



Church at Castle is an ecumenical group of churches in the

Parish of the Ascension: Cambridge

St Augustine's, St Giles', St Luke's (URC & Anglican LEP),
Castle St Methodist, St John the Evangelist (Romanian Orthodox)

ASCENSION NEWS

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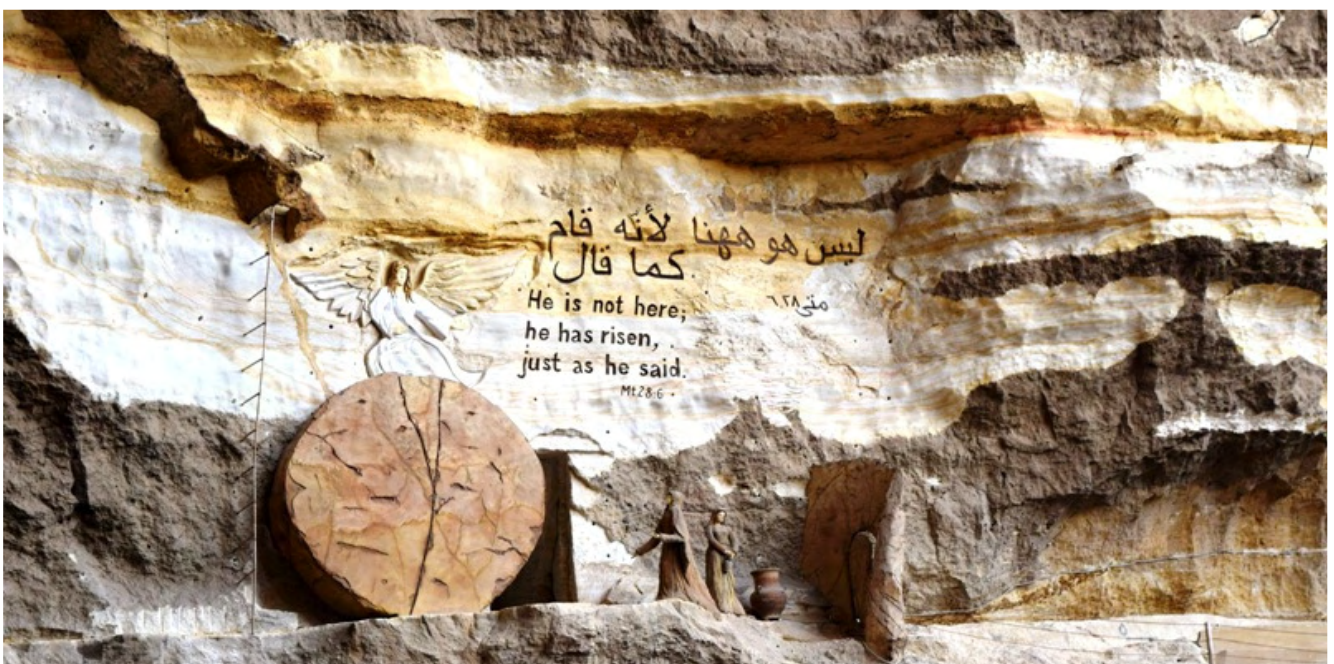
Resurrection

Holy Week is upon us and we will walk these last days with Jesus to the Cross – we will follow, in Scripture, the journey through Bethany, to Jerusalem, to the Last Supper, Gethsemane, betrayal, trials, humiliation and denial. Christ's passion is salutary.

I was reminded of this as I listened to Bach's *St Matthew Passion* last Thursday in London. The beauty of the music could not mask the enormity of what Jesus suffered. However, the sadness of the passion, of the crucifixion of Jesus, is supplanted by the joy of the Resurrection. The knowledge that Christ rose from the dead and in so doing tore asunder that which divided us from God, reconciling us with the God who loves us so much that He sent His Son to bring our rebirth into being.

There is in the Resurrection narrative a sense of rebirth, of renaissance, of resurgence. Many of the works of art show the resurrection of Jesus as him rising from the tomb, in a wondrous upward elevation, banners flying, and sleeping watchmen unaware. Easter is a story of rebirth, renewal, resurgence, of reconciliation. Of love incomparable. So, we pray to be awake, alive to the resurrected Jesus and to the life we are called to lead as Christian witnesses in this Parish of the Ascension, Cambridge. May the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, accompany us on our pilgrim's journey. Amen.

Andrew



SERVICES DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER



All are warmly invited to all services

HOLY WEEK 30 March to 4 April: St Giles' will be open every day from 9am to 4pm. There are prepared materials for walking the Stations of the Cross; readings from scripture alongside poetry by the poet/priest Malcolm Guite from his book 'Sounding the Seasons; 70 Sonnets for the Christian Year'.

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 April:

Parish Maundy Thursday Service, 6pm at St Giles' Church

GOOD FRIDAY 3 April:

Good Friday Meditation for All: Music, Readings & Silence, 12 noon to 1pm at St Augustine's, with St Augustine's Singers. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross, 9.30am to 4pm at St Giles' (see above)

EASTER SUNDAY 5 April:

6.00am Dawn service in St Peter's garden.

8.00am Outdoor service on top of Castle Mound

9.00 am St Giles' Easter Communion

9.30am St Augustine's Easter Communion

10.00am Castle St Methodist All Age Worship

10.30am St Luke's Easter Communion

Sunday Service Readings (*Subject to variation. Readers need to check with the presiding ministers which alternative readings will be used*)

- 5 April Acts 10:34-43 *or* Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2. 14-24
(*or* 118:14-24), Colossians 3:1-4 *or* Acts 10:34-43,
John 20:1-18 *or* Matthew 28:1-10
- 12 April Acts 2:14a. 22-32 *or* Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21, Psalm 16,
1 Peter 1:3-9 *or* Acts 2:14a. 22-32, John 20:19-end
- 19 April Acts 2:14a. 36-41 *or* Zephaniah 3:14-end, Psalm 116:1-3. 10-
end (*or* 116:1-7), 1 Peter 1:17-23 *or* Acts 2:14a. 36-41,
Luke 24:13-35
- 26 April Acts 2:42-end *or* Genesis 7, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-end
or Acts 2:42-end, John 10:1-10
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Services in April

We are aiming to continue the monthly pattern of services as much as possible. We will 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.

Church at Castle United Communion

Sunday 12 April, 10.30am at St Luke's

A single united morning service for the three parish churches joined by Castle Street Methodist. This will be Margaret Cooper's last service after many years of ministry. It will be followed by a celebratory light lunch.

United Parish Communion Service

Sunday 19 April, 9.30am at St Augustine's

for all three parish churches.

followed by

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 19 April, 11.30am at St Augustine's

All are warmly invited to attend this important meeting in the life of the parish. The purpose is to elect PCC members, review the electoral roll, receive financial reports, and discuss church activities.



DIARY DATE:

Christian Aid Week is coming, from 10 to 16 May. The united Cambridge service is at 4pm on Sunday 17 May in St. Andrew's Church Cherry Hinton. There will be a Speaker from Christian Aid, Kevwe Edekovwere, and refreshments afterwards.

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

April is the growing season....so remember to nurture those seedlings and cuttings ready for our Grand Plant Sale in aid of Christian Aid in May

More High Jinks at St Augustine's.

We are delighted that John and Rosie Spencer who were stalwarts of St Augustine's for so many years (Rosie was an indefatigable Churchwarden) are returning to the parish after their exile in Norfolk. John held his 80th birthday celebrations at St Augustine's - including a topical Punch and Judy show! Just like the old days when John (a university professor, no less) would entertain generations of children and adults with his witty interpretations of the Punch and Judy genre.



Gill Mead

There will be no Community Sunday Lunch at St Augustine's on Sunday 5 April. The next one will be on Sunday 3 May

Charity Bake Sale

As Easter falls at the start of Easter, the first Bake Sale of the year will be on Saturday 11th of April. It will then be on the first Saturday of every month, 10.30am to 12 noon.

Stella Cross

ST LUKE'S NEWS (*three contributors this month!*)

It finally feels like Spring has arrived! The weather is warmer, the daffodils are out and it will soon be Easter.

We give thanks for our community at St Luke's. We had a very interesting Travel talk in March. Richard Footit spoke about The Azores, explaining its location, history, geography and economy. He was also very generous in providing wine and Portuguese custard tarts and it was a very successful evening.

Angela Gibbs

It is great to know that our members no longer able to attend church, are starting to receive Communion at home, thanks to Lucinda, who is now in charge of Pastoral Care, throughout the parish. Now some sad news of a former St Luke's and Parish friend, a well-loved lady, Janice Ablett who was St Luke's Guide leader for many years working with Wilf Wheeler as the 14th Cambridge pack leader. Janice's funeral is on Monday March 30th 3.15 at the West Chapel.

Margaret Cooper



Palm Sunday reading of the Passion

Palm Sunday at St Luke's saw a dramatic reading of the Passion Narrative. Everyone had a part to play – from major roles like the Narrator (Tom Ambrose at his most magisterial) to the crowd (everyone shouting Crucify Him with great spirit) The gallery was transformed into Calvary with Stephen Ridyard as an impressive Jesus. And as for the Cock crowing to shame Peter – what a scene stealer!! The whole concept was beautifully organised by Gill Ambrose. It transformed what can be (dare I say it?) a dull recital of Christ's passion to a living re-enactment in which the whole congregation felt involved!



Gill Mead

St Luke's Quarterly Giving Charity for April to June 2026

CRISIS <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>



Crisis was formed in 1967, as an urgent response to the growing homelessness crisis. "Since then we have helped tens of thousands of people out of homelessness, and campaigned for change. Homelessness is devastating, dangerous and isolating. Research has found 9 out of 10 people experience violence, abuse or theft whilst sleeping rough and are almost 17 times more likely to have been victims of violence. For many, life events like a relationship breaking down, losing a job, mental or physical health problems, or substance misuse put people under considerable strain. Being homeless can, in turn, make many of these problems even harder to resolve. However, in nearly all cases homelessness is preventable and in every case it can be ended."

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.

THANKS for the Room with a View
Thanks from myself and Mark for the voucher to stay at The Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds, my favourite place to chillax.

There was a 'deal' on so the voucher will cover us for another visit. It was the perfect leaving present!

Janet Bunker
07811 357564



NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



Castle Towns Women's Guild meets again on Monday 13th April at 2.30pm in the Community Hall Richmond Road. Our speaker will be Marian Leeper and she will be telling us the story of Winnie Cobb's car. Winnie Cobb was the first woman taxi driver in Cambridge. Brave woman!! Our competition will be based on a car theme so bring along your motoring memorabilia for us all to enjoy. As usual there will be refreshments and a raffle. Visitors are always welcome for a charge of £3.00. Look forward to seeing you.

Caroline Wilson

Dear Friends of TALKING TOGETHER,

We are delighted to introduce our new programme of free, Spring Zoom talks which start next month. They are all one-off talks for older adults and will last approximately one hour. Full details are on our website at www.copecambs.org.uk/talking-together.html

Forgotten by History: The Market Towns of Eastern England since 1750 with Tony Kirby Tuesday 7th April 11am.

Registration deadline date is Thursday 2nd April

King's College Chapel- a Virtual Visit
with Ruth Meyer Wednesday 22nd April 3pm.
Registration deadline date is Friday 17th April

Scott Polar Museum - a Virtual Visit
with Kat Murphy Wednesday 29th April 11 am.
Registration deadline date is Friday 24th April

People should register as soon as possible by emailing copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com or by leaving a message with the COPE office 01223 364303.

Elaine Shortt (Admin Assistant, Talking Together)

CamCrag Spring Fair & Sponsored Sleepout



Here are our belated thanks to everyone at St Giles for allowing CamCrag to use the church once again for the sleepout and fair. It all went extremely well, lots of people came inside to the fair, and we managed to raise about £10,000. Part of this will be donated to our partner charity for the event, Cambridge City Food Bank. Best wishes, and thanks again.

Terry

FREE HOLIDAY LUNCHES-CAMBRIDGE SUSTAINABLE FOOD

<https://cambridgesustainablefood.org/events>



Free holiday lunch sessions this Holiday
Enjoy fun activities and a delicious lunch together!

| DATE | TIME | VENUE |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 30 March | 11am-1pm | Meadows Community Centre CB4 2JL |
| Tuesday 31 March | 10.30am-1pm | Brown's Field Community Centre CB4 1RU |
| Wednesday 1 April | 12 noon-2pm | Darwin Green Community Rooms CB3 OUL |
| Tuesday 7 April | 11am-1pm cook together at 11am | Arbury Road Baptist Church CB4 2JE |
| Tuesday 7 April | 10.30am-1pm | Clay Farm Centre CB2 9FN |

The Clay Farm Centre will be showing *Wonka* on Wednesday 1 April 11am. (2 hours running time) No booking needed and a pocket money tuck shop will be available. Clay Farm Centre CB2 9FN

St James' Church will be hosting a Good Friday Workshop on Friday 3 April 10.30am-12.30pm. This will include Easter crafts, refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt. St. James' Church CB1 8QJ



You can find details of all the holiday lunches taking place in Cambridge at cambridgesustainablefood.org/events

Please note we will do our best to serve food for everyone, however if numbers exceed expectations, we may not be able to offer food to all.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all events.



SCAN ME 



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.**

B Corp and the Parish

When it comes to making choices about what we buy in the supermarket or the High Street, it can seem fairly obvious which of several similar items is the most ethical choice - especially as companies (especially the large ones) like to make claims about the 'eco-friendly', 'green' or sustainably beneficial aspects of whatever they are promoting and selling.



When it comes to choosing a technology provider, it can be more difficult to distinguish the companies that are making verifiable efforts to carry through high ethical standards in the whole of their operations from the companies that are just maximising profits whatever the cost to people and the environment that we share. The parish recently had to choose a new provider of broadband and telephone services for the parish office - where to start?

I turned to the 'B Corp Movement' to find an accredited technology provider. Accredited for what? You can read more on the B Corp website at <https://bcorporation.uk/b-corp-certification/what-is-a-b-corp/> There I read, "The world's biggest challenges, like inequality, climate change, and systemic injustice, cannot be solved by governments or nonprofits alone. B Corps harness the power of business to create a global network that transforms the economy. By putting people and the planet alongside profit, they positively impact all stakeholders - workers, communities, customers, and our planet."

I'm glad to say the parish is now signed up with a new provider of broadband and telephone services and, 'Yes', they are a B Corp company.

ECO CHURCH: News, Prayer Diary, Support, Resources

You can read the latest news direct on their website at <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/news/>

- 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

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.

Followed by



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

COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

There will be no Community Lunch in April.

Next one is on Sunday 3 May.

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



SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

BREATHING SPACE

Wednesday 1 April, 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 11 April, 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: May 23; June 13; July 18; August 15; September 12; October 17; November 14; December 12

ST GILES' CHARITY BAKE SALE

Saturday 11 April, 10.00am to 12 noon

Homemade cakes and other baked delights will be on sale at St Giles' (at the gates in the warmer weather) with coffee and refreshments in the church. The proceeds are supporting Red Cross International, Cambridge Food Bank and St Giles' Hospitality Fund. Further sales this year will revert to the usual pattern of the first Saturday of the month.



PIANO FOUR-HANDS RECITAL

Saturday 18 April, 6.00pm at St Augustine's

Christopher Seed and Kristin Barone-Samadi will perform a programme of music by Piazzolla, Gershwin, Poulenc and Kaustin, arranged for four hands. This programme presents twentieth century works influenced by jazz within the classical concert repertoire. It brings together music from several different national and historical contexts—France, the United States, Argentina, and the Soviet Union—showing how composers drew vernacular idioms into concert music in distinct ways. The works range from Poulenc's early piano-duet sonata and Gershwin's well-known concert pieces of the 1920s to Piazzolla's transformation of tango into a listening-oriented form and Kapustin's *Sinfonietta*, which integrates classical structure with jazz language.

The recital includes:

Francis Poulenc~*Sonata*, George Gershwin~*Preludes* + *Rhapsody in Blue*, Astor Piazzolla~*Café 1930* + *Libertango*, Nikolai Kapustin~*Sinfonietta*.

[Tickets are available on Eventbrite](#) at £11.55 (incl. £1.55 fee).

Complimentary refreshments are offered, retiring collection.

ST GILES' GARDEN WORK PARTY

Saturday 18 April, 10-11am

Come and welcome Spring with some gentle gardening.

Bring perennial plants if you have some to spare.

Refreshments will be available afterwards. We will

continue to meet regularly on the third Saturday of the month from 10-11am during warmer weather.



CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

Saturday 25 April, 10.30am to 12.30pm at St Giles'

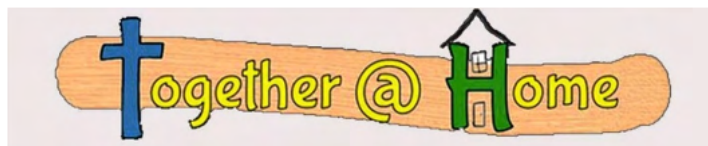
This workshop is normally held monthly on fourth Saturdays at St Giles', led by Margaret Waring (Textiles Society and Embroiderers' Guild). In general, all materials for the session will be provided but you are also welcome to bring your own current project. Participants are invited to make a donation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

ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday 28 April, 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.

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-yhbQASCJhW_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.

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, at St Luke's Church. Tel: 01223 364303 Email: copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com.
<http://www.copecamb.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.



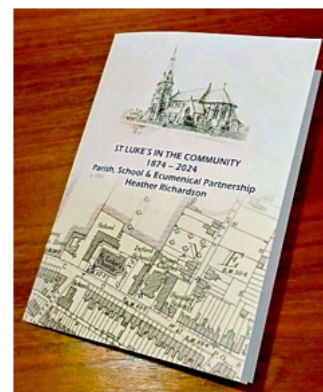
<https://www.reform-magazine.co.uk/>

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leaders. [£18 for the digital edition \(with free access to all digital back issues\)](#) [£29.50 for the printed and posted edition](#)
+ THREE FREE BOOKS AS AN INTRODUCTORY OFFER

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?

St Luke's Knitters need fresh supplies of wool - double knitting weight is preferred. 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.copecamb.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. Contact: 01223 364303, or email: copecamb@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. 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. – 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

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| 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 Minister | Margaret Cooper |
| Authorised Lay Ministers | Gill Ambrose (children), Gill Mead (worship) |

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| 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

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| 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: Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Sunday 19 April at 11.00am at St Augustine's

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

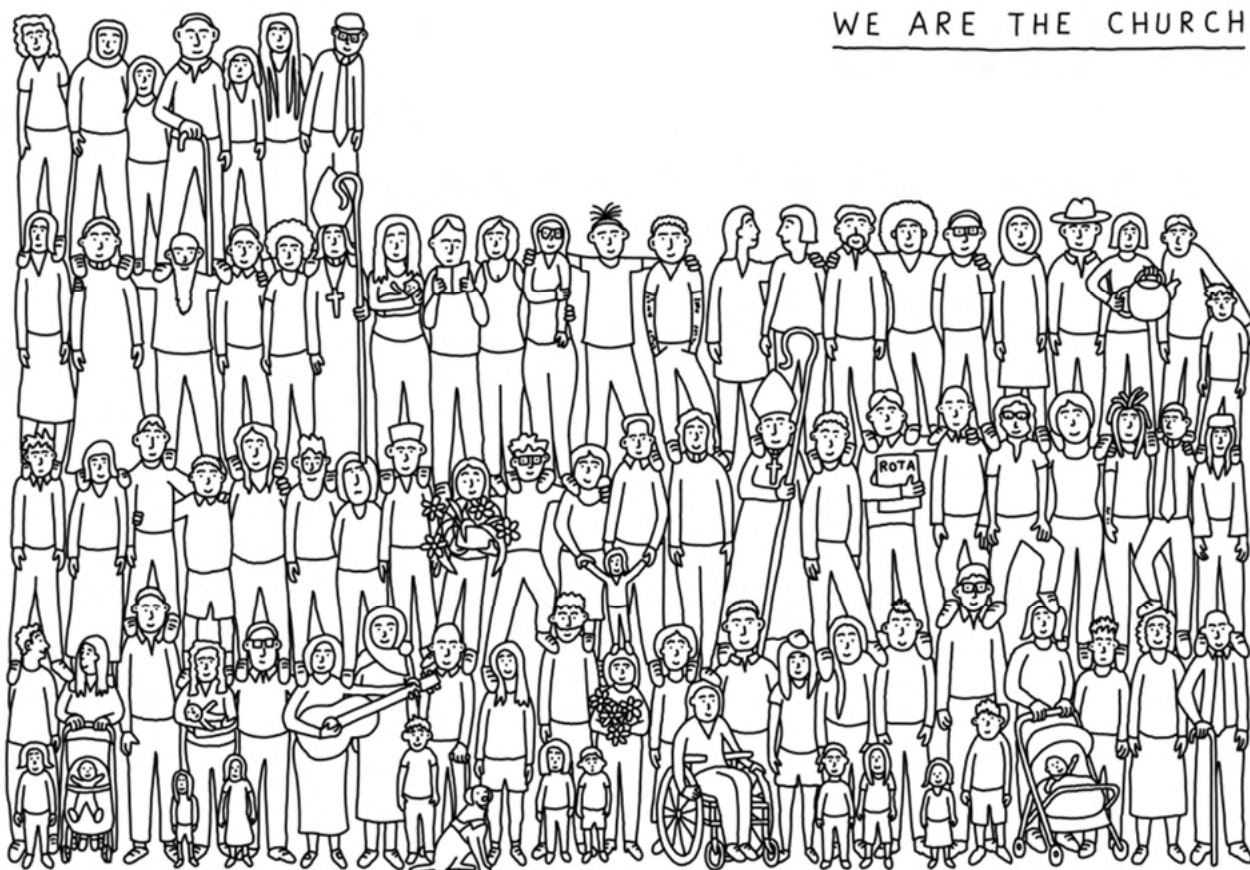
Tel: 01223 315000. Messages may be left when the office is unattended.

NB: Sheila's core working hours* are **Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 1pm.**

St Luke's Church Centre: St Luke's Office is currently unattended. Please send an email or leave a phone message with your enquiry and we'll respond as soon as possible Tel: 01223 311136. Email:

stlukes_office@yahoo.co.uk.

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SERVICES IN APRIL 2026

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| Day | St Giles' | St Augustine's | St Luke's | Other |
|---|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| THURSDAY 2 April <i>Maundy Thursday</i> | 6.00pm Maundy Thursday Service at St Giles' | | | |
| FRIDAY 3 April <i>Good Friday</i> | 12 noon Meditation for Good Friday with St Augustine's Singers at St Augustine's | | | 9.30am to 4pm Stations of the Cross may be observed at St Giles' |
| SUNDAY 5 April <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 9am Sung Eucharist | 9.30am Sung Eucharist | 10.30am Holy Communion | 6.00am Easter Vigil at St Peter's 8.00am Ecumenical Service on Castle Mound |
| SUNDAY 12 April <i>Easter 2</i> | 10.30am United ChurchatCastle Communion at St Luke's <i>The three parish churches and Castle St Methodists</i> | | | 6.30pm ChurchatCastle Evening Service at Castle St Methodist |
| SUNDAY 19 April <i>Easter 3</i> | 9.30am United Parish Communion at St Augustine's | | | |
| SUNDAY 26 April <i>Easter 4</i> | 9am Sung Eucharist Hybrid | 9.30am Sung Eucharist Hybrid | 10.30am Communion In person | |

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

NB: there is no Midweek Communion on Thursday 2 April