

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

OCTOBER 2026

The Monthly Magazine from Church at Castle

www.churchatcastle.org

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Suggested donation: £1

Creation Care – Andrew Day

God is love: his the care, tending each, ev'rywhere,

As Creationtide draws to a close, we give thanks for all that we have enjoyed over the weeks in this new season. 'Mists and mellow fruitfulness' have now replaced the searing heat of a very warm Summer. That dry, sunbaked season has given way to gentle, welcome rains which have transformed our gardens. Brought respite and beauty. Butterflies and birdsong. And it is in that richness that we see the resilience of all of Creation. The ability for nature in all its splendour to hunker down and then to burst forth with vigour.

We have gained much from what we have learnt through the lecture series. We have contended. Absorbed. Disputed. This coming Sunday sees us celebrating the feast of St Francis of Assisi, giving us a special time to celebrate those wonderful creatures that share and enrich our lives. That give us opportunity to care for that which God has created and given us to tend, just as He tends the greater aspects of His creation. Our adventurous cat, Odysseus, and our beautiful, lively, boisterous dog, Grace, bring great joy to our daily being. This Sunday we celebrate all of that at St Luke's.

As the days draw in and the berries ripen, harvests are complete, and all of creation prepares for its winter sleep, we can take time to bid swallows and swifts farewell, and to welcome swans and arctic terns to our shores from their slightly colder climes. Our landscapes and their inhabitants change and there is a newness in life to be explored, encountered afresh in a brisker clime. Sally forth into the glow of Autumn. Revel in the palette of nature's autumnal glow.

A thought from the American poet, Wendell Berry:

> Learn by little the desire for all things
> which perhaps is not desire at all but undying love
> which perhaps is not love at all but gratitude for the being of all things
> which perhaps is not gratitude at all but the maker's joy in what is made,
> the joy in which we come to rest.

To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.

Sunday Service Readings *(Readers need to check with the presiding ministers if any alternative readings will be used)*

4 October: (St Francis).
Micah 6:6–8, Psalm 100, Galatians 6:14–18, Luke 12:22–34
11 October: Isaiah 25:1–9 or Exodus 32:1–14, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1–9, Matthew 22:1–14
18 October: Isaiah 35:3–6 or Acts 16:6–12a, Psalm 147:1–7, 2 Timothy 4:5–17, Luke 10:1–9
25 October: Nehemiah 8:1–4a [5–6] 8–12, Psalm 119:9–16, Colossians 3:12–17, Matthew 24:30–35

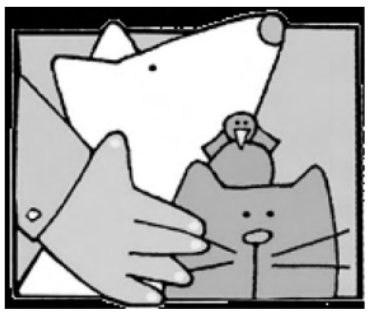
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Services in October

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 print in the magazine and the new Term Card.

United Services (for all three parish churches)

- **4 October**:
  9.00am at St Giles'. United Parish Communion (BCP)
  10.30am at St Luke's. A Service for Pets and People. You and your pet will be welcome at a special morning service at St Luke's Church, Victoria Road. Please ensure that you have your pet restrained on a leash, in a carrier or in their normal secure housing. There is parking behind the church and a garden where you can stretch your legs (2 or 4 or more!). Refreshments provided after the service



  Followed by Guided Walk–'Birds, Beasts and Tall Tails' (see Events)
- **11 October**, 6.30pm at Castle St Methodist. Church at Castle Evening Service
- **18 October**, 9.00am at St Giles'. United Parish Communion

Lectio Divina – Creationtide
Friday 2 October, 8.30–9.30am on Zoom.
The last in the weekly series of lectio divina will follow the theme of Creation in this designated season. Each Zoom session will have 40 minutes of lectio and 20 minutes of sharing our perspectives. People are welcome to simply sit and listen. If you have not tried this way of meditating on a scripture passage before, you are welcome to try as a one-off! Further details from Deborah or William McVey on deborahmcv@aol.com or wmmcvey@aol.com

Living Water: An Ecumenical Choral Evensong for the Season of Creation Sunday 4 October, 4.00pm at Great St Mary's–
Interdenominational Service for Creationtide. The preacher is Rev'd Dr Janet Tollington. The service will be followed by refreshments and informal discussion with the preacher on creationtide themes.

The Bible Society's Cambridge Action Group
Autumn Supper & Talk on Friday 16 October at Queen Edith's Chapel, Wulfstan Way, CB1 8QN. The supper is at 6.30pm followed by the talk at 7.45pm. Judith Lieu will speak about 'Letters in the New Testament and the World.'

Judith Lieu has studied, taught in universities, and written about the New Testament and early church throughout her adult life. After stints in London and Sydney, she was Professor at Cambridge until 2018. In retirement she continues to write, lecture and lead Bible Studies. She is a Methodist Local Preacher and has contributed to local and national Church life in a number of roles.

Supper is £10.00 (cash on the door), Soup, bread, cheese and an autumnal dessert.

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING: 20 September
For completed restoration projects at St Giles'

The day was sunny and St Giles' warmly welcomed the invited guests and all who attended the parish's celebratory service and barbecue. Bishop Martin Seeley gave a thorough blessing to the restored windows and banners and anyone within reach of his vigorously wielded aspergillum. It was also an opportunity to thank Richard Catchpole who had so skilfully and tirelessly managed the whole project over the last two years. Thanks to Peter Nixon, we have a good photographic record of the day. We are grateful to all who prepared the displays, the food and the garden, and also to Castle Hill Band who turned up in large numbers and played a rousing, varied programme.













ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

St Augustine's is marking and celebrating the Black History Month of October with a full programme of four talks and three concerts covering a wide spectrum historically, geographically and topically.

St Augustine's had a retiring collection for Nepal after the joint parish Harvest Service on the 6th September, and then at the Community Lunch Club. The proceeds were: £150 Parish Service and £132 Community Lunch, totalling £282, paid to Christian Aid.

ST GILES' NEWS

St Giles' MacMillan Coffee Morning

St Giles' had a very successful morning on Thursday 25th September with lots of great home cooking. We raised £82.05. Thanks Everyone!

Monthly Local History Talks

St Giles' has organised a monthly series of short talks (45 minutes) on local history in the months of October, November and December 2026. Full details are on the website, and in the magazine month by month

Old St Giles' Church

Recently, St Giles' was visited by Ben who had historic connections with both St Giles' and St Peter's. His great grandfather was churchwarden at St Giles' and his great great grandfather churchwarden of both St Giles' and St Peter's.



Ben kindly gave the parish some old photographs, including this one of the old church before it was demolished around 1875 when the present building had been completed behind it, as the lower photograph shows.



ST LUKE'S NEWS

St Luke's Quarterly Giving Charity for October to December 2026

Practical Action

https://practicalaction.org/

Practical Action is an international organisation taking practical action against poverty and the environmental crises in Africa, Asia and Latin America

St Luke's Knitting Group

Some new members have joined so we would really welcome wool donations, double knitting wool or wool/acrylic are the most useful. Our joint efforts have finished another blanket, ready to post to the humanitarian aid charity Hope and Aid Direct, while the 'Blanket of the Month' title goes to Pat, who has made the one in the lower photograph single-handedly.

Judith Crowe





A Big Thank You!



May Block, who served St Luke's in so many ways, including as Minute Secretary to the Ecumenical Church Council, moved to Shrewsbury last year to be closer to her family. She has written to us from her new home. The full text and photographs are published in the News of St Luke's church family newsletter.

"This time last year the congregation of St Luke's was generous in giving me a retirement present. This year I redeemed it, spending it on a trip to North Wales along with two of our children, Sue and James and their other halves! (Stephen unfortunately could not join us.) Following a night in an AirBnB in Beddgelert we took the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railways locomotive to Caernarfon, departing at 10.45 am, journey time about 1 h 45 mins, along the Harbourmaster Route … Certainly, we had a most enjoyable day. So thank you everyone who helped to make this such a memorable event.'

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.

NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Castle Towns Women's Guild

Our next meeting of Castle Towns Women's Guild will be on Monday 5 October at 2.30pm in St Augustine's Community Hall. Our speaker this month will be Ruth Meyer who will be talking about the history of Women in Cambridge University. As usual the talk will be followed by refreshments and a raffle. Visitors are always welcome, paying £3.00. We look forward to welcoming everyone to an interesting afternoon,

Caroline Wilson



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.**

This month – 3 recommended sites to view

Green Christian

Green Christian describes itself as '*a group of ordinary Christians from all backgrounds and traditions. Inspired by our faith, we care for creation through prayer, action and encouragement.'* They aim to '*help you respond in a way that is faithful, meaningful and, we hope, joyful.'* This link will land you on their Events page but there is much else you might like to read on their website.

How to Live on Earth

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3mRsvFmWi0
This hour and a half long, free-to-view documentary by environmentalist Benedict Cumberbatch presents a hopeful vision of a future within reach, by showing inspirational stories from around the globe about how people are teaming up with nature to solve our biggest challenges.

Cambridge Carbon Footprint
https://cambridgecarbonfootprint.org/
Cambridge is so fortunate in having this dynamic, imaginative and resourceful organization on its doorstep. Take a look at their current programme of events – Swishes, Repair Cafes, Open Eco Homes and more.

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/
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- 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

SPECIAL SERVICES & EVENTS

THE RAILWAYS OF CAMBRIDGE 1845 to the present day
Thursday 1st October, 11 am at St Giles'
This is the first in the monthly series of local history talks. Tony Kirby taught history at Anglia Ruskin University from 1970 until he retired. Until 2023, he was the Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Association for Local History, the chair of the County Advisory Group on Archives and Local History and Co-president of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. Following the 10am Midweek service, coffee and cake will be offered from 10.30am with the talks following at 11am.

THE WELL BEING OF WIDOWS IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH
Friday 2 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's



Dr Sarada Chatterjee, a well-known face from her patronage of Café@99, is a Bye- Fellow and Director of Studies in Land Economy (to become known as Environment, Law, and Economics) at Lucy Cavendish College. Her work explores pressing issues surrounding gender, human dignity and capability across South Asia and beyond. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

ST GILES' CHARITY BAKE SALE



Saturday 3 October, 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.



BIRDS, BEASTS & TALL TAILS

Sunday 4 October, 12 noon from St Luke's into town

Following the Service for Pets and People, a Green Badge Guide will lead a walk into town to discover the animals hidden in Cambridge's streets and colleges … real, imaginary, mythical and ghostly.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 4 October at 1pm at St Augustine's

This lunch 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: £10. Please contact Richard for booking and information 01223 364929

BREATHING SPACE



Wednesday 7 October, 5.30pm at St Luke's

Breathing Space meets in person, usually on the first Wednesday of the month, to pray for the parish, our churches and local communities and individual concerns. Entry is by St Luke's car park door (please ring the bell). Breathing Space welcomes new members who want to feel part of a praying community – we would love to have you with us. Please contact Margaret on 01223 354561 for more information.

"AIN'T MISBEHAVIN'"

Saturday 10 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's

Philip Mead will give a piano recital for Black History Month with Graham Berridge -Flugelhorn. It will include works by Art Tatum, Scott Joplin and Coleridge Taylor. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

"THE HOUSE IN BACOLET"

Friday 16 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's

Local author, **David Lambert** introduces his novel, *The House in Bacolet.* Born in Trinidad and Tobago to a West Indian father and an Irish mother, David grew up immersed in the rich diversity of the Caribbean where his novel is set. As well as being an intimate portrait of a marriage, the book explores the difficulties of human communication and how these are compounded when race, sex and culture-bound assumptions are added to the mix. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

FRIENDS OF THE ASCENSION BURIAL GROUND WORKING PARTY

Saturday 17 October, 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 on their website: https://ascensionparishburialground.uk

You can support the Friends' activities by joining their group for a very modest annual subscription. Further 2026 meetings: 14 November; 12 December

ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Friday 23 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's

St Augustine of Hippo was born in the 4th century in the Roman province of Numidia (present day Algeria). Revd Andrew Day will talk about this early North African saint who was one of the most influential and profound philosophers and thinkers of the Early Chistian Church. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

CREATIVE TEXTILES WORKSHOP

Saturday 24 October, 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

STEEL INVADERS STEELPAN BAND

Saturday 24 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's

No Black History Month could be complete without a return visit by the ever-popular Steel Invaders Band in a lively concert of Caribbean Music that will get your toes tapping and your heart racing. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

ST LUKE'S KNITTING GROUP

Tuesday 27 October, 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 – we need new supplies? We support charity projects practically with what we knit. Knitting is not compulsory, we also welcome all for refreshments and a chat.

SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS

Friday 30 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's

Septimius Severus, born in modern day Libya of mixed Italian and Libyan heritage, rose to power in the late 2nd century. Dr Carole Leonardi, who gave us such a heartfelt talk on the Windrush Generation in Cambridge last year, will talk about this actively campaigning emperor who expanded the boundaries of the Roman empire. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

CONCERT OF INDIAN MUSIC

Saturday 31 October, 6-7pm at St Augustine's



A first for St Augustines! – a concert of Indian Music lead by Dr Sarada Chattejee and friends. A fitting finale to a month that hopefully will have opened our hearts and lifted our spirits. Free entry, complimentary nibbles and drink, collection.

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-vhbQASCJhW_Gz8Fww32Nmy_XuCQmNl

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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 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

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). Followed by refreshments and time to chat.

– 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.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, 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

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

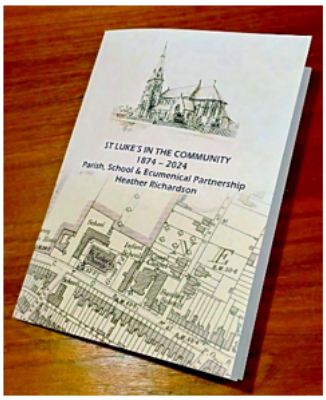
St Luke's Knitters need fresh supplies of wool – double knitting weight is preferred. If you have wool to donate, especially anything colourful, please drop it off at St Luke's one Sunday morning or contact Judith Crowe-01223 357627. We are making blankets to donate to humanitarian charities.

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. Contact: 01223 364303 or email:

copecambs@outlook.com

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.

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.

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.

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

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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
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*

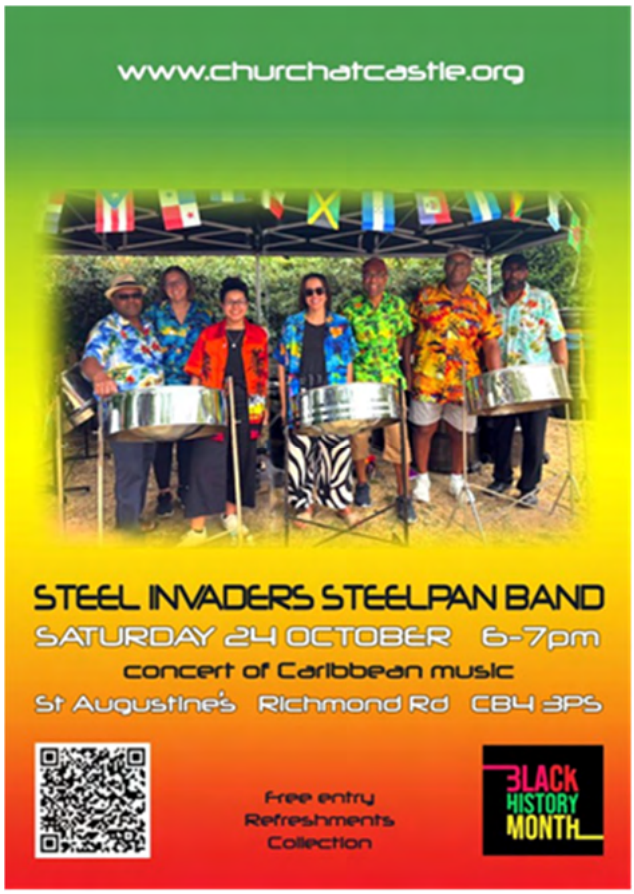
Anglican: Margaret Cooper, Judith Crowe, Frances Klein, Alison Taylor
URC: Isobel Fox, Angela Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Brian Harrison.

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

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: 01223315000. Messages may be left when the office is unattended. Sheila's core working hours* are **Weekdays, 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
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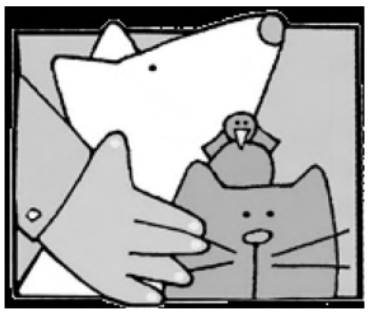
SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2026

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
SUNDAY **4 October** *St Francis*	9.00am-Holy Communion (BCP) at St Giles' 10.30am- All Creatures of our God and King A service for Pets and People at St Luke's			
SUNDAY **11 October** *Trinity 19*	9am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.30am Holy Communion	6.30pm ChurchatCastle Evening Service Castle St Methodist
SUNDAY **18 October** *Trinity 20*	9am Parish Holy Communion at St Giles'			
SUNDAY **25 October** *Trinity 21*	9am Sung Eucharist	9.30am Sung Eucharist	10.30am Holy Communion	

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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



SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Pet Blessing Service at 10.30am at St Luke's

You and your pet will be welcome at a special morning service at St Luke's Church, Victoria Road. Please ensure that you have your pet restrained on a leash, in a carrier or in their normal secure housing. There is parking behind the church and a garden where you can stretch your legs (2 or 4 or more!). Refreshments provided after the service