

*Little St. Mary's, Cambridge*

# NEWSLETTER

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## SERVICES & EVENTS IN MAY

- Mon 1st SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles  
10.00am Sung Mass
- Sun 7th **4th SUNDAY of EASTER**  
10.30am Address: Janet Wells, Papua New Guinea Church  
Partnership Council  
7.30pm Music in May Concert
- Sun 14th **5th SUNDAY of EASTER**  
7.30pm Music in May Concert
- Mon 15th St MATTHIAS, Apostle  
7.45am Low Mass                      7.00pm Sung Mass  
Meditations on the Word: 1.00pm
- Tue 16th WSociety of Mary May Devotion. 8.00pm
- Sun 21st **6th SUNDAY of EASTER Rogation Sunday**  
10.30am: Preacher: The Revd Ben Gordon-Taylor,  
Senior Tutor, Mirfield      Beating of the Bounds  
7.30pm Music in May Concert
- Thur 25th **ASCENSION DAY**  
7.45am Low Mass                      7.00pm Sung Mass
- Sun 28th **SUNDAY after ASCENSION**  
7.30pm Music in May Concert

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## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Early last month we held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting; those newly elected to serve for a three year term on the PCC are: Robert de Wolf, Sally Head, Jane Jackson, Mary Ward and Jo Wibberley. Please pray for all members of the Council, and especially for our Churchwardens, Paul Huskinson and Robin Osborne, who will be sworn by the Archdeacon of Ely at his Visitation at St Mary's Brinkley on May 8<sup>th</sup>. I'm always somewhat disappointed by attendance at the APCM (this time about a sixth of those on the Electoral Roll); once again we had a numerically erudite report from the Electoral Roll Officer, and an excellent presentation of the accounts by the Honorary Treasurer. I tried to conclude the meeting with a suggestion for a positive way of looking at parish development and how we achieve it, in times of much negativity about church life. I reproduce part of what I said in the hope that it might reach a wider audience!

From one perspective, it might look as if the last year or so has been about PROJECTS: finalising the Organ contract, moving slowly towards the removal of the old organ, and now waiting for the new one...and going through a rather similar process in order to get the heating system renewed. There have been other projects too...the final publication of the LSM book - 'LSM, a Living History'...and there's been the process of sharing out various tasks such as the editing of the Newsletter, and the setting up of a parish diary (thanks to Chris Thorpe), and working towards the appointment of an Administrator. These are processes, developments which have taken time...The PCC itself spent a day reflecting on how it goes about its business and plays its part in the Church's mission, and this is a continuing exercise. Many of our projects and processes have been quite slow moving, and have consumed plenty of the time and energy of a great many people...

But this isn't just a list of things being done, or talked about. They are all about PEOPLE...the people who *give* time, skills, commitment...and the people who are *affected*...by the improvement of church music, by the prospect of being kept a bit warmer in church, by continuing attention to the reverent presentation of worship, by all the things that contribute to the flourishing of a Christian community. Probably we all know of that prayer which speaks of toiling without asking for any reward save that of knowing that we do God's will...and we certainly have to pray that we may discern God's

will in the life of this parish, which is why our prayer for each other, and meeting together for worship remain so crucial. But I think, despite that prayer about not seeking reward, it's important to affirm what so many people *do* offer – servers, musicians, in the multiplicity of sacristy tasks, on the various committees and working groups, caring for the building and the churchyard garden, meeting contractors on site, looking after the books, editing the Newsletter, and so on and on! We are, I hope, truly grateful to one another.

So it's about people, not just projects in themselves; you can't have the projects without the people! And the people, surely, must be a people of prayer. This is what must undergird planning and activity. I do find one of the most difficult issues to cope with at the moment to be the way in which *worship together at the principal service on Sundays is no longer taken for granted as the very heart of Christian life and discipleship*. Electronic communication and the wonders of modern technology are not, or so it seems to me, a substitute for gathering on the Lord's Day for the Mass, whatever may be said about 'Fresh expressions of Church'. *Interconnectedness* was a word which was used when we were reflecting during the Lent Course on 'Catholicity', and the basis of interconnectedness is Eucharistic Communion in Christ...being remembered, reconfigured as citizens of Christ's Kingdom. It is a privilege for us to have the opportunities which we do have for such remembering...we are blessed in the time and commitment which is given to the enrichment of worship through music, the aesthetic, the preaching.

We rejoice that the PCC is prepared to support the continuance of the Lay Pastoral Assistant post. And this must lead us into a sense of excitement about the *potential for growth*, for the extension of partnership...not in a fraught activism, but in a deeply rooted commitment to the kingdom for which we pray in the Lord's Prayer. The tiny contribution which we are able to make by making the Parish Room available to small groups of people with Mental Health needs...the first tentative explorations of how to collaborate more effectively with neighbouring churches, Anglican and non-Anglican: these are just two examples of what I'm trying to say; and they would be part of what it's likely that we shall be asked to consider by way of more partnership with other parishes in our Area Deanery. Here, and in many other 'in-house' ways (how the Junior Choir will continue to grow and play a distinctive part in our worship, for example), we have the opportunity for creative development, ways of being positive about

the local church in an era of much negativity. Such development needs people, their prayers, their gifts, their money. Over the coming months we shall be looking for ways of communicating the possibilities and the needs to more of our people than are present at this meeting. As we give thanks for all that has been and all that is, let us pray for a real and creative vision for the future.”

One way in which we hope to further this exercise in communication will be an event on Wednesday July 5<sup>th</sup>, for which we shall send out invitations. By the time we reach that date, however, we shall have had, on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>, the

#### 2006 GIFT DAY

As always, we are looking for contributions for the Stalls..

*Cakes and Home Produce, Books in good condition, Plants*

and meanwhile..

*More Volunteers wanted for 'Trial by Jury'*

to be performed on Gift Day and the evening before. (see page 13)

Contact Christian Rutherford for further details; and please take note of the excellent series of concerts in May. (see page 5)

*with love and prayers: Fr Andrew*

#### A NOTE FROM THE 'TINIES' CHOIR

The 'Tinies' Choir is now starting its third year. I am very pleased to record that in September one child joined the Junior Choir and now a further 5 children are beginning the process of transition to the Junior Choir. We will miss their enthusiasm and dedication.

We look forward to welcoming any children aged 4-7 that would enjoy half an hour's singing in the Parish Room on Friday at 5.30pm, followed by juice and biscuits. Younger siblings are welcome, as are parents. I would like to say a huge thank-you to 'Granny Barbara' who provides invaluable help both with the singing and as an exemplary role model.

Two requests.....

- a better name for the Choir
- any percussion instruments would be most gratefully received...  
tambourines, shakers, maracas,,,

Mary Ward

# MAY CONCERTS AT LSM



Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> May  
7.30pm

*Tickets: £5 for each Concert, or £15 for all four. Profit from ticket sales will be divided between the Music and Lay Pastoral Assistant Funds. NB there will also be a retiring collection for a charity (see below) after each concert.*

## Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>: David Christophersen (Piano)

*Programme:* Beethoven 'Moonlight Sonata'  
Sonata in Eb "Les Adieux"  
Schumann 'Kreisleriana'

*Charity Collection: AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL*



## Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>: Sans Souci Quartet

*Programme:* Haydn Opus 77 no.1  
Gyrowetz Opus 44 no.3  
Brahms Opus 51 no.2

*Charity Collection: FRIENDS of FULBOURN HOSPITAL*

## Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>: Anthony Halstead Trio

*Programme to include Brahms St Anthony Variations and Horn Trio*

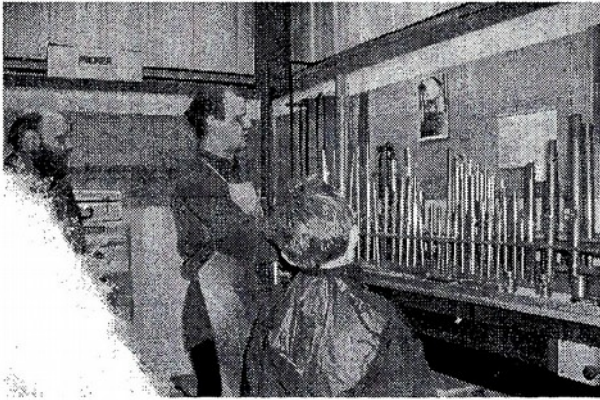
*Charity Collection: CHRISTIAN AID*

## Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>: Fusae Takahashi (Piano)

*Programme:* J.S.Bach English Suite in E minor: BWV 810  
Schubert Moments Musicaux Op 94, D780  
Chopin Sonata no.3 in B minor, Op.58

*Charity Collection: SPEAK (Christian involvement in the Trade Justice Movement: Proverbs 31.9: speak up and judge fairly defend the rights of the poor and needy)*

## VISIT TO THE ORGAN WORKS



served quickly.

After Mass on 25th March a group of more than 20 of us from LSM set off to see Kenneth Tickell's organ works in Northampton, stopping for a delicious lunch at a pub on the way. Catherine Osborne took our orders for food on the coach and telephoned the pub in advance so that we were

The organ works are in a large modern building on an industrial estate. Mr Tickell and three other members of his staff were there to meet us and show us round. Currently the firm is building the organ for Cheltenham Ladies' College and the framework of the instrument was standing in the main work area. One of the builders explained how the organ works by showing us the soundboards and tracker (mechanical) action which were under construction. Another member of staff demonstrated how the pipes are voiced. Particular care has to be taken to ensure that the temperature is correct. We saw various types of pipes: a wooden pedal reed, a flute, diapason and string.

All of us were impressed by the high level of skill in the craftsmanship and minute attention to detail. The smell of the new wood was delightful. The visit confirmed that we have engaged an excellent firm to build what will no doubt be an outstanding instrument for LSM which we are looking forward to very much.

On a personal note it was a great privilege for me to play the organ for evensong for the last time on the former organ the next day. Thank you to Robin and Catherine Osborne for organising such an enjoyable and happy trip. For more information see the website where LSM is mentioned:

<http://www.tickell-organs.co.uk/>

Dr Peter Harland

### A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER.

If you are a tax payer and have to fill in a tax return and need to know how much you have given to LSM under the Gift Aid scheme, please ring the treasurer on C.352912.



## Calendar and Intentions

for

MAY

*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 May

|       |      |   |
|-------|------|---|
| Mon   | 1st  | SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles: SM 10am                                    |
| Tues  | 2nd  | St Athanasius, Bishop: C.B.S. 8pm                                       |
| Wed   | 3rd  |   |
| Thurs | 4th  |   |
| Fri   | 5th  |   |
| Sat   | 6th  |   |
|       |      |   |
| SUN   | 7th  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of EASTER   |
| Mon   | 8th  | Julian of Norwich: Archdeacon's Visitation                              |
| Tues  | 9th  | Friends of LSM Committee 6.35pm, PCC 7.15pm                             |
| Wed   | 10th |   |
| Thurs | 11th |   |
| Fri   | 12th |   |
| Sat   | 13th |   |
|       |      |   |
| SUN   | 14th | 5 <sup>th</sup> of EASTER   |
| Mon   | 15th | St MATTHIAS, Apostle: LM 7.45am, SM 7pm<br>Meditations on the Word: 1pm |
| Tues  | 16th | Society of Mary May Devotion 8pm  |
| Wed   | 17th |   |
| Thurs | 18th |   |
| Fri   | 19th | St Dunstan, Bishop: anointing at 12.30pm LM                             |
| Sat   | 20th |   |
|       |      |   |
| SUN   | 21st | 6th of EASTER: ROGATION: Beating the Bounds                             |
| Mon   | 22nd | Rogation Day: Gift Day Planning Meeting 7pm                             |
| Tues  | 23rd | Rogation Day  |
| Wed   | 24th | Rogation Day: commem. John & Charles Wesley                             |
| Thurs | 25th | ASCENSION DAY: LM 7.45am SM 7pm   |
| Fri   | 26th | St Augustine of Canterbury  |
| Sat   | 27th |   |
|       |      |   |
| SUN   | 28th | 7th of EASTER   |
| Mon   | 29th | National Pilgrimage to Walsingham                                       |
| Tues  | 30th |   |
| Wed   | 31st |   |



## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for May

|  |   |      |
|--|---|------|
| The Bishops in this Diocese                      | <i>Cicely Gibson</i>                                      | 1st  |
| Devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament    | <i>Richard Mashedor Pr.</i>                               | 2nd  |
| Pastoral planning for our Area Deanery           |   | 3rd  |
| Christian Unity                                  |   | 4th  |
| Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme       |   | 5th  |
| Matthew Vernon and Sally Clough (Wedding)        |   | 6th  |
|  |   |      |
| The Parish                                       |   | 7th  |
| Our Churchwardens                                |   | 8th  |
| P.C.C.   | <i>Lois Rayner</i>  | 9th  |
| Friends of LSM                                   |   | 10th |
| Ordination training in Cambridge and East Anglia | <i>Arthur Mickle</i>                                      | 11th |
| The People of Iraq                               | <i>Margaret Robinson</i>                                  | 12th |
| Christian Aid                                    | <i>Charles Perrin</i>                                     | 13th |
|  |   |      |
| The Parish                                       | <i>Walker Percy</i>                                       | 14th |
| Openness to the Holy Spirit                      | <i>Sybil Watts, Ruth Walker</i>                           | 15th |
|  |   |      |
| Society of Mary                                  | <i>Sarah Marriott White</i>                               | 16th |
| N.H.S.   | <i>Constance Rosedale, Gwendolen Plumley, Elsie Dolby</i> | 17th |
| Those preparing for exams                        | <i>Arthur Cuff</i>  | 18th |
| Ministry of Healing                              | <i>Helen Paton</i>  | 19th |
| Church Musicians                                 |   | 20th |
|  |   |      |
| The Parish                                       | <i>Ethel Gibbons</i>                                      | 21st |
| Farmers and Fishermen                            |   | 22nd |
| Those working in service industries              |   | 23rd |
| Those working in manufacturing industry          | <i>Elizabeth Glover</i>                                   | 24th |
| Thanksgiving for Our Lord, crowned in glory      | <i>Hugh Maycock, Pr.</i>                                  | 25th |
| Mission: PNG Church Partnership                  | <i>Edward Hardy Pr, Margaret Verney</i>                   | 26th |
| United Nations                                   | <i>Harry Nourse</i>                                       | 27th |
|  |   |      |
| The Parish                                       | <i>Eileen Cope, Frank Hollick</i>                         | 28th |
| National Pilgrimage to Walsingham                |   | 29th |
| Care for the environment                         |   | 30th |
| Those working in local government                | <i>Liz Fretten</i>  | 31st |

## *MUSIC IN MAY*

*(Concerts in LSM on Sundays  
May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm)*

*Eternal God,  
source of all beauty and harmony,  
we praise thee for the gift of music:  
for the inspiration given to those who compose  
it,  
for the skill and devotion of those who perform  
it,  
for the faculties and powers  
which enable us to enjoy it;  
and we pray that, as by this gift  
our lives are enriched and renewed,  
so we may glorify thee  
in a fuller dedication of ourselves:  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord  
AMEN*

## A VISIT TO THE CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICE

I visited India in March with David, a friend from Cape Town, and spent two days in Calcutta. We had an enthusiastic welcome from Rig David, Director of the Cathedral Relief Service.

We visited Besanti Devi (BD) Colony, one of 16 city slum areas supported by CRS. This community were squatters displaced by the Government, a general problem as Calcutta expands. CRS provided materials for houses and a primary school, which we visited, which provides education to 250 children, shortly to expand to 400. Run by the community, teachers and the committee are all local people. We met Bishu Chakraborty, born at the Colony into a desperately poor family which he helped support as a child labourer in a factory. Aged 8, Bishu joined CRS education centre, and was the first Colony child to be mainstreamed into Lee Collins High School. He then obtained a string of qualifications at Medical College and now works in the Colony and is a leader of the community there.

We also visited the Women's Self-help Group who were celebrating International Women's Day. We were asked to present prizes to members of the Group. About 40 women were present, some with young children, who despite their poverty, were all dressed in lovely saris.

Next day, we went to Balarampur, a remote village east of Calcutta. A cause of poverty in the city is the influx of rural people unable to sustain themselves. To overcome this, CRS has started to support rural communities.

CRS has established a school at Balarampur and a women's self-help group. A medical clinic is planned. We visited the school where over 100 children awaited us (total complement 270). As with BD, the teachers are from the village.

The role of CRS has changed to enabling self-sufficiency. Building materials are provided, health care is taught, health workers trained, and women learn skills they can pass on. People are taught their rights and how to enforce them.

Adrian Whalley, Secretary of the Friends, will run in the 56 mile marathon from Durban to Pietermaritzburg in June and is looking for sponsorship to raise money for CRS. If you would like to support him, please let me have a cheque payable to "Friends of the Cathedral Relief Service" to send on. He will also visit Cape Town, where he hopes to help David form a CRS support group. A more detailed account of our visit to CRS is on the Parish website and copies of the latest CRS newsletter are at the back of the Church.

Clive Brown

## VISIT TO CONDETTE

Fifteen individuals from LSM journeyed, by various means, to encounter a group of the same number from Chant d'Oiseau at Les Tourelles, the diocesan retreat house at Condette, just outside Boulogne. From our arrival at tea time on Thursday to departure after Sunday lunch, time was closely accounted for; the lectures on history and liturgy of the Coptic church in Egypt and Ethiopia, delivered with tremendous gusto and aplomb by the erudite but jovial Fr Ugo Zanetti from the Eastern Rite monastery of Chevetogne (and illustrated at times with recordings of monks' wolfish ululations) dovetailed strangely with the modern French minimalism of the daily Mass and offices. That austere yet cloying modernity, glaring and at times inept, and the secular ambience of the 'pavillon' where villagers joined us for the evening Eucharists, seemed not best in tune with the paschal joy of which we were constantly reminded in the readings and homilies. I think it made both the LSM contingent and the Chant-d'Oiseaux more cognisant and appreciative of the liturgical and musical riches that we enjoy at our respective homes. But I shall take to heart one apothegm from the local priest which was not unworthy of the Desert Fathers of old: "Dieu propose, mais l'homme est compliqué."

Some of us thought it a pity that there was so little unstructured time available to enjoy the beautifully manicured grounds, bright with spring flowers and looking their best in the warm spring sunshine we were vouchsafed for almost the whole of our stay. But afternoon excursions to the coast, and evening ambles to the village bar with its most genial host, offered some relief from the serious agenda.

Fr Ugo, himself a polyglot of no mean accomplishment, had stressed throughout his talks the way in which uniformity of liturgy, in a rite which has constantly evolved since the earliest times but retains its identity, can overcome the barriers of language, that little human complication that can so persistently try to thwart what God has proposed. We heard anecdotes of seven priests concelebrating happily, each in his own language. And it was nice that something of that experience of Pentecostal communication rather than Babel-like confusion was distilled on Sunday morning, in the little chapel in the corner of that banker's baronial mansion, as Fr Andrew celebrated the English version of the Western Rite with Francophone lections.

James Yardley

*Little St Mary's*

*presents*

**TRIAL BY  
JURY**

*by W S Gilbert  
& A Sullivan*



*Little St Mary's Church  
Friday 16th June, 8.00pm  
Saturday 17th June, 3.00pm*

Friday Lunch Charity for May and June:

*NORTHERN IRELAND CHILDRENS HOLIDAY SCHEME*

Once again, as the signs of hope continue to ebb and flow in Northern Ireland we shall be supporting one small but important attempt to build trust and confidence among the people of the Province. NICHHS brings together youngsters from the Catholic and Protestant communities for holidays and other projects. So as you look ahead to your summer holidays, please come along to the Friday lunches in May and June, and help NICHHS in its valuable work.

*PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS*

Some of our members will remember **Elsie Perrin**, widow of former Churchwarden Charles Perrin, mother-in-law of the late Fred Linsey, and a faithful worshipper at LSM. A few years ago she moved from her house in Coronation Terrace to be near her daughter Ruth in Bishops Stortford. On April 23<sup>rd</sup> she celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and we send her our congratulations, best wishes and prayers.

**Catherine Beesley** had to spend Holy Week in Addenbrookes, but it sounds as if tests during this time have shown why she has been suffering so many angina attacks; so we hope that she will now be much better (and fit for her long-awaited holiday in Scotland in May!). **Barbara Chamier** slipped and broke an ankle a fortnight before Easter, and subsequently suffered complications because of painkillers; but she determinedly joined the LSM/Chant d'Oiseau group at Condette after Easter. **Marguerite South**, known to many members of the Friends of LSM, after being in Addenbrookes for five weeks, is now in the Arthur Rank Hospice.

We offer our prayers and sympathy to **Maggie Hulyer**, on the death of her father, **Noel Cawthorne**. We pray for the repose of his soul, and also for **Archbishop David Hand**, an important figure in the development of the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea as the first Primate of the Province; he spent much of his ministry and most of his retirement in PNG, but visited us a few years ago to preach on All Saints Day.

*MARY'S MONTH... the May Devotion: and then to Walsingham!*

Our Ward of the Society of Mary will again be celebrating Our Lad's month of May with the exuberance of the May Devotion on **Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup>** at 8pm. All welcome to join them!

The National Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham will be on **Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>** (details from Fr Andrew), and we have our own (rather quieter!) combined Parish and Society of Mary Pilgrimage on **Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>**...look out for the list for the coach.