



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)  
and in Partnership with Castle St Methodist, St John the Evangelist  
(Romanian Orthodox)

# ASCENSION NEWS

## AUGUST 2026

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One of the joys of Summer is wandering in the countryside; through copse and cornfield, along lane and leat, through brook and bower... It all sounds so terribly romantic and reminiscent of bygone days, of country idyll, picnic-filled days, and berry-picking in the hedgerows. There is, in distant memory, a sense of what was and now is no longer. Summer offers us that 'stop-and-stare' moment. The opportunity to take a census of the butterflies that stray into our gardens to sup on the bloom of the buddleia. Of the bumblebee finding cool comfort in his earthy burrow. Or the little wren seeking shelter from the sun against a window-pane.

God's creation is magnificent to behold. It stretches before us, invites us in, soothes, nurtures, and inspires. As the nights begin to draw in and the heats of summer become more gentle, we have the time to venture forth. To revel in Creation. To seek moments of awe and wonder that our world, our universe present at every turn. And to find time to give thanks to God for every revelatory moment that we spend in this life. Each day unfolds a miracle of creation.

*Andrew*

### **Mary Oliver: The Summer Day**

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
This grasshopper, I mean—  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down—  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

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

2 August Isaiah 55:1-5 *or* Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 145:8-9. 15-end  
[or 145:15-end], Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

9 August 1 Kings 19:9-18 *or* Genesis 37:1-4. 12-28, Psalm 85:8-13,  
Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-33

16 August Isaiah 56:1. 6-8 *or* Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 67,  
Romans 11:1-2a. 29-32, 15: [10-20] 21-28

23 August Isaiah 51:1-6 *or* Exodus 1:8 - 2:10, Psalm 138,  
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 16:13-20

30 August Jeremiah 15:15-21 *or* Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 26:1-8,  
Romans 12:9-end, Matthew 16:21-end

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## **NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

### **Services in August**

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

### **United Services (for all three parish churches)**

- United Parish Communion, Sunday 16 August, 10.30am at St Luke's
  - Church at Castle United Communion, Sunday 30 August, 9.30am at St Augustine's
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## **CELEBRATING CREATION 2026**

In past years we have celebrated the ecumenical 'Season of Creation' with special services and occasional events. The 2026 theme for the Season of Creation is living water, based on Ezekiel 47:1-12. God's life-giving water flows from the temple of God, growing deeper, restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

This year we are planning to go further and offer more.



Some of you may have heard that the Church of England's General Synod has recently approved a new annual festival to be included in the Church's calendar, the **Feast of Creation in Christ**. Synod has settled upon the first Sunday in September for the festival. Now, it just so happens that the Parish of the Ascension is slightly ahead of that curve. We are planning to keep Creationtide between the 1<sup>st</sup> September (St Giles' Day) and to end on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026. The Sundays falling between those dates will all have Creation and Stewardship as themes. The time chosen allows for the traditional celebration of a harvest festival, not confined to single day but expanded to include both thanksgiving for the wonder of creation and concern for the environment prompted by the realisation of the harm inflicted by over-use of the earth's resources.

We will begin our Creation-tide pilgrimage on the 4<sup>th</sup> September with our first public talk, intriguingly entitled: *Goldilocks and the Big Bang*. Our Creationtide worship begins on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Augustine's and we complete it on Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at St Luke's, on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi.

#### Highlights will include:

- **A lecture series** on four Friday evenings during the course of the month at St Augustine's. The finalised list of topics and speakers will be published in the Creationtide booklet. Do save the following Friday evenings.  
4<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> September
- **Three united parish services:**  
6<sup>th</sup> September, 9.30am (St Augustine's), **Harvest**  
20<sup>th</sup> September, 9 am (St Giles'), **Restoration**  
4<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 am (St Luke's). **All Creatures of our God and King**. This one will include an invitation to well-behaved and discerning pets too.

We may also be able to show the film [\*The People's Emergency Briefing\*](#) which is strongly supported and resourced by the national churches and the A Rocha Eco-Church organisation.

We are aiming to engage the wider community so we will have resources to share with friends and neighbours so that you can play your part in welcoming others into our churches: a booklet detailing the services, lectionary readings, themes, speakers and lecture topics; and invitation flyers.

*Andrew, Tom and Gill*

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## ST GILES' NEWS

### 5 September at St Giles'

Traditionally this first Saturday of September has been reserved for the fund-raising St Giles' Fair, with stalls by church groups and local charities, refreshments and live music.

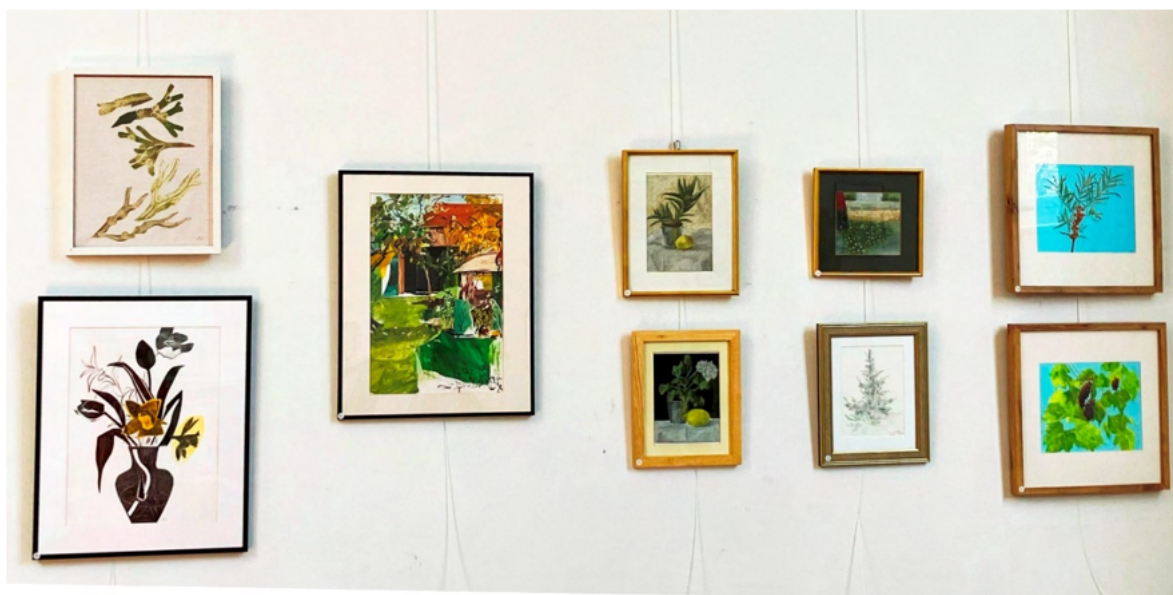
This year 5 September will take a different form with events throughout the day. Planning is at an early stage but we aim to start with a Bake Sale in the morning, then a relaxing Parish Barbecue Lunch from 1pm, followed at 4pm with the screening of [The People's National Emergency Briefing](#) to which we will invite our wider local community.

Please save the date in your diaries!

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## ST LUKE'S NEWS

### Plant Life Community Art Exhibition



Once again we were able mount an exhibition in the Parham room in the Old School on the theme of Plant Life. This tied in well with the present exhibition in Kettle's Yard and the classes that Jayne has been running at St Augustine's. The work was of a high standard and it was most enjoyable to see the use of different media and a range of responses to the theme. Thank you to all who took part!

*Judith Crowe*

## St Luke's Quarterly Giving Charity for July to September 2026

### Commitment for Life

Commitment for Life is the URC's world justice programme, whose goal is to enable local congregations to make global justice a core foundation of their mission, in support of the most vulnerable people in the world. St Luke's chosen region for support is Zimbabwe <https://urc.org.uk/your-church/church-local-and-global/commitment-for-life/zimbabwe>



### News of St Luke's church family

This monthly newsletter with personal news of church members 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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## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY



### Castle Towns Women's Guild

Our next meeting will be on Monday 3rd of August at 2.30pm in the St Augustine's Community Hall in Richmond Road, Cambridge. Our speaker will be Diana Manian who will be giving a talk entitled '*Raphael pilgrimage to Lourdes.*' As usual there will be refreshments and a raffle and opportunity to chat!

Apropos this September's meeting, it will be an open meeting when members are invited to talk for 10 minutes on any topic of interest to them. This will help us to learn a little more about each other!

Everyone is welcome to come along. There is a charge of £3.00 for visitors

Looking forward to seeing you on the journey to Lourdes!

*Caroline Wilson*

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### **IT TAKES A CITY (CAMBRIDGE)**

It Takes a City (ITAC) is a local charity that is working to put a stop to the cycle of poverty and homelessness in Cambridge, for good. It achieves lasting change with the support of the community, donors, volunteers and local organisations, all of whom share the vision to end rough sleeping due to homelessness in the city.

Walking around Cambridge's streets and open spaces (and some churchyards!) the visual evidence of homelessness is apparent with the people camping in tents, sleeping on cardboard and asking for help. There is also the more hidden side of homelessness here that includes people and families staying temporarily with others, sleeping in cars and other places not designed for living. It was heartening to hear our new Prime Minister, Andy Burnham, making his first major policy pledge to eradicate rough sleeping across the country, with the allocation of £340 million to expand the "Housing First" national strategy.

In 2021, ITAC partnered with the [Cambridge Churches Homelessness Project](https://www.cchp.org.uk/) (CCHP) to recruit volunteers to help serve at Crossways emergency winter accommodation project – some of you may have been able to volunteer to cook, clean, and socialise with the residents there. Recently CCHP has stepped back from co-ordinating church volunteers to explore new ways of working – <https://www.cchp.org.uk/>. ITAC would like to re-establish connection directly with churches in the city to see how they can partner with ITAC individually in supporting people experiencing homelessness – see their website at

<https://ittakesacity.org.uk/support-us/volunteer/>

Donation options include clothing, toiletries and food as well as money – their list of Autumn 2026 needed supplies is downloadable here – <https://ittakesacity.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/AutumnHarvest-2026-List.pdf>

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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.**



## WATER

Looking forward to the Season of Creation with its Water of Life theme and with the current water restrictions and scarcity in mind, I have been trying new ways of reusing water and also lowering the negative impact of my clothes washing.

The former involves some fun with a ball of string and one end of a hosepipe submerged in my used bath water. The second focuses on a washing machine microfibre filtering device ([Guppyfriend washing bag?](#) [Cora Ball?](#) [Planetcare2?](#)). These filter out 90+% of the tiny plastic fibres that are released from clothing with every washing cycle, ending up in the rivers and oceans and eventually in our own bodies via the food chain.

There are more suggestions here – <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics/microfibres-plastic-in-our-clothes>





## NET ZERO CARBON

St Giles' and St Luke's have both undergone an energy audit, funded by the diocese with their Net Zero Carbon deadline of 2023 in mind. The resulting reports are very detailed in their analyses but also full of advice for improvements that can be made to lower use of carbon fuels, greater energy efficiency and better systems. Oliver and Frances, the churchwardens, have copies of these reports and I can send a digital copy to those who are interested.

## 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*

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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**

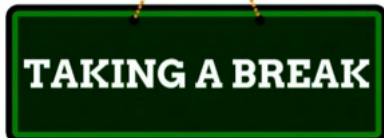
All are welcome to our community coffee mornings, which are held on most Wednesday mornings. Donations for the filter coffee, tea, cakes are welcomed to support various charities.

*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

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### **COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH**

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. It is taking its annual break in August and will be back again on 6 September.

### **ST GILES' GARDEN WORK PARTY**

This group normally meets monthly for gentle gardening on the third Saturday of the month from 10–11am during warmer weather.

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

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 – we need new supplies? We support charity projects practically with what we knit – see our latest finished blankets on p14.

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## **SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS**

### **ST GILES' CHARITY BAKE SALE**

Saturday 1 August, 10.30am to 12 noon  
Homemade cakes and other baked delights are 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.



## **THE GONDOLIERS**

**Sunday 2 August, 3pm - 5pm  
at St Augustine's**

Granta Opera presents a semi-staged performance of Gilbert & Sullivan's comedic opera. Tickets are available from

[www.ticketsource.com/granta-opera](http://www.ticketsource.com/granta-opera) and early booking is

strongly advised. Payment is after

the performance on a Pay-What-You-Decide basis. There will be two earlier performances in Long Melford and Haslingfield on 31 July and 1 August.



## **BREATHING SPACE**

**Wednesday 5 August, 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 15 August, 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: 12 September; 17 October; 14 November; 12 December

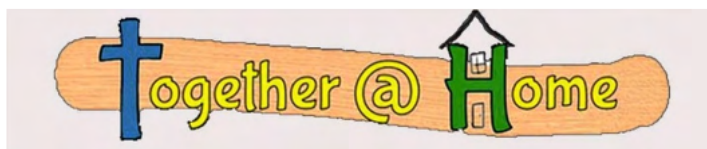
## CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

**Saturday 22 August, 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](mailto:amwaring8@gmail.com)

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## FOR CHILDREN



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

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

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## 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](https://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-vhbQASCJhW\\_Gz8Fww32Nmy\\_XuCOmNI](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLn-vhbQASCJhW_Gz8Fww32Nmy_XuCOmNI)

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## OUR SERVICES (online and in person)

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 and SEASONAL** (please check the month's services update on the back page and our website)

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

**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, at St Luke's Church. Tel: 01223 364303 Email: [copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com](mailto:copetalkingtogether@hotmail.com).  
<http://www.copecambs.org.uk/talking-together.html>

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## NOTICES

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**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.

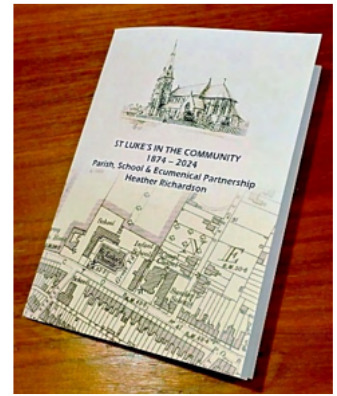


<https://www.reform-magazine.co.uk/>

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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?

St Luke's Knitters need fresh supplies of wool – double knitting weight is preferred. 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. We are making blankets to donate to humanitarian charities.

Our Blankets of the Month, made by Jane and Lyn



## **COPE STILL 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 and the monthly Newsletter – articles and distribution. Contact: 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. 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>



## **New lease of life for musical instruments**



Do you have an old woodwind instrument that is no longer in playing condition and needs some TLC? Local teenager, Ben Deegan, has started a project to save old clarinets, saxophones and bassoons and bring them back into use. Ben is very knowledgeable about how to repair these instruments and has brought several instruments back to life, including some which were in previously very poor condition, and played beautifully at the end. He is happy to do the work for free, and charges only the cost of any replacement parts that are needed. If you have an instrument for repair, please write to [Clarinet.restorations@gmail.com](mailto:Clarinet.restorations@gmail.com).



## **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.

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## **WHO'S WHO IN THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, CAMBRIDGE MINISTRY TEAM AND CHURCH COUNCILLORS & OTHER POSTHOLDERS 2026 – 2027 (post APCM 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 Minister    | Margaret Cooper                              |
| Authorised Lay Ministers | Gill Ambrose (children), Gill Mead (worship) |

### **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 |

**Parochial Church Council** – all members of the PCC are ex-officio members of the appropriate DCC as at the APCM on 19 April 2026

|                |           |                              |
|----------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| St Augustine's | 2024–2027 | Patricia McGuire (Secretary) |
|                | 2025–2028 | Hilary Footitt               |
|                | 2026–2029 | Antony Rix                   |
| St Giles'      | 2024–2027 | vacancy                      |
|                | 2025–2028 | Luis Jiménez Pina            |
|                | 2026–2029 | Stella Cross                 |
| St Luke's      | 2024–2027 | Joan Jeans                   |
|                | 2025–2028 | Angela Gibbs                 |
|                | 2026–2029 | Margaret Cooper              |

#### **District Church Councils**

|                |           |              |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| St Augustine's | 2024–2027 | Sam Skeaping |
|                | 2025–2028 | John Gatiss  |
|                | 2026–2029 | Philip Mead  |
|                | 2026–2029 | Pamela Clamp |
| St Giles'      | 2024–2027 | vacancy      |
|                | 2025–2028 | vacancy      |
|                | 2026–2029 | 2 vacancies  |

#### **Other Postholders**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer** Angela Gibbs  
**Parish Treasurer** Richard Footitt

#### **Deanery Synod Representatives 2026–2029 (ex officio on PCC)**

Gillian Mead, Oliver Coates, Gill Ambrose

#### **St Luke's Ecumenical Church Council *as at the ACM on 22 March 2026***

Gill Ambrose, Angela Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Lib Hallam, Brian Harrison,  
a post-share between Sarah Herring and Judith Crowe, Frances Klein,  
Ken Smith

#### **St Luke's Joint Council *as at the ACM on 22 March 2026***

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

**Meetings:** PCC–26 August at St Giles'



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## SERVICES IN AUGUST 2026

*This plan is subject to change should one of the ministers become unavailable  
Please check the website regularly.*

| Day                                                    | St Giles'                                                        | St Augustine's           | St Luke's                      | Other                                                                   |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>2 August</b><br><i>Trinity 9</i>   | 9am<br>Sung Eucharist                                            | 9.30am<br>Morning Prayer | 10.30am<br>Service of the Word |                                                                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>9 August</b><br><i>Trinity 10</i>  | 9am<br>Sung Eucharist                                            | 9.30am<br>Sung Eucharist | 10.30am<br>Holy Communion      | 6.30pm<br>Church at Castle<br>Evening Service<br>Castle St<br>Methodist |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>16 August</b><br><i>Trinity 11</i> | 10.30am<br>United Parish Communion<br>at St Luke's               |                          |                                |                                                                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>23 August</b><br><i>Trinity 12</i> | 9am<br>Sung Eucharist                                            | 9.30am<br>Sung Eucharist | 10.30am<br>Holy Communion      |                                                                         |
| <b>SUNDAY</b><br><b>30 August</b><br><i>Trinity 13</i> | 9.30am<br>United Church at Castle Communion<br>at St Augustine's |                          |                                |                                                                         |

### MIDWEEK SERVICES

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

### GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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

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