Vehicle access and loading for Great St Mary’s.

Access to Cambridge city centre is very restricted for vehicles, with complex one-way systems and rising bollards. This information is designed to help you reach us!

Our address is Great St Mary’s Church, Senate House Hill, Cambridge, CB2 3PQ.

There are bollards at the top of Trinity Street and on Bridge Street. There are two ways to access Great St Mary’s directly by car: from the north via Jesus Lane and Trinity Street, and from the south via King’s Parade.

1. From the north via Trinity Street:

Access to Great St Mary’s via Trinity Street is only possible between 8am and 10am (when the bollards rise, blocking the route to all except taxis) and after 4pm. If you take this route you must approach via Jesus Lane – it is not possible to drive down Castle Hill and turn right into Trinity Street.

Approaching from either Victoria Avenue or Maid’s Causeway, turn into Jesus Lane at the roundabout. At the end of Jesus Lane, turn right at a Patisserie Valerie café onto Sidney Street. At the crossroads with the Round Church, immediately turn left into St John’s Street, which becomes Trinity Street.

Having reached Great St Mary’s you can unload quickly near the west door - your vehicle must be removed promptly after unloading.

Vehicle loading is permitted again on this route after 4pm. Please be aware that Trinity Street is a one-way street, so you will not be able to retrace your route in reverse.

Pre-booked Parking – PARKING SPACES MUST BE REQUESTED IN ADVANCE OF YOUR VISIT AND MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE

There is one parking space outside Michaelhouse Café, on Trinity Street just opposite Caius College Porters Lodge, just before the Michaelhouse café entrance. This space may be available for parking by prior arrangement and the agreement of the Michaelhouse Centre manager, and is only suitable for vehicles less than 408cm or 161in (anything longer will protrude onto the pavement and risk a parking ticket.) Accurate arrival times must be provided as the gates need to be opened by a member of staff.

There is a second parking space on the north side of Great St Mary’s. This space may be available for parking by prior arrangement and the agreement of the Great St Mary’s verger. To reach this space, turn left immediately on exiting Trinity Street and then hard right into the gap in the Great St Mary’s railings immediately on your right. Accurate arrival times must be provided as the gates need to be opened by a member of staff. This parking space is very narrow, with limited space to open car doors, so is not ideal for unloading from within the car except for items in the boot. It will also be difficult for people with limited mobility to get out of the car, as the clearance space is narrow.
Driving route from the north via Jesus Lane and St John’s Street/Trinity Street to Great St Mary’s: access available 8am-10am and after 4pm.
2. From the south via King’s Parade:

Approach from Fen Causeway/Trumpington Road/Lensfield Road and turn into King’s Parade, parking on the right. You can drive up King’s Parade from Trumpington Street and drop passengers or unload small loads in the turning bay at the end of Kings Parade at any time, but this is not a legally designated unloading area and is not encouraged by the local traffic wardens. There are some parking spaces available on King’s Parade which may be available until 10am for unloading vehicles. This route leaves you parked very close to the south side of Great St Mary’s (the church yard side). Your vehicle must be removed promptly after unloading. Vehicle loading is permitted again on this route after 4pm.
Parking

Unfortunately, there is no provision at Great St Mary’s for regular parking for contractors/performers.

As detailed above, you will be able to unload outside the church at certain times, and may request car parking in our two car parking spaces in advance, but this is not always available and you may well need to find parking elsewhere.

We recommend using the park and ride service where possible. More details can be found at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/park-ride/

Park Street and Grand Arcade are the nearest commercial car parks to Great St Mary’s. Further details of Cambridge city car parks and prices can be found at www.cambridge.gov.uk/parking