

An opportunity to...



support the
student
ministry

of The Round Church
at St Andrew the Great, Cambridge

*'We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all
wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.'*

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The Jesus Lane Trust

The Jesus Lane Trust 1985-2006...

...for 21 years the key to a gospel opportunity in Cambridge.

In 1985 Mark Ruston founded the **Jesus Lane Trust** to finance gospel ministry among university students at The Round Church, Cambridge.

The chief reason why I am so keen to support the Jesus Lane Trust is that whereas many churches concentrate on growth for themselves, St Andrew the Great has this great tradition of giving men and women to the world-wide church. The Round Church at St Andrew the Great has arguably done this more than any other church in this country. Student work obviously cannot be self-funding, and therefore many of us out of simple gratitude are eager to get behind this work.

Jonathan Fletcher, Minister at Emmanuel, Wimbledon

The Trustees appeal for funds only when it is no longer possible to continue the support for another year. Our last appeal was almost ten years ago. It is our hope to raise an extra £200,000 through this appeal, sufficient for five years. So we are appealing to you to share in this Gospel work.

John Rose, Trustee

Who can say where the ripples will reach that began to spread outwards from the gospel work in Cambridge which the JLT supports?

One of the most exciting aspects of the student work which I witnessed in my six and a half years on the student staff at St Andrew the Great was what you might call 'export industry'—the fact that every year nearly a quarter of the undergraduates move on for pastures new—often far afield. Giving to the JLT is a brilliant way to support the Great Commission to proclaim Christ to all nations: Thailand, Indonesia, China and France, to name a few recent examples.

Of course it's easy to stay in touch with those who are now paid for full-time Christian work. But every now and then I bump into someone I've forgotten about, who came to follow Christ while a student in Cambridge. They are now actuaries or teaching classics in a secondary school or working in the jewellery industry, standing up for Christ in often challenging circumstances.

*Simon Scott, Rector of All Saints, Lt. Shelford.
(formerly Students' Curate at St Andrew the Great)*

The large numbers of students who pass through the Round Church at St Andrew the Great have a hunger for Christian teaching and discipleship, but are unable to support financially the church workers who look after them. Thus over the years the Trust has supported over 40 young men and women in various roles to teach and pastor students.

Currently the Trust enables the church to employ four Student Workers together with the Female Associate Pastor for Students, four Parish Assistants, and the Church's Youth Worker.

Mark Ashton, Vicar at St Andrew the Great



*Youth Worker
Vic Ritchie*



*Parish Assistants
Clockwise from top:
Chris Taylor, Dave Howarth,
Adam Grove and Lionel Matsuya*

The Student Staff


back row, left to right: Rupert Evans, Jon Drake and Petasha Lewis



*front row left to right:
Brian Elfick, Emma Hutchinson and Jane Bellamy*

The six staff set apart for student work each care for about fifty students. The opportunities are endless and exciting: reading one-to-one with freshers, training bible study leaders, supporting evangelism in the colleges, as well as running our weekly student lunches and bible study groups. There is no doubting the influence of this work in the students' lives and witness.

Brian Elfick, Students' Pastor at St Andrew the Great



I am indebted, under God, to the student work at StAG and the discipleship I received as a young Christian during those crucial years being a student. Not only did it give me a solid foundation of Biblical truth and godly role models to learn from, but I also found it invaluable in equipping me for gospel ministry, both in a lay and full-time paid capacity.

*Sarah Young, Female Student Worker, St Ebbe's Oxford
(former Parish Assistant at St Andrew the Great)*

I am enormously grateful for the resources made available for student work during my time as an undergraduate in Cambridge. Reading the Bible one-to-one with a student worker was one of the key ways God grounded me in the gospel and strengthened me to live for him.

*Joe Dent, Director of Training, St Nick's Sevenoaks
(former Parish Assistant at St Andrew the Great)*