

# Join our Community

St Clement's Church is one of the oldest churches in Cambridge, located on Bridge Street in central Cambridge. We only have a small churchyard – and a small congregation! But local BSBI botanists have identified over 130 plant species within the churchyard, and we are carefully identifying and preserving them, following the principles of Carl Linnaeus and more recent DNA-based taxonomic approaches.

We have established a “Bridge Street Botany & Biodiversity” (BSBB) group to explore its natural biodiversity - and relate it to that of neighbouring churchyards and college gardens. We are also adding individual plants, to reflect the predilections of members of the congregation. This mix of natural and horticultural biodiversity will eventually evolve to form a “permaculture” balancing everyone’s interests!

One of our aims is to use the garden as a place of learning for budding botanists – some within the congregation, some at our local school, and some, through the internet, well beyond.

We are also evaluating the concepts of “biodiversity” and “ecosystem evolution” within the churchyard. One of our objectives over the coming year is to share an appreciation of the beauty of God’s Creation with other groups, both within our local churchyard fellowship and within more distant botanical gardens. Indeed, there are already a number of Articles dealing with both topics in the collection currently on the website.

If you are interested in joining us, either as an armchair gardener or as a member of our growing community (no pun intended), please contact us!

We will be organising tours of several NGS and RHS Gardens over the summer and would be delighted for you to join us.

For more information contact me by email – or just turn up at our Saturday morning muster. We look forward to seeing you!

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