments and a chance to relax and chat.