

SUNDAY 11 May
EASTER 4

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Holy Communion

We welcome The Revd Tom Simpson, Associate Vicar at St Matthew's Cambridge, who is leading our services today.

COLLECT

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
Teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the
glory of God the Father, Amen. **Amen.**

READINGS *(in pew bibles)*

OT Psalm 23 (p. 531)
Gospel John 10: 22-30 (p. 111)

A PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Loving God, we thank you for your grace and guidance throughout this week. May your Holy Spirit lead us in all our thoughts, words, and actions. Help us to see your presence in the everyday moments and to find joy in serving you. Grant us wisdom and strength to face challenges, and may your peace fill our hearts. Amen.

NEXT WEEK

8.30am BCP Holy Communion
10am All Age Communion

The Revd Rachel Rosborough, Vice Principal of Wescott House, will be leading our services.

CONTACTS

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Revd Mandy will be on Sabbatical until the beginning of August. Please email the church office with general enquiries.

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CHURCH OFFICE – OPENING TIMES

9am-1pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Emma's email address is: admin@trumpington.church

If you want to put a note in the pewsheets, please contact Emma in the office, no later than 9am Wednesday if the note is intended for the forthcoming Sunday. Thank you.

CHURCH NOTICES

JUNIOR CHURCH SUMMER CAMP 4-6 July 2025 Jarman Centre

This year, we have booked the campsite at the Jarman Centre for our church families to spend time together, as we did last year.

Families with children in Junior Church are invited to come and camp with other Trumpington Church families at the Jarman Centre, Newmarket from Friday 4 July after work/school until Sunday 6 July lunchtime. Please come for as much or as little as you can manage.

There will be a cost of £9 per person per night for this camp which is to cover the hire cost of the campsite.

Please contact a member of Junior Church team or the church office for more information.

GIVING

If you would like to make a donation in support of the life and ministry of our church, you can:

- Leave a cash donation in the plate provided
 - Make a contactless donation using the GoodBox
 - Use a yellow envelope. If you pay tax we can claim the Gift Aid, but only if you fill out your details.
 - Please speak to Edmund about making a regular electronic gift and the best way to do this.
- Everything helps – thank you!*

BIBLE STUDY

Please contact one of the churchwardens if you would like to join a group on either Tuesday evening online or Wednesday evening in person, and they can put you in touch with the group leader.

BAKE SALE TODAY

Today marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week and Junior Church are hosting a cake sale after the 10am service. We hope you will all come and enjoy cakes and company, and raise lots for Christian Aid – please come with some cash!



You can find out about their important work at www.christianaid.org.uk.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MAKING CAMBRIDGE A HAPPY CITY?

15 May at Great St Mary's,
Cambridge CB2 3PQ
7-9pm, Doors open 6.30pm
All Welcome
Registration FREE on Eventbrite – scan the QR code.



A talk by Peter Freeman, chair of the Cambridge Growth Company: his vision for the growth of Cambridge and its infrastructure, water and housing.

Hosted by the Federation of Cambridge Residents' Associations.

A comfort blanket



Caroline Hodgson *reflects on* Psalm 23

Psalm 23 is one of the best-known passages of the Bible. How wonderful, in time of trial and tribulation, to read and hear this confirmation that God cares for and protects us. The words of the psalm are also familiar as the hymn, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is", written in 1868 by Henry Baker. The tune that most people will know is *Dominus Regit Me*, composed by John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). Together, these familiar words and beautiful music have reassured generations of Christians and, indeed, people of other faiths and none.

But for all its familiarity the psalm is no comfort blanket, although it can provide great solace when we need it to. But there's a challenge here, too – namely to learn to depend utterly on God – something that many of us find surprisingly difficult. We want to be self-reliant, and we rebel against being made to "lie down in green pastures", being led "beside still waters" and "in right paths". We want to find those pastures, waters and paths for ourselves.

Yet another Victorian Christian, Hudson Taylor, wrote these amazing words when he was gravely ill: "I am so weak that I can hardly write, I cannot read my Bible, I cannot even pray, I can only lie still in God's arms like a little child, and trust." This, perhaps, is one of the great lessons of Psalm 23. 🍷

Good Shepherd, you lead me, feed me and restore my soul. Help me to know deep in my heart that "you are with me", and to learn to relax into your love and care, in the sure knowledge that I am held by you, for ever. Amen.

Christian Aid Week (11-17 May)

by Caroline Hodgson

Poverty pushed Aline to the brink of survival. But she was determined to push back against the inhumanity of poverty, driven by hope, faith and the love of her children. Aline transformed her life with a little help from Christian Aid.

Christian Aid reported that during Christian Aid Week last year people "walked, ran, cycled, danced, prayed, quizzed, and so much more". Many churches organise house-to-house collections each year. Volunteers usually take a

couple of local roads, delivering the envelopes and returning a few days later to collect them.

Just five pounds could enable someone to set up the small business that takes them out of poverty, while a hundred pounds could provide ten people with the training that supports their families to set up small businesses, such as selling home-grown vegetables.

It's not too late to think up some ideas: www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week 🍷

“**God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.**”

Pope Francis

LGBTQ+ Church

Part 1 – the opportunity

by Jayne Ozanne

Jayne Ozanne recalls an encounter that would change the course of LGBTQ+ history.

What would you say to one of the most influential people in the world if you had just thirty seconds? That was the dilemma I was faced with in November 2019 when I was invited to meet Pope Francis at the Vatican. I contemplated long and hard about what to say and decided to appeal to his pastoral heart.

"Your Grace, I am a gay evangelical Anglican from England," I opened – at which his eyebrows shot right up (whether it was the "gay", "evangelical" or

"Anglican" I remain unsure). I continued, "I grew up being told I would never be a mother, a grandmother or a wife because I was gay – and it nearly killed me."

Grabbing both my hands, he asked me to pray for him. The next day I was invited to hear him give a speech where he rebuked leaders who condemned LGBTQ+ people.

Jayne is a well-known gay evangelical who is a writer, academic and human rights campaigner. She lives in Guernsey with her cat, Leo, where she enjoys sea swimming, kayaking and cliff walks. 🍷