

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN JUNE

Sun 4th	PENTECOST 10.30am Preacher: the Revd Canon Donald Gray Friends of LSM Festival
Sun 11th	TRINITY SUNDAY 7.30pm Music in May Concert
Mon 12th	St BARNABAS, Apostle 7.45am Low Mass 7.00pm Sung Mass
Thurs 15th	CORPUS CHRISTI 7.45am Low Mass 7.00pm Sung Mass, Procession & Benediction
Fri 16th	8.00pm Trial by Jury
Sat 17th	GIFT DAY Noon: Young People's Concert 3.00pm Trial by Jury Stalls: 11am - 4.30pm 6.00pm Choral Evensong & Benediction
Sun 18th	1st SUNDAY after TRINITY 10.30am: Preacher: The Revd Peter Groves Priest in Charge, St Mary Magdalene, Oxford
Thurs 22nd	SACRED HEART OF JESUS 7.45am Low Mass 12.30pm Low Mass with hymns
Sat 24th	BIRTH of ST JOHN, BAPTIST 10.00am Sung Mass
Sun 28th	1st SUNDAY after TRINITY
Thurs 29th	ST PETER, Apostle 7.45am Low Mass 7.00pm Sung Mass

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The 2006 **GIFT DAY** looms large on our June Calendar, and I hope very much that it will be a success not only in helping us to meet our financial commitments, but also in drawing all of us together in having a wonderful time! Details of the Gift Day programme are on the opposite page. I'd also like to draw your attention to two major liturgical events this month; **Corpus Christi** will provide us with a great prelude to the Gift Day events, with the High Mass, Procession of the Host and Benediction at 7pm on **Thursday June 16th**. If it is at the heart of our faith to recognize Jesus in the Sacrament of the Altar, so we must also see him in our neighbour, in the community which comes together for the fun and hard work of Gift Day, and particularly in those, wherever they may be and however we encounter them, who are vulnerable and needy. Then on **Thursday June 29th** we celebrate the Feast of our 'older' Patron, **St Peter**. There is the possibility of some special music on this occasion, but this is yet to be arranged.

On matters of 'bricks and mortar', we have now received the Faculty for the replacement of the very ancient **heating pipes and radiators**, which have been giving trouble for some years. This major work, to be paid for out of the Vicar and Churchwardens' Fund, will, we hope, be carried out between mid-July and the end of August. More of a distant vision is the idea of once again extending the Parish Room, this time on its south side, to make an additional room which could also open up into the existing space. As many of you are aware, we often suffer from overcrowding when people gather after Sunday High Mass or on special occasions; and there are many occasions when we could also do with an additional room in which a small group would be able to meet. Our architect has prepared a drawing offering a very simple suggestion for this kind of extension, and a copy will be displayed in the Parish Room for comments and suggestions. I probably don't need to emphasize that this would be a slow and complex process, if it gets under way at all; but perhaps we should rejoice at the fact that lack of space is a problem!

Improvements in LSM are not all about heating pipes and architects' drawings; I'm very grateful to the people who look after our vestments and altar linen; there's a team of people under the general supervision of Mark Caddick who wash the linen (and there's Hazel Pritchett Harris who washes armfuls of Cottas!); there are people like Jill Biddle and Jo McGrade who repair vestments and falls... and now these two are about to undertake the restoration and improvement of one of the sets of gold High Mass vestments. We have also ordered new green falls for the pulpit and lectern, the old ones being very worn, and a matching fall for the legilium; we hope that the cost of these will be covered by a grant from the strangely named 'Number 1 Trust' which supports churches of Catholic tradition!

On page 4 you will find a piece about the comings and goings of Lay Pastoral Assistants and Ordinands, currently a major part of LSM life!

Fr Andrew

GIFT DAY 2006

Saturday June 17th

Our Gift Day Presentation this year is

Gilbert and Sullivan's

'TRIAL BY JURY'

to be performed in the Church on

Friday June 16th at 8pm

Saturday June 17th at 3pm

Other Events

Noon: Young People's Concert

6pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction

Gift Day Stalls, from 11am-4.30pm

Cakes and Home Produce, Books and CDs, Plants, Photos

Refreshments: Coffee, Lunches, Teas

View the Churchyard Garden

Vicar at the Church Door: 11.30-11.50am, 2.10-2.30pm-

Please support whatever you can!

Your generous donations are invited:

Little St Mary's is committed to meeting its Parish Share in support of

the Church's ministry here and in the wider Church,

to maintaining our lovely medieval building

(keeping it open all and every day)

and to regular giving to Missions and Charities

both at home and overseas

LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANTS & ORDINANDS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Amy Merriman**, who has been appointed to the post of Chaplaincy Assistant at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln. Her nine months with us will be over at the end of June, and the present plan is that July 2nd (when we keep the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth) will be her last Sunday with us; however, we are currently looking into the possibility of her being able to stay for a further month. Her replacement, from the beginning of October, will be **Gemma Burnet-Chetwynd**. From Northern Ireland, Gemma read theology at Corpus Christi College here in Cambridge, where she was confirmed; she then did an MPhil, supervised by Fr Ben Quash. Now married to Paul, a PhD student, she has been assisting on Sundays in Fulbourn Parish over the last few months. We are hoping that she and Paul will be able to have one of the flats for married couples at Wesley House, where both Amy and Alex Faludy have had rooms while working with us at LSM; but this is not yet settled.

We have been fortunate time and again in the quality of ordinands who have been on attachment at LSM from Westcott House and Ridley Hall; **Paul Redparth** is someone who has been particularly generous in the time he has given to us. Among much else, he played an important part in the planning of the Lent Courses both this year and last, and we look forward to his swansong when he plays the part of Counsel for the Plaintiff in 'Trial by Jury'! He will be ordained deacon in Chichester Cathedral on July 1st, to serve in the parish of All Saints, Ruffey, near Horsham. **Paul West**, from the Diocese of Wangaratta in Australia, has been denied as much time as he would have liked at LSM by the need to experience other manifestations of the C.of E., but we are delighted that his Bishop's suggestion that he be ordained deacon in LSM has been approved; this means that many of the friends he has made while in Cambridge will be able to attend his ordination, which will be on St Benedict's Day, **Tuesday July 11th**, at 7.30pm. His Bishop will be in the UK at this time, on sabbatical leave. **Natasha Woodward** is another Westcott ordinand who has been worshipping with us this year, and who, like her husband Stephen, has been an altar server here for some months. She will be ordained deacon to serve in the parish St Paulinus, Crayford in the Rochester Diocese on Saturday September 9th at 3pm. **Liz Adekunle**, in her first year at Ridley Hall, has been a lively presence among us, and we hope that we may see something of her next academic year too. Among those to be priested this year, we shall especially remember **John Hughes**, in Exeter Diocese, and **Matt Bullimore** in Wakefield Diocese. Matt is to be married in Emmanuel College Chapel on August 12th. Many of you will also remember **Fr Robert Mackley**; he will be moving in June from his first curacy at Clerkenwell, to be Assistant Priest at Liverpool Parish Church.

Finally, for the month of July, and joining us on July 2nd, we shall have with us on placement (which is a more full-time commitment than an attachment) **Anthony Hammill**, another ordinand from Ridley Hall. A good way for someone in this

position to get to know more about LSM and its people is through being invited to meals in the homes of members of the congregation. So do please let me know if you might be able to offer Anthony hospitality during July.

To all at Little St. Mary's – from Anthony Hammill, see above...

I will be joining you during July for a placement and thought you might like to know something about me before I arrive. I am training for the ordained ministry at Ridley Hall. I am married to Judi, and we live in Cambridge near to the railway station. This is good news for Judi who is head teacher of a Church of England primary school on Brick Lane in London. Until 2004 I also worked in London as a civil servant, first at the Department of the Environment and more recently at IIM Treasury. I then spent a year studying theology at King's College London before coming to Ridley. We moved here from Sevenoaks, in Rochester diocese, but do not have much claim to be from Kent: I grew up in Newcastle and Judi in Peru. Since coming to Cambridge we have been attending Christ the Redeemer, East Barnwell. I am looking forward to worshipping with you at Little St. Mary's during July and being part of your parish life.

Anthony Hammill

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Marguerite South, is still in the Arthur Rank Hospice, and is very grateful for the care which she is receiving there, and for our prayers. We were very sorry to hear that **Naomi Romijn**, a post-graduate student at Peterhouse who frequently worships with us at LSM, has suffered a mild and as yet unexplained stroke; she is having to take things very carefully at the moment.

FOLLOWING JESUS TODAY: Diocesan Festival of Learning 12th-24th June
Twenty events have been arranged in this Festival; many of them are in the area of Spirituality, for example: 'A Place Apart' (on the value of Quiet Days) 'Prayer and Pastoral Practice', 'The End of Speech as the Beginning of Prayer'; some are concerned with pastoral practice, for example: 'Good grief' (exploring grief and loss through sculpture), 'I was in prison and you visited me' (on prison visiting); and there's a more general evening on vocations to ordained and lay ministries entitled 'God Calling?'. Fr Andrew has details of all twenty courses, and of how to apply; all require advance booking.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH URBAN FUND?

Trinity Sunday, June 11th, sees the Church of England focus on the issue of **poverty** in our society, and on ways in which the Church Urban Fund (set up after the 'Faith in the City' report some years ago) is still needed for the financial support of projects designed to alleviate poverty. Please use the prayer on page 10, and look at the material on Poverty today in Church. (*article about Church Urban Fund on p6*)

WELL BEING DAY: Monday June 26th

Arranged by the local Mental Health Partnership Trust, the day will run from 11 am-3pm at the Meadows Community Centre, to help those with Mental Health problems towards finding work, volunteering or starting new hobbies. The Trust would be grateful for sponsorship for the day... could we manage a small fund-raising event?

THE CHURCH URBAN FUND, CHALLENGING POVERTY

The *Church Urban Fund* (CUF) is a charity that resources grassroots activity in the poorest parts of England. Working in partnership with faith organisations at the local level, it supports people who are making a difference where they live. They aim to:

- Empower local projects to enable them to address issues of poverty.
 - Fund faith-based social action projects.
 - Work at a grassroots level.
 - Be a voice for faith communities.
 - Influence regeneration policy both nationally and locally.
 - Act as a signpost to helpful resources.
 - Help projects think clearly about their aims and objectives.
 - Help projects to think about the long-term impact of their work.
- Encourage the Church to better understand and serve people living in poverty.

They work in the top 10% of the poorest communities in England and use the Church of England's diocesan structure to ensure local knowledge informs support. It also enables good regional coverage and there are support projects in both urban and rural areas.

The support does not end with the projects: CUF acts as a conduit for Christian action. In a society where the Church's role is often deemed to be of marginal worth, it sees the Church as being at the heart of the community. Watch out for the **Challenging Poverty** campaign that will be launched on 1st June with a new website, www.challengingpoverty.org

GOD HAS A SENSE OF HUMOUR!

**On the sixth day, God created the platypus. And God said:
let's see the evolutionists try to figure this one out.**



Calendar and Intentions

for

JUNE

*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 June

Thurs	1st	St Justin, Martyr
Fri	2nd	
Sat	3rd	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs Parish & Society of Mary Pilgrimage to Walsingham
SUN	4th	PENTECOST: (Whitsunday): FRIENDS of LSM Festival
Mon	5th	St Boniface, Martyr
Tues	6th	South Cambridge Area Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm.
Wed	7th	
Thurs	8th	Thomas Ken, Bishop
Fri	9th	St Columba, Abbot
Sat	10th	
SUN	11th	TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon	12th	St BARNABAS, Apostle transf. LM 7.45 SM 7pm
Tues	13th	St Anthony: Area Deanery Chapter at LSM 10.30am
Wed	14th	'Trial by Jury': Dress Rehearsal
Thurs	15th	CORPUS CHRISTI: LM 7.45am HM, Procession of the Host and Benediction 7pm
Fri	16th	St Richard of Chichester: 'Trial by Jury' 8pm
Sat	17th	GIFT DAY: see page
SUN	18th	1st after TRINITY
Mon	19th	Meditations on the Word: 1pm
Tues	20th	Finance and Standing Committee 7.30pm
Wed	21st	Guild of All Souls 8pm
Thurs	22nd	St Alban, Martyr
Fri	23rd	SACRED HEART of JESUS: Hymns at 12.30pm LM
Sat	24th	BIRTH of St JOHN BAPTIST: SM 10am
SUN	25th	2nd after TRINITY
Mon	26th	
Tues	27th	
Wed	28th	St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr
Thurs	29th	St PETER, Apostle: LM 7.45am, HM 7pm
Fri.	30th	

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for June

Theologians	<i>Robert Loinsworth</i>	1st
N.Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	<i>Elizabeth Roskill.</i>	2nd
Our Walsingham Pilgrimage		3rd
The Parish		4th
Our Overseas Church links	<i>Martyn Price Thomas</i>	5th
S.Cambridge Area Synod	<i>John Coate</i>	6th
The People of Iraq	<i>Molly Wiles</i>	7th
Our Churchwardens	<i>Derek Bowen</i>	8th
Iona Community.		9th
Diocesan Synod	<i>Stephen Branch, Johan Procope</i>	10th
The Parish		11th
Good Stewardship of our resources		12th
Area Chapter	<i>Dorothy Otley</i>	13th
Friends of LSM		14th
Thanksgiving for Our Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament		15th
	<i>Elsie Watchorn, Maurice Latey</i>	
Diocese and Cathedral of Chichester		16th
All involved in our Gift Day	<i>Elsie Dotby</i>	17th
The Parish		18th
Attentiveness to God's word		19th
The Departed	<i>Amy Clarke</i>	20th
Ministry of Healing	<i>Philip Betts, James Walter Duffy Pr.</i>	21st
Diocese and Cathedral of St Alban's	<i>Hilda Mary Rayner</i>	22nd
That we may be touched by the Divine Compassion		23rd
Commitment to Justice and Peace		24th
The Parish		25th
United Nations	<i>Leonard Bones, Bernard Challis</i>	26th
Local Schools, and school leavers		27th
Bishops, Priests and Deacons		28th
Peterhouse	<i>Edward Roberts, Bp.</i>	29th
Those being ordained at this season	<i>Theresa Taylor</i>	30th

CORPUS CHRISTI

Thursday June 15th

***Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour, thee
Who in thy Sacrament art pleased to be.
Both flesh and spirit in thy presence quail,
Yet here thy Presence we devoutly hail.***

***O Christ whom now beneath a veil we see,
May what we long for soon our portion be,
To gaze on thee unveiled and see thy face,
The vision of thy glory and thy grace***

AMEN

and may we see Him also in our neighbour:

***Dear Lord, help us to follow your example by looking out
for those who each day feel that they are
marginalised, who cannot find hope, who
believe that they have little to offer, who are
overcome by the challenges of poverty.***

***Help us to widen our horizons, to make space
for the stranger, to watch out for those who
feel invisible, to give time to the outsider, to talk to
the person facing silence, to restore justice and value.***

***Give us the courage to undertake this, the
determination to join with others in seeing
grace in every human face, the
faith to embrace the opportunity in your name.***

AMEN

Little St Mary's

presents

**TRIAL BY
JURY**

by W S Gilbert
& Arthur Sullivan



*A comic operetta of a trial of
a breach of promise of marriage*

Little St Mary's Church
Friday 16th June, 8.00 pm
Saturday 17th June, 3.00 pm
Admission by programme: £6, U16s £3

ANGLO-AMERICAN FAIR, The Guildhall 1958

Opened by Mrs John Hay Whitney, wife of the American Ambassador

The Church has recently received papers with the details of an Anglo American Fair held in 1958, using the Washington Memorial as its centrepiece. These were donated by the Revd Tony Hart, then an Ordinand at Corpus Christi College. During his time in Cambridge, he had the idea of using the Memorial to raise money for the Church Restoration Fund. The congregation of the most beautiful small church in the world needed to find £7,500 (approx. £100,00 in today's money). The archive consists of all correspondence relating to the organisation of the Fair, the appeal publications and the programme and tickets for the day. The Fair attracted much positive publicity in the local press as a 'Bright and Go Ahead Event'.

In Tony Hart's own words, 'the Memorial tablet has recently seen a new splendence come over its surroundings for the church is being completely restored and the whole building is beginning to look worthy of the great tradition of beautiful and dignified worship and witness to the glory of the Christian heritage for which it is justly famed.'

Tony Hart, together with other undergraduate members of the congregation, hit upon 'celebrating the church's American connection by inviting local civilians and service folk to join them in a day of Americana with stalls and side shows from both sides of the Atlantic. In the evening, there must be an original kind of soiree, with a hamburger bar and refreshments and a transatlantic exchange of entertainment - given the Italian name of a Farrago.'

What gave the event greatest momentum was the idea of inviting the wife of the distinguished American Ambassador, Mr John Hay Whitney, to open the fair. This made it possible to issue an invitation to the USAF station at Wethersfield under Major Furley E Peebles to provide a guard of honour to receive her at the Guildhall. It also boosted the fundraising effort as Mrs Whitney was known to the Royal Family. The Queen wrote congratulating the organisers, the Queen Mother sent a case of dessert knives and forks and Princess Margaret gave a 'delightful tea service', all to be sold at the Fair.

Elaborate arrangements were made with detailed instructions to all helpers setting up stalls at the Guildhall ready for opening. At 12:00pm, Mrs Whitney arrived at the church to be received by the Bishop, the Rt Revd Noel Baring Hudson, and the Vicar, Canon Maycock. She was then shown the restoration work and

the Washington Memorial before proceeding to a reception at the Guildhall. There, she was received by the Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs B.J. White, and the High Sheriff, Mr E.G. Gordon Frost. Lunch was laid on at Christ's College where the Vice Master was Dr A.L. Peck, a name well known to members of the LSM congregation.

According to a press account, "she was wearing an extremely smart and distinctive red suit, trimmed with red velvet and a velvet hat to match." In her speech opening the Fair, Mrs Whitney said that "my husband owes his allegiance to Oxford, but I am all for Cambridge." Speaking of LSM, she said that the Washington Memorial has a special significance for Americans and established one more bond between the two nations. The Bishop of Ely, who was in the Chair, spoke of the wonderful generosity, hospitality and friendship of the Americans. "Small wonder is that I like an opportunity to be associated with our American friends." In proposing a vote of thanks to Mrs Whitney, the Mayor said, "We have a great regard for the Americans. Since the war, we have welcomed thousands of your American countrymen and at the American Cemetery at Madingley, we have a reminder of the debt that we owe to your country." The High Sheriff spoke of the work of the President of the United States (Dwight D. Eisenhower) "who was doing his part to make the world a better place in which to live."

During her tour of the Fair, Mrs Whitney took part in all the competitions and even had her photograph taken – or rather of her face which had been superimposed on a drawing of a bathing beauty. Canon Maycock joined her in the photograph, having his head taken above the sketch of a muscle man. She also bought something at each stall that she visited.

The evening farrago began at 8.30PM with a reception and refreshments. There were floor shows by the 'Footlights' and from the 'Broadway Revue' consisting of various groups from the USAF stations. A contemporary press cutting said, "We watched Captain Jordan introduce the Revue. Sgt. Leroy Rose from Corpus Christi, Texas, was caller for the Buttons and Bows, a square dance group from Alconbury, followed by the Rainbows Rhythm and Blues group, all negro. Ed Masters from Cleveland, Ohio, played his accordian and then Floosa Hornbuckle from Detroit, Mich, led the Playboys quintet in singing a song called 'sexy ways'. Certainly, this was nothing in the usual run of church fetes." As a fundraiser, the Fair was a great success, raising £455.14.5 net (about £6 to £7,000 in today's money).

BEFRIENDING

Befriending is a much needed and much valued means of helping people. Much goes on, of course, in an informal way amongst friends and neighbours, but many charities run befriending schemes in which people commit themselves to spending an hour or two a week with someone in need of this kind of help. Well run charities will provide training and support, and arrange for the criminal record checks which are necessary for people doing this kind of work.

Charities running befriending schemes in Cambridge include Cam Mind (01223 31330) and Friends of Fulbourn Hospital (01223 88167) who help people with mental health problems. Help the Aged runs schemes for visiting the elderly (contact John Walker on 01223 60002) and also has a special scheme directed at young people wanting to visit called CONTACT. John Walker can provide more details.

Tim Wheatley, Social Responsibility Group

APPOINTMENT TO THE ORDER OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

Tessa Hobbs is being admitted to the order of Our Lady of Walsingham on July 6th in recognition, by the Guardians, of her work on the Shrine grounds. Tessa says The Guardians have appointed me to the Order of OLW. I quote



"Membership of the Order is conferred upon those who have made an exceptional contribution to the life of the Shrine. In your case this is in recognition of the complete transformation of the Shrine grounds and gardens that you have masterminded over the past two years,...."

Many congratulations to Tessa. This is not an honour lightly betowed.

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, in the Crypt as announced.

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