

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN APRIL

- Sun 2nd **5th SUNDAY of LENT**
10.30am Preacher: The Revd Will Adam, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer & Priest-in-charge of Girton
- Mon 3rd Meditations on the Word, 1.00pm in the Crypt
7.00pm **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**
- Wed 5th Lent Course 5
- Thur 6th 7.00pm Stations of the Cross, after 6.30pm Low Mass
- Fri 7th Reflections on 2 Stations of the Cross, after 12.30pm Low Mass
- Sun 9th **PALM SUNDAY**
10.30am Holy Week preacher: the Revd Jeremy Caddick, Dean of Emmanuel College
HOLYWEEK & EASTER see page 4 for details of services
- Sun 16th **EASTER DAY**
4.30am Paschal Vigil & 1st Mass of Easter
8am Low Mass 10.30am High Mass
- Thur 20th Visit to Condetto with Chant d'Oiseau, until 23rd
- Sun 23rd **2nd SUNDAY of EASTER**
- Tue 25th **ST MARK** 7.45 am Low Mass, 7.00pm Sung Mass
8pm Organ Fund Group Meeting
- Sun 30th **3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

There have been some significant developments in our situation at LSM over the past few weeks; on March 1st (appropriately, as it seemed to me, Ash Wednesday!) I took on the responsibilities of Area Dean of South Cambridge. This involves co-chairing (with the Lay Chairman) meetings of the Area Synod, its Standing Committee and (particularly demanding at present) its Pastoral Committee, and chairing the meetings of the Deanery Chapter; there are also some pastoral responsibilities in relation to the clergy of the Area Deanery, and in particular during vacancies in parishes. Clearly this does mean extra demands on my time, and so it is very pleasing that we have found a Parish Administrator, who will be working (mostly in the small Office over the Servers' Vestry) 8 hours a week. Eveline Bateman has long experience in administration within the Salvation Army, and will be dividing her time between LSM and St Philip's, Mill Road, where she has a similar appointment. She was due to start work with us on March 20th. I hope that as time goes by and she gets used to our ways, she will be able to take on more of the responsibilities which have been shared out among a number of different people. Over the next few weeks, the pattern of her working week at LSM will become clearer; when she is in the Office she will be answering the 366202 telephone number, and dealing with e-mails addressed to *andrew.greany@lsni.org.uk* Personal e-mails for me may be sent to: *andrewgreany@btinternet.com* Please now disregard any earlier e-mail addresses!

We have had a certain amount of work done in the small Office so that the computer and photocopier can both be housed there, with the room behind the Organ reverting to the sole use of the Choir (and, presumably, the Organ builders, over the coming months!). Rather more work has been carried out at the Vicarage, and a proper study has now been created in it; the filing cabinet which took up a lot of space in the small Office at church has been moved there, and it will also provide a much better space for interviews. Meanwhile, we are progressing slowly towards obtaining a faculty for the replacement of the heating pipes and radiators, and making a decision on which contractor to employ for this work; with the organ due to be removed on March 27th, we look to be in for a somewhat disrupted summer. It will be important, however, that the work on the heating is done while there is no pipe organ in the church.

On Monday April 3rd, there will be an opportunity to hear not only about these matters, but about other prospective developments in our life at LSM. This when we

shall be holding our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, in addition to the usual formalities, such as the presentation of the Annual Report and Accounts for 2003 (well worth studying) and the election of 5 new PCC members, we shall have an agenda item entitled: Parish developments Implications for the future So I encourage all on the newly revised Electoral Roll to come along to the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

at 7pm

on Monday April 3rd

in the Parish Room

Agendas and copies of the Annual Report and Accounts will be available in Church from Sunday March 26th.

A few days later, we shall begin Holy Week, full details of the programme are on page 4. I do hope that as many of you as can will participate in the *totality* of this week through which the Church enables us to be identified with Our Lord on the Way of the Cross and in the joy and freedom of His Resurrection. Once again, we shall begin by gathering on Laundress Green by 10.30am on Palm Sunday for the Blessing and Distribution of Palms; we hope that we shall be joined by some of our friends from Emmanuel United Reformed Church, although they are not applying a three-line whip this year! We shall be going straight into LSM for the Mass at the end of the Palm Procession, and we're invited to Emmanuel for coffee as usual after the service. Fr Jeremy Caddick, Dean of Emmanuel College, will deliver the first of his Holy Week addresses at Evensong and Benediction that evening, and will carry on with the usual pattern of evening addresses from Monday until Maundy Thursday, before the Preaching of the Passion on Good Friday. With Easter being late this year, the Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter will start at the earlier time of 4.30am; we look forward to another splendid Easter breakfast afterwards! On Easter Thursday, fifteen of us set out for Condette, near Boulogne, for three days shared with members of our linked parish of Chant d'Oiseau, in Brussels. Apart from the opportunity of joining in worship with our Belgian friends and the community at the Retreat House where we shall be staying, we shall be hearing about the history and current situation of the Coptic Church.

A final note: there will be four concerts on the Sunday evenings in May, giving us a chance to support the Music and Organ funds, and two charities, Christian Aid and SPEAK (see page 14) *With prayers and good wishes for Holy Week and Easter*
Fr Andrew

HOLYWEEK AND EASTER 2006

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: times for Confession

The Vicar: Fri 7th 12.05pm Sat 8th 6.30pm
Mon 10th 2.30pm Wed 12th 12.05pm Sat 15th 3pm
Fr Ian Thompson Tuesday 11th 3pm Saturday 15th 2.30pm

or by appointment with the Clergy

The Addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday, at 7pm from Monday to Thursday inclusive, on Good Friday and at the Paschal Vigil will be given by

Fr Jeremy Caddick, Dean of Emmanuel

PALM SUNDAY	8.00am	Low Mass
9th	10.30am	Blessing of Palms (Laundress Green) Procession to LSM, High Mass
	6.00pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction with first HolyWeek Address
Monday 10 th	7.45am	Low Mass
	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
Tuesday 11 th	7.45am	Low Mass
Wednesday 12 th	10.00am	Low Mass
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
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The Easter Triduum

MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.00pm	High Mass of the Lord's Supper Address and Footwashing, Procession to Altar of Repose, Stripping of Altars, Watch of the Passion
13th		
GOODFRIDAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Litany (BCP)
14th	10.00am	(1) Preaching of the Passion (2) Liturgy of the Day (1.30pm)
	5.00pm	Litany of the Cross for Children
	9.00pm	Tenebrae
HOLY SATURDAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Antecomunion
15th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer and Vigil Prayers
EASTER DAY	4.30am	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter
16th	8.00am	Low Mass
	10.30am	Procession and High Mass
	6.00pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction
EASTER MONDAY	10.00am	Low Mass

LENT ON A CHECKOUT

Five and a half months down, as I write this, of being pastoral-assistant-cum-cashier. One place of work is swept up in the busyness of Lenten preparation, term draws to a close, customers depart, and so the other becomes a relative haven of tranquillity! Easter Eggs are on the shelves, although they have yet to pass through my checkout. The mini-variety have no such tact, however, and appear at the till regardless of the season. A sense of mystery may be present, but in the usually indecipherable barcodes.

Given the theme of our current Lent Course 'Christian Discipleship Today: sent out into the world' I puzzle over the connection between these two seemingly disparate locations, the supermarket and the church. Both as cashier and pastoral assistant, I guess, I'm not especially anticipating the drama of Holy Week and Easter. Rather, perhaps, I'm waiting on an ability to recognise more fully the presence of our Risen Lord now, in the present moment: in the catholic community of the checkout, and in the wonderful mess of frustrating, exciting, sad, profound and vaguely tedious experiences that make up parish life and ministry. Nectar card, anyone?

Amy Merriman

JANET WELLS, preaching 7th May

You will know from the display recently at the back of the church that LSM has long been involved with the work of the church in Papua New Guinea, represented in this country by the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership (PNGCP). We try to keep in touch with our overseas links by personal contact as the recent visit of two members of the congregation to India has shown. On May 7th Janet Wells, a long standing and very active member of the Management Committee of the PNGCP, will be preaching. She has recently returned from visiting Papua New Guinea, having been there some years ago at the beginning of her career, and will speak from a good deal of personal experience.

Educated at North London Collegiate School, Kilburn Polytechnic – an intensive secretarial course – and Nottingham University, Janet wanted to be a social worker with children and vowed that she would never be a teacher. However she has spent her life in education, teaching almost every subject in Secondary Modern and Comprehensive Schools in Willesden, West Ham and at both primary and secondary levels in Papua New Guinea.

Early on, invited to visit a cattle station in the highlands of New Guinea Janet contacted Bishop David Hand in Papua New Guinea to see if she could visit a mission station during her stay. The short visit extended to three years, two teaching at Agenchambo and one at Martyrs School, both on the slopes of Mt Lamington whose eruption in 1951 devastated the mission church at the time.

Since her return to the UK Janet has taught, run school libraries and moved into adult education, working in training in the National Health Service, the voluntary sector including some years with Leonard Cheshire (a leading charity working with the disabled). Having been involved in the development of National Vocational Qualifications in Care, her final years of paid work were spent training and assessing NVQs for Careworkers in Lambeth and Tower Hamlets.

Janet is a Londoner living between Big Ben and the Oval. She is a lifelong Anglican and now a member of an ecumenical partnership within a Col'E Parish. She is Chairman of the Governing Body of the local church primary school and is involved with the local youth club and Lambeth branch of the Alzheimer's Society.

Music is essential to her life and Janet sings in an amateur choir. She aims to write more books, including some short stories based on her experiences in Papua New Guinea.

CAMBRIDGE SAMARITANS

- A local charity run on a shoestring.
- Nobody paid except the cleaners.
- No public funding - dependent upon donations.
- 120 volunteers.
- 45000 calls a year, 25000 are silent calls.
- Some just turn up at their offices, 4 Emmanuel Road, others email.
- All volunteers thoroughly trained
- Give talks to schools.
- Always looking for new volunteers, if interested ring C 364455.

Collections we take on Good Friday are given to the Cambridge Samaritans, please be generous.



Calendar and Intentions

for

APRIL

*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 April

Sat	1st	
SUN	2nd	5th of LENT; PASSION SUNDAY
Mon	3rd	Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7pm
Tues	4th	
Wed	5th	Lent Course (5)
Thurs	6th	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Fri	7th	
Sat	8th	
SUN	9th	PALM SUNDAY; <i>full Holy Week programme, pg 4</i>
Mon	10th	in Holy Week
Tues	11th	in Holy Week
Wed	12th	in Holy Week
Thurs	13th	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri	14th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat	15th	HOLY SATURDAY
SUN	16th	EASTER DAY
Mon	17th	in Easter Week
Tues	18th	in Easter Week
Wed	19th	in Easter Week
Thurs	20th	in Easter Week; visit to Conditte (until Sunday 23 rd)
Fri	21st	in Easter Week
Sat	22nd	in Easter Week
SUN	23rd	2nd of EASTERTIDE
Mon	24th	St. George, Martyr (transf.)
Tues	25th	St. MARK, Evangelist: LM 7.45am SM 7pm Organ Fund Group Meeting 8pm
Wed	26th	Anointing and laying on of hands at 10am Mass
Thurs	27th	Social Responsibility Group 8pm
Fri	28th	
Sat	29 th	St. Catherine of Siena
SUN	30 th	3 rd of EASTERTIDE

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for April

National Health Service	<i>Arthur Murrell</i>	1st
The Parish	<i>Austin Duncan-Jones</i>	2nd
APCM	<i>Wren Hoskyns</i>	3rd
The Homeless and Refugees	<i>Ruth Daniel</i>	4th
Renewal in Mission	<i>Robert Casey, Pr.</i>	5th
The People of Iraq	<i>Vivien Steward</i>	6th
Our Choirs, Organists and Servers	<i>Elsie Duncan-Jones</i>	7th
Our keeping of Holy Week		8th
The Parish: Fr Jeremy Caddick, Holy Week Preacher		9th
Confessors and Spiritual Guides	<i>David Davies, Pr., Eva Camps</i>	10th
Prisoners of Conscience	<i>Mary Linsey</i>	11th
Friends of LSM		12th
Christian Unity in worship and service		13th
Thanksgiving for the Cross	<i>Patricia Morris</i>	14th
The Departed		15th
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	<i>Sidney Cade, Pr.</i>	16th
Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield		17th
Our Home Communicants	<i>Lucy Barlow-Poole</i>	18th
Jerusalem and the Middle East		19th
Condette Visit	<i>Philip Pare, Pr., Trevor Huddleston, Bp., Lydia Siddall</i>	20th
Christian Blind Mission	<i>Angela Waddington, Elizabeth Bagley</i>	21st
Readers and Lay Ministers		22nd
The Parish	<i>Michael Ramsey, Bp.</i>	23rd
The People of England	<i>Ruth Mott</i>	24th
St Mark's Newnham	<i>Leslie Dunkin, Pr.</i>	25th
Church's Ministry of Healing		26th
Social Responsibility Group		27th
Animal Welfare	<i>Richard Love</i>	28th
Vocations to the Religious Life		29th
The Parish	<i>Alexander Fuller, Frederick Thorling</i>	30th

THE EASTER SEASON

*Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ
is the way, the truth and the life,
grant us grace to walk in his way,
to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life,
who liveth and reigneth, now and for ever.*

AMEN

SCIENCE, THE WORLD, AND GOD – LOCAL MAN HONOURED



Dr John Barrow, Professor of Mathematical Sciences at the University of Cambridge, has been awarded the £795,000 Templeton Prize, given annually to an individual to encourage and honour the advancement of knowledge in spiritual matters. He will receive the prize during a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on 3rd May. The prize was created in 1972 by philanthropist Sir John Marks Templeton, who specified that its monetary value always exceed that of the Nobel Prize so that the media would take it seriously. It was awarded to Dr Barrow

for Progress Toward Research or Discoveries about Spiritual Realities and is the world's richest individual scholarly research grant.

What attracted the Templeton Foundation is his engagement with the structure of the universe and its laws that make life possible, as well as the multidisciplinary perspectives he has developed on the limits of scientific explanation and the mysteries of nothingness and infinity.

Dr Barrow is Director of Cambridge's Millennium Mathematics Project and Gresham Professor of Astronomy at London's Gresham College. He has been a popular writer in Britain since the publication of his 1986 book, *The Anthropic Cosmological Principle*, written in conjunction with mathematician Frank Tipler, and has lectured on cosmology at the Venice Film Festival, 10 Downing St., Windsor Castle and the Vatican.

In a news release, the prize organizers said Dr. Barrow's work "has given theologians and philosophers inescapable questions to consider when examining the very essence of belief, the nature of the universe, and humanity's place in it." Dr. Barrow and his family are members of the United Reformed Church in Cambridge, which teaches "a traditional deistic picture of the universe."

Dr. Barrow said that astronomy's revelations, that a big, old, dark, cold universe with its planets and stars and galaxies separated by vast distances is necessary for the creation and existence of pinpricks of life, have transformed the simple-minded, life-averse, meaningless universe of the sceptical philosophers.

It breathes new life into so many religious questions of ultimate concern and never-ending fascination. Many of the deepest and most engaging questions that we grapple with still about the nature of the universe have their origins in our purely religious quest for meaning.

We see now how it is possible for a universe that displays unending complexity and exquisite structure to be governed by a few simple laws that are symmetrical and intelligible, laws which govern the most remarkable things in our universe - populations of elementary particles that are everywhere perfectly identical.

There are some who say that just because we use our minds to appreciate the order and complexity of the universe around us, there is nothing more to that order than what is imposed by the human mind. That is a serious misjudgment.

WHO WAS ST MARK?

The second Gospel was written by St. Mark, who, in the New Testament, is sometimes called John Mark. Both he and his mother, Mary, were highly esteemed in the early Church, and his mother's house in Jerusalem served as a meeting place for Christians there.

St. Mark was associated with St. Paul and St. Barnabas (who was Mark's cousin) on their missionary journey through the island of Cyprus. Later he accompanied St. Barnabas alone. We know also that he was in Rome with St. Peter and St. Paul. Tradition ascribes to him the founding of the Church in Alexandria.

St. Mark wrote the second Gospel, probably in Rome sometime before the year 60 A.D. He wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity. Tradition tells us that St. Mark was requested by the Romans to set down the teachings of St. Peter. This seems to be confirmed by the position which St. Peter has in this Gospel. In this way the second Gospel is a record of the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Prince of the Apostles. St. Mark's feast day is April 25th. He is the patron saint of notaries.

Lt St Mary's Choirs

Carrying his own cross,
he went out to the place
... called Golgotha.

John 19:17

The Passion of Christ

Somervell

*Little St Mary's Church
Sunday April 2nd*

4:15pm



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GROUP

We are grateful for the many members of the congregation who have returned their slips. Analysing them will be very interesting and revealing. If you have still to return your slip please let me have it.

A proportion of the receipts from the May concerts will be devoted to the work of Cambridge SPEAK which is part of the UK Speak Network of Christian students and young people, which exists, in the words of its web site 'to transform situations of injustice through linking people together to use their voice and pray for change. Through bringing change to situations of injustice we want to share our faith in an all loving all powerful creator God.'

On a weekend which, alas, clashes with our Gift Day Cambridge SPEAK will be hosting the world's biggest dress, consisting of more than 7000 squares of fabric decorated with requests for fairer trade rules, on Christ's Pieces. A series of events will focus on injustice and will include a rich-poor dinner, a performance of a musical relating to the issue of fair trade, a dance upon injustice, an open day and a half-night of prayer. The aim is to raise awareness of trade justice issues and to encourage ethical living.

SPEAK has a very informative web site at www.cam.ac.uk/societies/speak which has links to both SPEAK nationally and other SPEAK groups.

Tim Wheatley

CATHY'S HYMN BLOG SPOT

If you'd like to know a bit more about the hymns that have featured as the subject of the sermons at ISM in recent weeks you might like to visit my blog at: <http://cathythinks.blogspot.com/>

There is an entry on the Jacob Wrestling hymn this week (did you know it really has fourteen verses?), and last week I featured 'All my hope on God is founded' Whose trust is meant when it says "sword and crown betray _____ his _____ trust"?

Find out the answer to this and other questions, every week on my blogspot! **Feedback and comments gratefully received.**

Catherine Osborne

SERVICES AT LITTLE ST MARY'S

Sundays

7.30am *Morning Prayer* 8.00am *Holy Communion*
10.30am *High Mass* 6.00pm *Solemn Eucharist & Benediction*

Weekday Services

Monday

7.15am *Morning Prayer* 7.45am *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Tuesday

7.15am *Morning Prayer* 7.45am *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Wednesday

9.00am *Morning Prayer* 10.00am *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Thursday

7.15am *Morning Prayer* 7.45am & 6.30pm *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Friday

7.15am *Morning Prayer* 7.45am & 12.30pm *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Saturday

8.00am *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Festivals

7.00pm *Sung Mass*
Low Mass as announced

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Friday at Noon Saturday 6.30pm
or at other times by appointment

Coffee is served in the Parish Room after the 10.30am High Mass on Sundays and after the Low Mass on Wednesdays.

There is a Charity Lunch, £2, after the Low Mass on Fridays supporting both home and overseas charities.

There is a monthly Meditation on the Word, offering time for prayer and reflection, from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel, as announced.

LSM Social group/ mailing list

To join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMsocial/>

Mailing list only; blank email to: LSMsocial_subscribe@yahoo.com