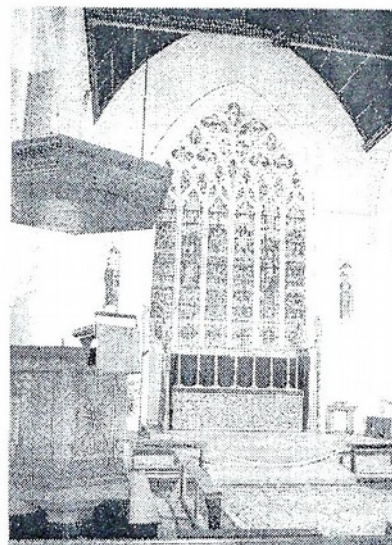


Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN JULY

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3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY
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Chaplain of The Queen's College, Oxford
- Mon 3rd 6.45pm Education & Nurture planning meeting
- Sun 9th 4th SUNDAY after TRINITY
- Tue 11th St Benedict
7.00pm Ordination to Diaconate of Paul West
- Sun 16th 5th SUNDAY after TRINITY
10.30am Preacher: Anthony Hammill, Ridley Hall ordinand
- Mon 17th PCC meets
- Fri 21st 7.00pm Sung Mass for ST MARY MAGDALENE
- Sat 22nd ST MARY MAGDALENE
8.00am Low Mass
Choir & Parish visit to St Mary Magdalen, Oxford
- Sun 23rd 6th SUNDAY after TRINITY
- Tue 25th ST JAMES, Apostle
7.45am Low Mass 7.00pm Sung Mass
- Sun 30th 7th SUNDAY after TRINITY
10.30am Preacher: Amy Merriman, Pastoral Lay Assistant

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Another **GIFT DAY** is over! A day or two after it someone said to me 'I found myself wondering what it's all about'! Maybe I was a little tired at the time, but it was a few hours later when I (for one) recalled the aims that I have for these occasions:

- to draw our own people together in a variety of activities
- to keep LSM on the 'local map'
- to boost our 'ordinary' income for the year
- to hold all this in the circle of prayer and worship

To take these points in reverse order::

Mass was celebrated at 8am: we had some moments of prayer and silence at Noon before the Young People's Concert (remembering that it was National Quiet Day), and we had Choral Evensong and Benediction (beautifully sung by the Choirs after a long hot day!) at 6pm.

Well over £6,000 was raised (see page 4), an important injection for the general fund out of which we pay our sizeable Parish Share (nearly £60,000 this year), pay the day to day bills (eg: Heating, Lighting, Wages, part of the Insurance costs, minor repairs, office expenses, clergy expenses) and set aside 5% for Mission and other charitable giving.

The 'Trial by Jury' production, in particular, drew many people (including the Mayor of Cambridge!) who wouldn't normally enter LSM or know very much about it. Even the bunting on the railings (once again put up by Bill de Quick, this year in time for our Corpus Christi procession!) told the world that *something* special was going on in that building!

I estimate that around 80 people, aged from 7 to somewhere in the 80s, and the vast majority of them part of our congregation or closely connected with it, were involved in the activities of the day...running stalls or the photo exhibition, providing refreshments, playing in the Young People's Concert, singing in the Choirs, or involved in the production of 'Trial by Jury'; and I dare to say that most of them enjoyed what they were doing most of the time! For example, Alan Lodge, who clearly enjoyed his few weeks with us, sent a most effusive e-mail!

So not only am I much encouraged, but I'm also extremely grateful to everyone (too many to name, as they say!) who contributed in any way at all to a splendid day. As always, I felt sorry both for and about those who didn't make it to anything...but that's the Vicar's lot (to adapt Gilbert in 'The *Pirates of Penzance*').

We begin the Sundays of July by keeping the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on the 2nd (often kept as our Patronal Festival, though at the moment we've moved this to the Feast of the Assumption on August 15th); the preacher will be the Chaplain of the Queen's College, Oxford, the Revd Peter Southwell. **Anthony Hammill**, from Ridley Hall, on placement with us and 'shadowing' me during the month, will be preaching at High Mass on July 16th, and **Amy Merriman** on her last Sunday with us, July 30th (we *did* agree to that one month extension!) You will remember that on St Benedict's Day, **Tuesday July 11th**, at 7pm, we have the joy and privilege of hosting the Ordination to the Diaconate of **Paul West** before he returns to the Diocese of Wangaratta in Australia for his curacy. **St Mary Magdalen** will be doubly commemorated this year; on the eve of her Festival, that is on Friday July 21st, there will be a Sung Mass at LSM at 7pm; on the day of the Festival itself, Saturday 22nd, we have a coach leaving at 8.45am for Oxford (cost approximately £20, depending on final numbers), so that we may join the congregation of 'Mary Mags' for their Patronal Festival Mass at Noon...it's not too late to sign up for the coach.

Please remember other important gatherings in your prayers; we have a PCC meeting on July 17th, and I feel that we are still struggling to find the most satisfactory way of planning the agenda and making the best possible use of our time. Either at this meeting, or in September, the Council will be discussing the proposed Pastoral Plan for the South Cambridge Area; this proposes a reduction from the current 12 stipendiary (incumbent status) posts in our Area to 10.5 over the next 11 years (a much smaller reduction than originally requested by the Diocese). But it also envisages a greater degree of collaboration between a number of 'partnerships' of parishes. Other meetings this month include one to formulate plans for a course this autumn, and to make suggestions for a possible combined series of meetings with Emmanuel URC next Lent (while not forgetting our need for more reflective time, and opportunities for silence). We have also arranged an evening to which newer members of the congregation have been invited; there will be presentations on our parish life in all its aspects,

and on what we need to do to sustain it.

We rejoice with Sophie Snoxall and Richard Fryer on their Confirmation at Ely Cathedral and First Communion at LSM (over the Gift Day weekend); may we all 'daily increase in the Holy Spirit more and more', as the Confirmation prayer expresses it, and be faithful in coming to the altar of God, the God of our joy and gladness, for our Communions. *Fr Andrew*

GIFT DAY PROVISIONAL RESULTS

The final figure is likely to be a little over £7,000.

Donations	3820.51
Trial by Jury	1037.00
Friends Golden Collection	314.00
Refreshments	299.35
Plant Stall	224.00
Photograph Exhibition	168.60
Cakes	141.00
Books	135.65
Cathy's Blog	35.50
Children's Stall	23.78
Expenses	-134.37
<i>Total for the day</i>	<i>6065.02</i>
Tax to be recovered	899.74
Grand Total	6964.76

Here are some interesting facts about the result:

- GIFT AID: *fewer* people donated a *higher* sum than in 2005
- STALLS: cakes and books *down*: total *up* thanks to plants and photos
- REFRESHMENTS: *down*: fewer customers
- DRAMA: takings *up* around 200%

All this suggests that many *more* people came specifically to 'Trial by Jury', while *fewer* people passed through to buy at the stalls (although there were significantly fewer cakes and other produce for sale on the cake stall this year) and, certainly, to have lunch or other refreshments.

Please note the 'thank-yous' in the Vicar's letter!

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Fr Ian Thompson suffered a serious wrist injury while cycling on the tow-path alongside rowers; this necessitated surgery and several hours in hospital. **Canon Alan Heawood**, a retired priest who often worships with us on feast days and on Saturday mornings, is recovering after a hip replacement operation. **Marguerite South** continues to be well cared for at Arthur Rank House.

R.I.P.

We give thanks for the priestly ministry of two priests with long and close associations with LSM who have died in recent weeks;

Fr Jack Bagley was an assistant priest here from 1936-38; much of his later ministry was in Ely Diocese, and he was made a Canon of Ely in 1968. The first fourteen years of his retirement were spent in Cambridge, and he assisted at LSM during that time. He died on May 28th at the age of 98.

Fr Geoffrey Styler, who died on June 12th at the age of 90, was a fellow of Corpus Christi College from 1948-2006, a distinguished New Testament scholar and a fine pianist. He often attended LSM in vacations and on Feast Days, and for many years celebrated the 8am Mass on Saturdays.

*May they and all the departed rest in peace and
rise in glory.*

ANGLO AMERICAN FAIR

With regard to my article on the Anglo-American Fair which appeared in the last issue of the newsletter, the Rev Tony Hart wishes it to be made clear that the organisation of the Fair owed a great deal to the enterprise of the Vicar, Fr Maycock, and the whole congregation. The newspapers of the time exaggerated the role of the students to make it a better story!

Elaine Wheatley

TRIAL BY JURY

Taking part in Trial by Jury was an experience in itself – entailing a great deal more interest and laughter than being in a court or serving on a jury normally does! Apart from anything else, the rehearsals, although often hard work, were social occasions and everyone was happy to help and encourage each other in an open and friendly way. There was a lot of laughter and growing admiration as people developed their characters with aplomb, often showing a side of themselves unknown by others! All of us were enabled to make our mark in some way, whether in a starring role or not.

Alan Lodge was an extremely skilful director, valiantly able to cope with everyone's fears and worries and to rapidly adapt or develop parts, where necessary, to suit individual characters and abilities, along with keeping up everyone's morale when anyone expressed concern about not being able to present a credible production. He also put in a great deal of his own time in preparing the show, for all of which he is due our grateful thanks and praise

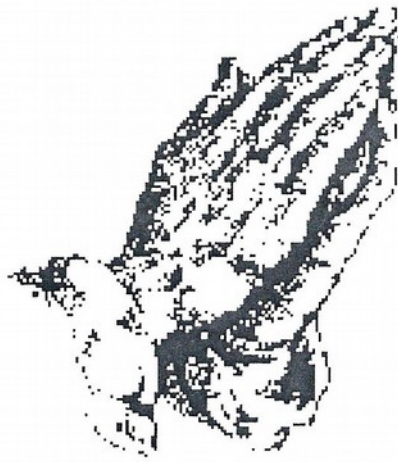
Thanks are also due to the “extras” who joined us and worked hard alongside us to fill out the ranks of jurymen, and to Tricia Davies who again spent many hours looking after us all and who seemed able to not only think of, but also to provide, everything we could possibly need before we even thought about needing it, which all helped to make the performances run smoothly.

We cannot, of course, forget to mention Christian Rutherford without whose unfailing calmness and optimism, we should not have got where we did. He was always certain that we would achieve a creditable performance, which gave us all the confidence to persist in doing our best to fulfil that belief.

We could not have achieved such “star” performances without the aid of a good audience! There is nothing more rewarding than hearing people actually laugh at the funny moments, and I certainly heard several laughs during both performances – laughs in the *right* places, too, not when we made mistakes. There were, of course, a few, which the Gilbert and Sullivan fans among you will no doubt have picked up, but I hope you will agree that we were able to keep the momentum going and felt at ease enough to cover these quite capably.

Lastly, my thanks to the “Company” for being so warm, welcoming, supportive, and friendly – what more could one ask for? Here's to the next one!

Sue Munro



Calendar and Intentions

for

JULY

*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 July

Sat.	1st	
SUN.	2nd	VISITATION of the BVM: 3rd after TRINITY
Mon.	3rd	6.45pm: education & nurture planning meeting
Tues.	4th	
Wed.	5th	Parish development: social event and presentations
Thurs.	6th	St Thomas More
Fri.	7th	
Sat.	8th	
SUN.	9th	4th after TRINITY
Mon.	10th	8pm: Society of Mary at Downham Market
Tues.	11th	7pm: Ordination of Paul West to the Diaconate
Wed.	12th	
Thurs.	13th	8pm: Social Responsibility Group
Fri.	14th	commem. John Keble
Sat.	15th	St Bonaventure Bp., St Swithun, Bp.
SUN.	16th	5th after TRINITY
Mon.	17th	7pm:Parochial Church Council
Tues.	18th	
Wed.	19th	St Gregory of Nyssa
Thurs.	20th	St Margaret of Antioch
Fri.	21st	7pm: Sung Mass for Feast of St Mary Magdalen
Sat.	22nd	St MARY MAGDALEN LM 8am: Visit to Oxford
SUN.	23rd	6th after TRINITY
Mon.	24th	
Tues.	25th	St JAMES, Apostle: LM 7.45am, SM 7pm
Wed.	26th	SS Joachim and Anna
Thurs	27th	
Fri..	28th	
Sat	29th	St Martha
SUN.	30th	7th after TRINITY
Mon.	31th	St Ignatius Loyola

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for July

Those being ordained this weekend		1st
The Parish	<i>Daniel Golding, Eunice Francis.</i>	2nd
The Spirit of wisdom	<i>Tom Forte</i>	3rd
The people of the USA	<i>Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis</i>	4th
Generous response to God's love	<i>James Owen, Pr.</i>	5th
Integrity in public life		6th
The ministry of spiritual guidance	<i>Dorothy Oakley</i>	7th
Our Organists and Choirs		8th
The Parish	<i>Matthew Richards</i>	9th
Society of Mary		10th
Paul West: the Diocese of Wangaratta, Australia	<i>Robert Runcie, Bp.</i>	11th
Friends of LSM	<i>John Rose</i>	12th
Social Responsibility	<i>Audrey Styler</i>	13th
Church's Ministry of Healing		14th
Franciscans		15th
The Parish: PCC		16th
The Departed.	<i>Jim Campbell, Elizabeth Barnes</i>	17th
Clergy and Readers* in the South Cambridge Area	<i>Winifred Eakhurst</i>	18th
Theologians	<i>John Gibson, Gordon Roe Bp</i>	19th
Those suffering for their faith		20th
CAMFED International (<i>Friday lunch charity</i>)		21st
St Mary Magdalen, Oxford	<i>John Butterfield</i>	22nd
The Parish		23rd
The People of Iraq	<i>Amanda Copley</i>	24th
Our Bishops		25th
Strengthening of family life	<i>Muriel Williams</i>	26th
Visitors to Cambridge	<i>Katheleen Waring</i>	27th
Our Overseas Mission links	<i>Phyllis Price, Neville Woods</i>	28th
Our Social Committee	<i>Diana Goodhart</i>	29th
The Parish		30th
Spiritual Guides		31st

Tuesday July 25th

The Feast of St James, Apostle

*Merciful God
whose holy apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had,
was obedient to the calling
of thy Son Jesus Christ
and followed him even to death:
help us, forsaking the false attractions
of the world,
to be ready at all times
to answer thy call without delay;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN*

ST BENEDICT OF NURSIA

The founder of western monasticism, St Benedict was born at Nursia in about 480 and died at Monte Cassino in 543. The son of a Roman noble, his boyhood was spent in Rome, where he lived with his parents and attended school until he had reached his higher studies.

Benedict does not seem to have left Rome for the purpose of becoming a hermit, but only to find some place away from the life of the great city. He took his old nurse with him as a servant and they settled down to live in Enfide, near a church dedicated to St. Peter, in some kind of association with "a company of virtuous men" who were in sympathy with his feelings and his views of life.

Enfide stood on the crest of a ridge which rises rapidly from the valley to the higher range of mountains, and seen from the lower ground the village had the appearance of a fortress. It was a place of greater importance than the present town. Benedict worked his first miracle here by restoring to perfect condition an earthenware wheat-sifter which his old servant had accidentally broken. The notoriety which this miracle brought Benedict drove him to escape still farther from social life, and he fled secretly.

He had fled Rome to escape the evils of a great city; and he now took the decision to be poor and to live by his own work. St Gregory said that "For God's sake he deliberately chose the hardships of life and the weariness of labour"

On his way from Enfide, Benedict met a monk, Romanus and by his advice became a hermit, living in a cave 500 feet above a lake, where he matured in mind and character and secured the respect of those about him. Romanus continued to served Benedict in every way he could, apparently visiting him frequently, and on fixed days bringing him food.

For a short while Benedict was Abbot of a nearby monastery, but its tradition was not his and it did not work out. Returning to his cave, his miracles became frequent.

Benedict built twelve monasteries, and lived in a thirteenth, as the abbot of all. With the establishment of these monasteries began the schools for children. The remainder of his life was spent in realizing the ideal of monasticism and it is Benedict's Rule that is his real biography.

CAMFED: Friday Lunch Charity for July & August

The Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED) is dedicated to fighting poverty and AIDS in rural communities in Africa by educating girls. CAMFED began in 1993 by supporting 32 girls in rural Zimbabwe. In 2005, more than 246,520 children benefited from CAMFED's programme of educational support in some of the poorest regions of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana and Tanzania.

CAMFED has helped to transform the lives of young women like Lucia, who was able to finish secondary school with CAMFED's support. Today, Lucia is a member of the (CAMA), a growing network of 4,700 young women supported through their education by CAMFED who are contributing to the social and economic regeneration of their rural communities.

These young women – among them doctors, lawyers, teachers and businesswomen – are now sharing the benefits of their education with their communities. Alongside a vast network of volunteers in the communities where they work, CAMA members supported more than 16,000 children to go to school through their own philanthropic initiatives.

In 2005:

- 246,525 children benefited from CAMFED's programme of educational support
- 13,368 community activists worked with CAMFED to solve poverty related problems that prevent girls from attending school
- 5,366 young women received business training, 885 women have gone on to set up their own businesses
- 216 young women trained as health activists, reaching out to
- 71,200 young people with health information, including HIV/AIDS
- Together with Mothers' Support Groups, CAMA members supported 16,226 children to go to school.

All this has been achieved with the support of many generous individuals, foundations, companies and international agencies.

Two members of the charity's committee will be with us for the Friday lunch on July 7th: please make a special effort to be present and to discover more about the work.

BALSHAM CHURCH

FLOWER FESTIVAL & OPEN GARDENS

Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th July

- *Stalls in Church/Churchyard, Saturday afternoon*
- *Teas both afternoons in Church Institute.*
- *Village Gardens open both afternoons,
2.00pm - 5.00pm.*

Daily Ticket £3.50 from the Church Institute or
the first garden visited

Concert of Music and Poetry by 'The Balsham Chorale'

Balsham Church

Saturday, 8th July

7.00pm

Refreshments.

Donations on the evening instead of tickets

Songs of Praise in the Church

Sunday 6.00pm



ST MARY MAGDALEN, OXFORD

St Mary Magdalen's is in the centre of Oxford and its Anglican catholic worship combined with a lively presentation of the Christian faith have been an essential part of Oxford's Christian witness for many years.

A wooden church, dedicated to St. Mary Magdalen, originally stood on the site although it was then outside the northern wall of the city. Viking raiders burnt much of Oxford in 1010/13 and the wooden church appears to have gone up in flames. In 1074, Robert d'Oilli, the Norman Constable of

Oxford, built a single aisle chapel to replace the Saxon foundation. St. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, rebuilt the church in 1194 and Richard 'the Lion Heart' retained an interest in the church. Today's east chancel wall and south aisle, together with the altar dedicated to St. Thomas Becket, incorporated some of St. Hugh's work. A century later the scholars of newly founded Balliol College had an oratory dedicated to St. Catherine in the present north aisle; and in 1320 the Carmelites founded a chapel in the south aisle, preserved as a unified piece to form the present Lady Chapel.

The highly decorated perpendicular font (c.1350) is still used for baptisms. The wooden chest at the back of the south aisle is also 14th century, repaired on the orders of Charles I in 1643 after damage by Parliamentary prisoners-of-war temporarily held captive after the battle of Cirencester. The holy water stoup by the south door and the south porch are early 16th C. Work on the tower began in 1513 and continued during the Reformation. The middle window of the Lady Chapel is believed to be Elizabethan.

In 1841, the as yet unknown, Gilbert Scott rebuilt the chancel and north aisle to complement his work on the Martyrs' Memorial, thus giving the church Oxford's earliest Victorian Gothic interior. The reredos at the High Altar was completed in 1894. The West Window, designed and painted by Elizabeth Wigram in 1898 depicts the city's mediaeval past.

Development of the west end, recently completed, has provided a unique modern organ (designed by Matthew Copley), a new sacristy, a small office, a musicians' gallery and a social area. A full peal of ten bells was completed in 2003, and since 1997 a semi-professional adult choir has sung at Solemn Mass.