

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sun 1st **16th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Harvest Thanksgiving
- Fri 6th St Faith, martyr: Compline 9.00pm
- Sun 8th **17th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Tue 10th Society of Mary, St Peter's, Ely, 8.00pm
- Wed 11th Planning for Autumn Course, 7.00pm
- Thur 12th Area Synod at LSM, 7.15pm for 7.45pm
- Sun 15th **18th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Mon 16th Meditation in the Crypt, 1.00pm
Standing Committee, 7.30pm
- Wed 18th **St LUKE, Evangelist**
Low Mass 10.00am Sung Mass 7.00pm
After 7pm Mass: Talk by Dan and Pam Caldwell,
USPG Missionaries, on their work in Peru
- Sat 21st Visit to St Alban's and Flamstead
- Sun 22nd **19th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Thur 26th Parish Development Supper, 7.30pm
- Sat 28th SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles, Sung Mass 10.00am
N.B. Clocks go back 1 hour
- Sun 29th **20th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Tue 31st Churches Together AGM: 7.15pm for 7.45pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Having just returned from my two weeks away on holiday and at the Diocesan Clergy Conference, and with responsibilities at a 'Retreat in Daily Life' in Ely in the first week of October, I am particularly conscious of the help which we receive at LSM from College and other clergy; this enables us to keep the Daily Mass going, as well as the evening Sung Mass on weekday festivals and High Mass on Sundays. My reckoning is that 8 priests, in addition to Fr Mark and myself, have assisted here liturgically over the summer months. I would like to thank all these priests, but particularly this month the Dean of King's, Fr Ian Thompson, who for several years has acted in a semi-official capacity as Honorary Assistant Priest at LSM.; in the light of his heavy and ever-increasing responsibilities at King's, we have agreed that this formal link with LSM should come to an end at the beginning of this Michaelmas Term. He assures me that I may still call upon him from time to time, at least in vacations!

The availability of help from clergy here in Cambridge and their willingness to give it is a factor in any consideration of the Pastoral Plan for the South Cambridge Area; at least in a church such as LSM with its emphasis on the sacraments, it is reassuring to know that college clergy and others are glad to be part of our life. On the other hand, this is not the same as having a priest who is the *persona* for a particular parish. This is why, as I understand it, the Pastoral Plan proposes the retention of the current parsonage houses, so that a priest responsible for each parish and sympathetic to its tradition may be housed in the appropriate house, *even if not a full-time stipendiary* (but perhaps half-time, as at St Mary Magdalen's in Oxford, or NSM, or 'house-for-duty'). It is also important to realise that the proposals in the plan for 'partnerships' (as opposed to formal 'groupings') are *not* first and foremost about 'taking each other's services', since the particular parish's priest would be responsible for its services, but about looking for other possible areas for collaboration, for example in work with children and young people, in support of mental health services or community outreach. The plan is to be discussed at the Area Synod Meeting on October 12th, and before that, the Deanery Pastoral Committee will have considered representations from PCCs, including our own. One further point...in our Anglican concerns about these matters, we should not forget the ecumenical perspective; this is being written a day or two before our 'Forum' with people from Emmanuel United Reformed Church, at which we may hear of new ideas from their Minister!

Some of you will have met our new Lay Pastoral Assistant, **Gemma Burnett-Chetwynd**, by the time you read this; she and her husband Peter are following our last two 'LPAs' in living at Wesley House where we hope that they will be very happy over the coming year. Gemma is happy to cycle moderate distances to visit people! We also have with us on a placement until Christmas a Reader in Training, **Tony Bevens**, from the very different setting of Great Gransden...do make yourselves known to him. He is a retired teacher. I haven't yet heard from Ridley Hall or Westcott House about our having ordinands on attachment this year; but we have had a number of 'new' people at Mass in the last week or two...please remember that it can't always be left to the Vicar to find out who they are and to help them to feel at home with us!

Looking at the activities for the coming week on Sunday September 24th I was slightly perturbed to see how much would be going on...LSM/Forum meeting on the Tuesday evening; then on Wednesday evening *three* things...Overseas Churches Link Group, Young People's Group planning and reflection meeting, gathering arranged by the Social Responsibility Group at Julia Wheatcroft's house to hear about her work with the Cambridge Down's Syndrome Group; on the Thursday evening the Music Fund Group, and on Friday, in addition to 'Tiny' and Junior Choir, High Mass for Michaelmas, a welcome to Gemma, and an Organ Fund meeting. Two thoughts: firstly, it's good that the daily worship with its times of stillness carries on in the midst of all this, to keep us turned towards God...secondly, it's wonderful that we have so many people prepared to be involved in different ways, giving their time and skills and enthusiasm (which takes us back to the Pastoral Plan and a recognition that the Church's ministry is not *just* the priest's ministry!

This month we look forward to the visit of Dan and Pam Caldwell on October 18th, St Luke's Day (more about that in Clive Brown's piece on a later page); at the 10am and 7pm Mass we shall be combining our focus on USPG's work in Peru with an expression of the Church's healing ministry. Surely both mission and the ministry of healing would have been close to the heart of St Luke. At the end of that week comes our visit to St Albans and Flamstead...have you signed up yet for the coach? (only £10, and St Albans is a fine city and Flamstead has a lovely church!). Then we shall be preparing ourselves for All Saintstide, our Dedication Festival (November 5th) and Graham Ward's Michael Ramsey Lecture on 'Political Discipleship' (November 6th)!

with love and prayers: Fr Andrew

PERUVIAN MISSIONARIES TO VISIT LITTLE ST MARY'S

As you know, we have been supporting the work of Pam and Dan Caldwell, USPG-sponsored missionaries working for the Diocese of Peru, in Lima. Dan and Pam are back in England, and they will be visiting us on St Luke's Day, Wednesday, 18th October.



After the Sung Mass at 7.00 pm on St Luke's Day, there will be refreshments in the Parish Room, and Dan and Pam will give an illustrated talk about Peru, and the work of the Church there. Pam will also have some examples of the colourful Peruvian dress to show us. I do hope that as many people as possible will come to what should prove to be an interesting and instructive evening. They will also be at the 10.00 am Mass and will stay for coffee in the Parish Room afterwards, so there will be a further opportunity to meet Pam and Dan then. *Clive Brown*

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

- **Steve McGrade**, recovering after hip replacement surgery
- **Joan Garrett**, now in a residential home at Barley after a spell in Addenbrooke's following a fall at home. It is likely that she will not be able to return to her own home in Great Shelford.

R.I.P.

Helen Kinnier Wilson died on September 9th after many months of increasing frailty. With her husband James she used to attend LSM some years ago, particularly Evening Prayer on weekdays.

The new Organ

A brief note from Robin Osborne prior to the Organ Fund Meeting due to be held on September 29th:

- the necessary rearrangement of electrical facilities has been completed
- Ken Tickell has made his first visit to start trying things out
- the opening recital (by Thomas Trotter) will be on Saturday May 5th
- a final burst of fund-raising will follow this autumn!

LITTLE ST MARY'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A group of pilgrims from LSM will be travelling to the Holy Land for an eight-day tour (Jan 8th - 15th) led by Professor Graham Ward. If you are new to LSM, or were previously uncertain about committing yourself to this trip, and would like to join the group, please contact Sarah Martin *as soon as possible* for details of the itinerary. **Email: sarahmartin@talk21.com Mobile: 07950 877751**



Calendar and Intentions

for

OCTOBER

*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 October

SUN.	1st	16th after TRINITY: Harvest Thanksgiving
Mon.	2nd	Holy Guardian Angels
Tues.	3rd	
Wed.	4th	St Francis of Assisi
Thurs.	5th	
Fri.	6th	St Faith, Martyr: Compline 9pm
Sat.	7th	Wedding 3pm
SUN.	8th	17th after TRINITY
Mon.	9th	St Denys, Martyr
Tues.	10th	St Paulinus, Bishop: Society of Mary at St Peter's Ely 8pm
Wed.	11th	Planning Meeting for Autumn Course 7pm
Thurs.	12th	St Wilfred, Bishop: Arca Synod at LSM 7.15 for 7.45pm
Fri.	13th	St Edward the Confessor
Sat.	14th	
SUN.	15th	18th after TRINITY
Mon.	16th	Meditation (Crypt) 1pm: Standing Committee 7.30pm
Tues.	17th	St Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr, St Etheldreda of Ely
Wed.	18th	St LUKE, Evangelist: LM 10am SM 7pm <i>see page 4</i>
Thurs.	19th	
Fri.	20th	
Sat.	21st	Visit to St Albans and Flamstead
SUN.	22nd	19th after TRINITY
Mon.	23rd	
Tues.	24th	
Wed.	25th	SS Crispin & Crispinian
Thurs.	26th	St Cedd: 'Parish Development' Supper 7.30pm
Fri.	27th	
Sat.	28th	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles: SM 10am <i>Clocks go back 1 hour</i>
SUN.	29th	20th after TRINITY
Mon.	30th	
Tues.	31st	Churches Together AGM 7.15 for 7.45pm

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for October

The Parish	<i>David Walsen, Pr., Lester Vellanoweth</i>	1st
'Retreat in Daily Life' at Ely		2nd
The Middle East	<i>Marjorie Clark</i>	3rd
Franciscans	<i>Magda Phillips</i>	4th
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament		5th
Our Overseas Mission links	<i>Elizabeth Knight</i>	6th
Adrian Chaffey & Sue Slade	<i>Irina Findlow, Peter le Hurvay</i>	7th
The Parish		8th
The European Community		9th
Society of Mary		10th
Friends of LSM		11th
S. Cambridge Area Synod	<i>Geraldine Adams</i>	12th
Westminster Abbey		13th
Northern Ireland	<i>Eric Horne</i>	14th
The Parish	<i>Isabel Furley</i>	15th
Finance and Standing Committee		16th
Dean and Chapter of Ely	<i>Bertie Clough</i>	17th
Ministry of Teaching	<i>Fred Linsey</i>	18th
Christian Unity		19th
Prisoners' Fellowship	<i>Percy Poulter, Alice Royston</i>	20th
St Albans Diocese: our visit today	<i>Norman Cruttwell, Pr.</i>	21st
The Parish		22nd
The Departed	<i>Frederick Waring</i>	23rd
USPG	<i>Meredith Dewey Pr., Robert Wolverson, Freddie Webber, Patricia Nutbrown</i>	24th
Those persecuted for their faith		25th
Vision and commitment in the life of our parish		26th
Cambridge City Council	<i>Margot Fynes-Clinton, Michael Jackson, Pr.</i>	27th
College of the Resurrection, Mirfield	<i>Patricia Chopourian</i>	28th
The Parish	<i>Beatrice Bicheno</i>	29th
Our keeping of All Saintside	<i>Edith Lock</i>	30th
Churches Together in Cambridge	<i>Richard Crowden, Charles Holland</i>	31st

Wednesday October 18th

The Feast of St Luke

***Heavenly Father,
giver of life and health:
comfort and restore all who suffer,
that they may be strengthened
in their weakness
and have confidence
in your unfailing love;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN***

NOTE ON THE BARNARD SCRAPBOOKS

Amongst the LSM archives in Peterhouse Library we are fortunate to have two leather bound scrapbooks compiled by Dr EAB Barnard, the real gems being a series of fine articles written by him on personalities associated with LSM and Peterhouse in the past and on architectural features of the church. These were written for the Parish Newsletters between 1926-42. There are also relevant letters, service sheets, sketches and brass rubbings. With the assistance of James Yardley, I have recently done some research on Dr Barnard.

Fitwell Augustine Bracher Barnard was a scholar, an antiquarian and an historian of high repute noted, in particular, for a large number of carefully researched works on Worcestershire churches and on local history. He was born and spent his early life in Evesham, but moved to Cambridge after his marriage living at 26, Warkworth Street from 1923 until the end of his life. In 1951, two years before his death, he was awarded the Freedom of the City of Evesham, in recognition "of his long service to the Borough as its foremost historian".

Cambridge provided far greater scope for his talents. Attached to St Catherine's College, he became Keeper of the College Records. His work on historical records in Cambridge was of considerable importance and in recognition of this he was awarded an Honorary MA in 1935. He also played an important part in the Diocese of Ely. He was a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on the Care of Churches and in 1942 was appointed by the Bishop as Keeper of the Episcopal Records at Ely.

The Cambridgeshire Collection has the following note in its records written by the Bishop of Ely and taken from the Little St Mary's Parish Newsletter for March/April 1953 following EAB Barnard's death.

'Mr Barnard came to Cambridge some years ago from Evesham and soon gained a reputation as an antiquarian. During the war, he acted as Secretary to my Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches... shortly afterwards, I appointed him Diocesan Archivist and asked him to give general oversight to the large collection of documents in the Diocesan Registry in Ely. He supervised the transfer of the documents to the University Library for safety during the war, and their return later to Ely. He examined the extensive York Library at the Palace, the most important books of which have now been deposited in the University Library. He was a friend and advisor to the many scholars from all over the country and beyond who came to Ely to consult the documents. He was a learned antiquarian, with knowledge in unusual directions, and it was a great happiness to him when some years ago, the University gave him the Honorary Degree of Master of Arts. He was a devoted churchman and a regular attendant at Little St Mary's.'

Elaine Wheatley

OLD AGE

Like the rest of life, old age is complicated. It can be tranquil and fruitful. On the other hand, there are problems, one being poverty, which prevents many old people from doing what they would like to do or forces them to live meagre, lonely lives. For most people, sooner or later, there will be times of weakness, exhaustion, pain, frustration and sadness. Some are able to keep their independence and enjoyment of life for a long time, occupying themselves with activities, physical, artistic or intellectual; for them longevity can be a celebration. Others become feeble in body or mind at quite an early age, needing to be looked after by other people. Is there anything to celebrate in this condition?

In my eighties, as was my husband who died recently in a nursing home because I was too feeble to look after him properly at home, for a year I spent most days sitting with him so that we could be together. I could see from his room the day room, where elderly heads wobbled or drooped as their owners dozed in plastic chairs, tolerating or singing along with Gracie Fields or Vera Lynn endlessly crooning songs like *It's a long way to Tipperary* or *It's a lovely day tomorrow*. The golden oldie sounds, intended to soothe, were regularly broken by shouts of "Telp!" or loud table bangings. I soon realised that little more could be done for these large, decaying infants. At least the room was bright and clean, the old women comforted by hugging cuddly toys. The nurses and carers, mostly from distant places such as the Philippines and India, were sweet-natured and smiling. They welcomed the visitors who wavered in and out, staying for a while, trying to reach their loved ones through veils of dementia.

Visitors and nurses alike maintained a façade of cheerfulness, at least in public. My private anger was shamed by the trusting goodness of Maggie, in her nineties, who, with a heart attack behind her, sat every day, comforting those around her, holding their hands if she could reach them. When I told her how much I admired her kindness and cheerfulness, she pointed upwards, smiling. "Well, we've got to do what we can. It's not too much, but there's Someone keeping an eye on us, isn't there?"

Cause for celebration? Very much so – but hidden. In the midst of all this misery and despair the Brightness of God's Love can be found, in and around and amongst the nurses and carers and old, debilitated people. Finally, there is the Sacramental Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ, brought by Priests to communicant members in Holy Communion, Penance and Absolution, and Holy Unction (Blessing with Oil). All we have to do, provided that we are not demented or in desperate pain, is to watch and pray and we cannot miss the Shining Light. But if even this is too much, then we depend on others to watch and pray for us. These Blessings and the opportunities of old age, the extra years some of us are granted in this beautiful, God-created world, are worthy of celebration and gratitude to God.

SERVICES AT LITTLE ST MARY'S

Sundays

7.30am *Morning Prayer* 8.00am *Holy Communion*
10.30am *High Mass* 6.00pm *Solemn Evensong & 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.

LSM Social group/ mailing list

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