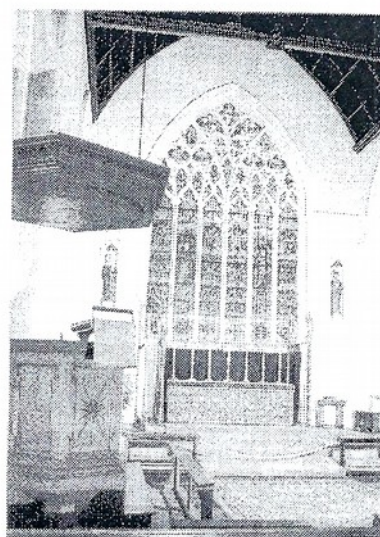


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SERVICES & EVENTS IN MARCH

Wed	1st	ASH WEDNESDAY
		10.00am Low Mass with Imposition of Ashes
		7.00pm Sung Mass with Imposition of Ashes
Sun	5th	1st SUNDAY of LENT
Tue	7th	8.20pm for 8.30pm, Home Group, 41 Ashbury Close
Wed	8th	Lent Course 1
Sun	12th	2nd SUNDAY of LENT
Tue	14th	7.00pm PCC meets
Wed	15th	Lent Course 2
Thur	16th	8.00pm Stations of the Cross, Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary
Sun	19th	3rd SUNDAY of LENT
Wed	22nd	Lent Course 3
Sat	25th	ANNUNCIATION of our LORD 10.00am Sung Mass, Organ Workshop Visit <i>Clocks go forward</i>
Sun	26th	4th SUNDAY of LENT, REFRESHMENT SUNDAY 10.30am Preacher: the Revd Canon Martin Warner, Canon Pastor of St Paul's Cathedral
Mon	27th	8.20pm for 8.30pm, Home Group, 41 Ashbury Close
Wed	29th	Lent Group 4

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our Lent programme is set out in detail on pages 6/11. It offers, I believe, a wide range of opportunities, on different days of the week, and at different times of day, to help us in our Christian discipleship, with the Wednesday course focused on the world in which we are called to live as Christians, and the Sunday morning sermons using the familiarity of hymns to deepen our relationship with God. We shall be exploring, and using, different ways of praying with the words of literature and scripture (*please note the lunchtime opportunities*), and we are fortunate to have close at hand for two Sunday evening talks Nick Buxton, who took part in the fascinating Channel 4 documentary 'The Monastery', and Susanna Avery-Quash, a well-known art historian. Stations of the Cross (*in full on two Thursday evenings, and divided into a series of six reflections for the Friday 12.30pm Mass*) draw us into the mystery and the efficacy of Our Lord's Passion, and we look forward to Somervell's 'The Passion of Christ' to be performed by our Choirs on Passion Sunday. Undergirding this programme, as always, will be our daily worship and personal prayer, and I hope very much that some of you will be able to add attendance at a particular weekday Mass or Office to their usual devotional pattern. Lent has always been for Christians a time of discipline and training, but with the heart and mind fixed not on discipline for its own sake, but rather moved by the desire to share more fully in the liberating reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

So far as reading is concerned, the Ridley Hall community has produced a booklet entitled *I Desire Justice*. This is a collection of daily Bible readings, meditations and simple prayers for use each day during Lent and Holy Week. The Principal of Ridley writes *I hope that these reflections will take you deeper into God's saving love for the world, and further into God's call to the world to live according to the just and righteous ways of his love*. We can disregard the price on the back, and buy a copy for £3.50. (*Please DON'T put money for it into our 'literature and cards' box, but give it separately to the Treasurer or to a Churchwarden*). Several other 'Lent books' have been published this year, many of them reviewed rather unfavourably in the *Church Times*. Visit SPCK for more!

We have had some applications for the post of administrative assistant, and

hope to be able to make an appointment early in March. The imminent removal of the Organ (and the design of the new one), together with concern for convenience, health and safety means that we are having to look at *where* administration will be done as well as *how*! Thinking of the new organ, Robin Osborne writes on page 14 about the trip to Kenneth Tickell's workshop on March 25th and Graham Ward is very hopeful about the viability of the rather more adventurous pilgrimage (to the Holy Land) planned for January 8th-16th 2007. Watch this space!

Fr Andrew

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GROUP

The Social Responsibility Group held its first meeting in February. Current members are Sheila Bennett, Janet Nevitt, Naomi Romijn, Ann Thompson and Tim Wheatley. The Vicar attended the first meeting.

We are clear that we do not want to add unnecessarily to the many groups active in Cambridge, both within the Church and outside. There are many voluntary groups, and we see part of our role as putting people in touch,

and supporting existing activities.

We are asking members of the congregation to complete and return the questionnaire enclosed with this Newsletter. We shall keep and use the list to identify areas of strength and need. The contacts will also help where we need to know more, or where people need to be put in touch. Do complete the form, and returning it in the box provided at the back of the church before the end of March.

One very clear area of need is in Mental Health. Cuts forced on the Mental Health Trust have meant much reduction in day care facilities, including closure of the Trumpington Street Day Centre where the Vicar was Honorary Chaplain, and their Spirituality Group met in the Parish Room. A request to use the room for a playreading group of former users of the Centre, if it goes ahead, will need a LSM "presence." Malcolm Munro has already offered to be a volunteer – are there others who will join the rota, probably on a Wednesday?

One of the positive things in the present situation is a greater recognition of how isolated the mentally ill often are, and the benefits of greater and more general

social contact. Do consider how any of the groups with which you are concerned could be made more welcoming to people with mental health problems - detailed advice is available if needed. One group with which I am concerned (Victim Support) has arranged to be given briefing, by professionals, on how best to help, at one of its regular training sessions.

We plan to have a regular slot in the Newsletter, covering current "Social Responsibility" issues to keep you informed. We can only operate with everyone's support. If you have ideas, or if there are things you think we need to consider, do let me know.

Tim Wheatley

WOMENS' WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2006

prepared by the women of South Africa



Friday, 3rd March
St Mark's Church, Barton Road
2.30pm
Speaker: Dr Norma Emerton

All welcome

FRIDAY LUNCHES CHARITY for MARCH & APRIL

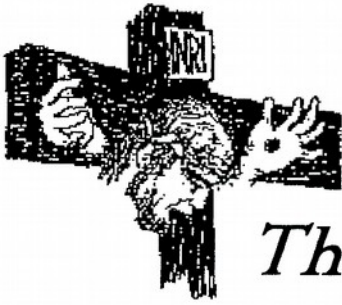
THE CHRISTIAN BLIND MISSION

Ernest J Christoffel founded CBM in 1908 and saw his commission in following Jesus as helping the weak and meeting the disadvantaged with compassion, openness and human warmth.

CBM is on the frontline in the battle against blindness, providing sight saving surgery and medical intervention to people in the developing world. In 2005 CBM reached 12,133,192 eye patients, providing eye exams, glasses, medications and surgery to people in the developing world, many of whom were facing blindness without intervention.

Donations from the Friday lunches for March and April will be given to the Christian Blind Mission.

MUSIC IN LENT



Lt St Mary's Choirs

present

The Passion of Christ

Somervell

Little St Mary's Church

Sunday April 2nd

4.15pm

The World Community for Christian Meditation Group
Cambridge Branch:

Silence and Stillness

Christian Prayer and Meditation in Context

The World Community for Christian Meditation is an international organisation practising Christian contemplative prayer and silent meditation. The Cambridge branch has organised a

Meditation Day

Saturday, 18th March

St. Luke's Church, Victoria Road,

10.00 am to 4.00pm.

If you have ever wondered what contemplative prayer or meditation involves, or would like to discuss your experiences, do join us. We will have guided sessions and time for discussion.

Price £10/£8 · Bring and Share lunch · Bookstall.

Contact Caroline Shepherd, C.360648

LENT 2006

Hymns play a hugely important part in Christian worship; at 10.30am Sunday High Mass during Lent, our preachers will be reflecting on a hymn which is of particular significance to them.

Sunday March 5th: *O Thou who camest from above: NEH 431*

The Vicar

Sunday March 12th: *All my hope on God is founded: NEH 333*

The Revd David Whittington

Sunday March 19th: *There's a wideness in God's mercy: NEH 461*

Fr Mark Bishop

Sunday March 26th: *Come O thou traveller unknown: NEH 350*

The Revd Canon Martin Warner

Sunday April 2nd: *O Thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray: NEH 302*

The Revd Will Adam

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT:

Two addresses at 6pm Evensong on 'Reading with God'

Sunday March 5th: *The Word in Literature: Amy Merriman*

followed on Monday 6th by 'Meditations on the Word' at 1pm and 6.30pm

Sunday March 19th: *The Word in Scripture: The Vicar*

followed on Monday 20th by 'Holy Reading' at 1pm and 6.30pm

please note: the Monday sessions will last no more than 45 minutes

Two talks at 7pm (after Evensong, at which there will be no address)

Sunday March 12th: *The Monastery:*

Nick Buxton, participant in the TV programme of that title

Sunday March 26th: *The Blessed Virgin Mary in Art:*

Dr Susanna Avery-Quash

MUSIC IN LENT:

Sunday April 2nd: *The Passion of Christ (Somervell): LSM Choirs*

at 4.15pm in Church



Calendar and Intentions

for

MARCH

*The list of Thanksgivings and Intercessions offers a focus
for our daily prayer, both at the Offices and Mass,
and in our personal times of prayer.*

*The Vicar would be glad of suggestions for additions
to the list of daily intentions.*

Calendar for March

Wed	1st	ASH WEDNESDAY: LM 10am, SM 7pm: Imposition of Ashes at both services
Thurs	2nd	commem.St Chad, Bishop
Fri.	3rd	
Sat.	4th	
SUN.	5th	1st of LENT
Mon.	6th	commem. St Tibb: 'Meditation on the Word': 1pm, 6.30pm
Tues.	7th	commem. SS Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Wed.	8th	commem.Edward King, Bishop: Lent Course (1) 7pm
Thurs.	9th	Music Fund Group Meeting
Fri.	10th	
Sat.	11th	
SUN.	12th	2nd of LENT: Talk at 7pm: Nick Buxton: 'The Monastery'
Mon.	13th	Friends of LSM Committee 6.45pm
Tues.	14th	PCC 7pm
Wed.	15th	Lent Course (2) 7pm Area Synod 7.45pm
Thurs.	16th	GSS: Stations of the Cross 8pm
Fri.	17th	St Patrick, Bishop
Sat.	18th	commem.St Cyril, Bishop
SUN.	19th	3rd of LENT
Mon.	20th	St JOSEPH (<i>transf</i>): 'Meditation on the Word': 1pm, 6.30pm
Tues.	21st	
Wed.	22nd	Lent Course (3) 7pm
Thurs.	23rd	
Fri.	24th	Anointing, laying on of hands (12.30pm Mass) Wedding: 3pm
Sat.	25th	ANNUNCIATION to the BVM: SM 10am
SUN.	26th	4 th of LENT: Refreshment Sunday: 'Friends of LSM table' Talk at 7pm: Susanna Avery-Quash: 'The BVM in Art'
Mon.	27th	
Tues.	28th	
Wed.	29th	Lent Course (4) 7pm
Thurs.	30th	
Fri.	31st	

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for March

A Faithful keeping of Lent		1st
Mission in this country		2nd
The Christian Blind Mission	<i>Ceta Cherry</i>	3rd
University Deans and Chaplains		4 t h
The Parish		5 t h
Attentiveness to God's word		6th
Those leading our Lent Course	<i>Geoffrey Clayton, Bp</i>	7th
Friends of LSM		8th
Development of our musical life at LSM	<i>Jessie Rolph</i>	9th
The People of Iraq		10th
Vocations to the monastic life		11th
The Parish		12th
United Nations	<i>Elsie Kathleen Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i>	13th
Parochial Church Council		14th
S. Cambridge Synod	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe</i>	15th
Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary		16th
The People of Ireland	<i>Richard Boulind</i>	17th
Our Bishops		18th
The Parish	<i>Mary McDougall</i>	19th
Strengthening of family life		20th
Debt relief	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Bottrall</i>	21st
A.C.S.	<i>Emily Glennie, Nellie Edwards, Merlin Rotherham Brown</i>	22nd
Christian Unity		23rd
Ministry of Healing	<i>George Head</i>	24th
Thanksgiving for Our Lady's 'Yes' to God	<i>Edith Allen</i>	25th
The Parish	<i>George Papworth</i>	26th
Spiritual Guides	<i>Nora Everiss</i>	27th
Care in the Community		28th
Christian/Moslem relations		29th
LSM/Chant d'Oiseau link		30th
Ely Cathedral		31st

REFRESHMENT SUNDAY

March 26th

*Thanksgiving for our Mother,
the Church*

*Loving God,
as within thy Church
we are reborn through baptism
and fed with the food and drink
of eternal life,
so grant that we who have tasted thy goodness
may grow in grace
within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN*

LENT COURSE 2006

Wednesday Evenings 8th March – 5th April

'Christian Discipleship in the World Today: sent out into the world'

March 8th Introduction: 'One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic?'

March 15th One people: ecumenical and interfaith relationships

March 22nd Holy people: ethics and the workplace, fair trade

March 29th Catholic people: inclusion and exclusion

April 5th Apostolic people: mission in a secular society

*The evenings begin with Bring and Share Supper at 7pm,
and finish with a Compline Psalm and Prayer by 9.15pm*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursday March 16th, 8pm:

for Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary, but all welcome

Thursday April 6th, 7pm: *after 6.30pm Low Mass*

*There will also be reflections on two of the Stations of the Cross
at the end of the Friday 12.30pm Low Mass
on March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, and April 7th*



Quidenham Monastery

Prayer Cards

During Lent a selection of these
will be available for sale
in the Parish Room during coffee after Mass
and at other times during the week.
Donations will go to the work of the
Cathedral Relief Service in Calcutta.
Please see Sarah Martin for further details.

KEEPING IN TOUCH AT LSM

LSM Social is an email list which provides details of events coming up at LSM and others in and around Cambridge that LSM members will be involved in: trips to a film, play, concert or local event. There are also photographs of recent events, and members may post a message to the list.

To join the LSM Social group and mailing list go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMsocial/> and click on the Join This Group button. Then follow the process through. Alternatively, to join the mailing list only, send a blank email to: LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com You will not have access to all of the group's web features (Photos, etc). You will receive a confirmation message.

GIFT DAY 2006

TRIAL BY JURY

Gilbert & Sullivan

Friday June 16th (*evening*) & Saturday June 17th (*afternoon*)

AUDITIONS in Church: Sunday March 12th 3.30pm

anyone interested please contact Christian Rutherford
C.352542, email: c.rutherford@ntlworld.com

JIMMY'S NIGHT SHELTER

In May 2006 the planning permission for Jimmy's runs out and the Board of Trustees is hoping that their application for permanent permission is accepted. During the last 10 years, 2,300 different people have been seen, 100,000 bed spaces, breakfasts and dinners provided and 52 dogs were also welcomed with their owners.

Of those visiting Jimmy's many are plagued with addictions of various sorts, and suffer from physical and mental ill health. Most are vulnerable and have no voice of their own. Jimmy's tries to engender changes in lifestyle without preaching, although if asked staff will speak about their faith and beliefs. Obviously none of them has any money of their own.

There are 4 full time workers on the team and Jimmy's currently has 38 people in supported tenancies. Services on offer include advocacy, advice and listening, in court, with a doctor, at hospital, etc.

Please remember the staff and their need for energy, will, commitment, joy, love, and patience, their visitors and those in the tenancies, for their vulnerability, health, and poverty, in your prayers.

CAMBRIDGE MONEY ADVICE CENTRE (MAC)

In May 2005, after much prayerful consideration, recruitment and training of volunteers and searching for premises, MAC opened at Barnwell Baptist Church. Through advice and representing clients to their debtors, MAC supports its clients in a non-judgemental way.

There are already over 20 clients, with about 12 - 15 volunteers from 5 or 6 different churches. MAC would welcome more advisers and those with a vision for the development of the Centre. Please pray for the advisers, their clients and the trustees.

DO YOU MAKE JAMS, MARMALADE, PICKLES?

Daphne Forman has a collection of one pound jars.

If you would like them, please let her know.

UPDATE ON HYMNS

Since my talk on St Cecilia's day about the way in which recent hymn books ruins the hymns by changing the words, I've been writing short pieces about particular hymns and publishing them on the web (at a weblog, devoted solely to this subject, called "Bad things in new hymnbooks and other sad tales". You can find it at:

<http://cathythinks.blogspot.com/>

Essentially, I've been commenting on the hymns we've sung each Sunday and currently intend to add something most Sundays. Do have a look at the site and join in the discussion. Past and present members of LSM have already joined in.

Catherine Osborne

NEW ORGAN & VISIT TO KENNETH TICKELL'S WORKSHOP

By the end of March the existing organ will have been removed – to start a third life, once more in a Suffolk church. Precise measurements will then be made and decisions taken on final details. (Christian has his eye on one more stop!). For several months we will survive on an electronic organ, then installation of the

new organ will begin in autumn.

For anyone interested there will be a trip to Kenneth Tickell's Northampton workshop on Saturday March 25th, leaving after the 10.00am Mass for the Annunciation and stopping off for a pub lunch. There will be a sheet at the back of the church to sign up – or get in touch with Robin Osborne (ro225@cam.ac.uk)

We will also focus on the appeal again in March. It's hoped all who have not done so to date will want to contribute to this important development in LSM's musical life.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Monday April 3rd at 7.00pm in the Parish Room. All on the Electoral Roll are encouraged to attend.

ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION:

If you are a regular attender and would like to be on the Electoral Roll, please fill in a form from the back of the church *by 19th March* and pass it to Shirley Dex as soon as possible.

If you are not sure if you are on the Roll, please ask Shirley to check for you.