

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

- Wed 1st **All Saints' Day**
Low Mass 10.00am Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Thur 2nd **All Souls' Day**
Requiem Low Mass 10.00am Requiem Mass 7.00pm
- Fri 3rd **Anniversary of the Dedication of LSM**
Compline 9.00 p.m
- Sun 5th **DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
Preacher, 10.30am: The Revd. Canon Peter Atkinson,
Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral
- Mon 6th **MICHAEL RAMSEY LECTURE**, 5.15pm
'Political Discipleship' Professor Graham Ward
- Wed 8th **Autumn Course: "Illuminating the Mass"**
7.00pm Bring-and-Share Supper
- Sun 12th **3rd SUNDAY before ADVENT**
The Choir sings Fauré's Requiem 4.30pm
- Wed 15th "Illuminating the Mass" (2) 7pm Bring-and-Share Supper
- Thur 16th **Catholic Societies Requiem** 8.00pm
- Sun 19th **2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT**
- Wed 22nd "Illuminating the Mass" (3) 7pm Bring-and-Share Supper
- Sun 26th **CHRIST THE KING, NEXT before ADVENT**
10.30am Preacher: The Revd Stephen Leach,
General Secretary, Additional Curates Society
- Wed 29th "Illuminating the Mass" (4) 7pm Bring-and-Share Supper
- Thur 30th **St Andrew the Apostle**
Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

For the first time in my 12 years and 3 months as Vicar of LSM, or at least during the 'heating season', someone said to me the other day that they were 'rather warm' as they sat near a radiator on a Sunday morning. We have to make allowances for the fact that we are still getting used to the comparatively sophisticated valves on the new radiators (*please don't tamper with the settings!*), and that we were in the midst of a very pleasant spell of autumn weather; even so, the early mornings had been a little chillier, so it was encouraging to hear this comment after our major expenditure (from the Vicar and Churchwardens' Fund, with particular gratitude for a large legacy from Edith Butcher's estate) on the new radiators and pipes. I very much hope that we shall continue to hear positive comments when the weather does turn colder.

BUT...I have to say that our Treasurer told us at a recent meeting of the Finance and Standing Committee that the very small increase in *regular* giving so far this year does *not* match increases in expenditure on gas and electricity. We are all aware from our own homes of the higher prices being charged for these utilities; but what the Treasurer reports does remind us of the continuing difficulties we have in covering the *day-to-day running costs* of a building and a parish such as this (insurance and wages as well as heat and light). This year, some of you may remember, on the advice of a subcommittee of the PCC, we are NOT having a review of our Stewardship in Advent, but are waiting until late January 2007; the Treasurer will be saying something about this in the December Newsletter, but in the meantime this does alert us to our responsibility for meeting *regular* commitments as well as enjoying the benefits of the generosity of individual benefactors.

Speaking of regular commitment leads me to the well-known area of establishing a simple and realistic 'rule of life' to help us in our Christian discipleship. Changes in 'life-style' seem to be threatening the expectation of participation in worship every Sunday; this does raise real problems for the building of Christian community and for teaching ministry (and not only the formation and nurture of children and young people in the faith). I have yet to be convinced that 'going to Church when I feel like it' is the proper way for the disciple; after all responsibilities are to one another, to our 'upbuilding in love', as well as to the feeding of the instinct for worship of Almighty God. I hope very much that as we approach the end of another Church Year (concluding with the Feast of Christ the King on November 26th), we might

look back and reflect on the pattern of our Sunday worship...and then look forward, perhaps seeking the advice of a priest or other Christian, to consider what our future pattern might be. As I've said many times before, we are very fortunate here to have the rhythm of the Daily Offices and Mass, the festivals marked with a Sung Mass, opportunity on Saturday evenings for a simple preparation for Sunday worship. When we worship with others it is only a part of a 'rule of life'; what we give of time and resources is just as important, and so is our personal response to God's gift, as one of the Collects puts it, of 'an hearty desire to pray' ...and to the awraeness that 'the Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness'!

This November certainly offers us a varied programme for your regular Sunday and weekday interest and commitment! On another page, you'll find a short reminder of the riches of the season of All Saintside, our Dedication Festival and Remembrance. As an experiment this year, we are having a '**Bring-and-Share**' **Lunch** on Dedication Festival Sunday, November 5th. The following Sunday (Remembrance) brings us a **Bring-and-Buy Sale** after High Mass, and a performance of **Fauré's Requiem** by our Choirs at 4.30pm. On November 19th, after Evensong and Benediction **Liz Adekunle** from Ridley Hall will be reflecting about her recent placement in South Africa, and on the Feast of Christ the King, November 26th, after we have heard the General Secretary of the **Additional Curates' Society**, Fr Stephen Leach, preach in the morning* (the Society has been giving us an annual grant of £2,000 towards our Lay Pastoral Assistant post)), there is a special ecumenical service in LSM at 3pm. As for weekdays, we look forward to a stimulating **Michael Ramsey Lecture** from Fr Graham Ward on Monday November 6th at 5.15pm, and to our course on '**Illuminating the Mass**' which begins on Wednesday November 8th with Bring-and-Share Supper at 7pm, and continues on the following four Wednesdays. **Compline** will be sung on Friday November 3rd at 9pm, and the monthly **Meditation** in the Crypt will be introduced by **Fr Malcolm Guite** on Monday November 20th at 1pm. Fr Malcolm is an expert on the metaphysical poets, and may well be using poetry as the basis of his meditation. * *and candles for sale! (see pg 13)*

Towards the end of the month, tickets will be available for our **Advent Lunch** (December 3rd), and I hope that many of you will be able to participate in the Quiet Weekend for Advent with Br Reginald SSF (from the evening of Friday 8th until lunchtime on Sunday 10th December); look out for full details nearer the time.

**ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS,
DEDICATION FESTIVAL and
REMEMBRANCE**

*A time for us to be deeply aware of the company of the redeemed,
and of the way in which our worship here in Little St Mary's
unites us with God's people of every age and every place.*

*A time especially to pray for those who have died,
our own loved ones, members of the LSM community,
those who have died as a result of war and conflict .*

Wednesday November 1st: *All Saints Day*
Low Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7.00pm

Thursday November 2nd: *All Souls Day*
Requiem Mass 10am, Sung Requiem 7.00pm

Friday November 3rd: *654th Anniversary of the Dedication of LSM*
Compline 9.00 p.m

Sunday November 5th: **DEDICATION FESTIVAL**
Preacher at 10.30am High Mass:
The Revd Canon Peter Atkinson, Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral
BRING-and-SHARE LUNCH

Monday November 6th, **5.15pm: 2007 Michael Ramsey Lecture:**
The Revd Professor Graham Ward: 'Political Discipleship'
followed by refreshments

Sunday November 12th: **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
all services as usual
4.30pm: LSM Choirs sing Fauré's Requiem

and also in November:

arranged by Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge:

Sunday November 26th: **3pm, in LSM:**
Unity in Christ Our King: an ecumenical service



Calendar and Intentions

for

NOVEMBER

*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 November

Wed.	1st	ALL SAINTS DAY: LM 10am SM 7pm
Thurs.	2nd	ALL SOULS DAY: Requiem 7.45am Sung Requiem 7pm
Fri.	3rd	654 th Anniversary of Dedication: commem.Richard Hooker Compline 9pm
Sat.	4th	St Charles Borromeo
SUN.	5th	DEDICATION FESTIVAL: 21st after TRINITY
Mon.	6th	St Leonard, Hermit Michael Ramsey Lecture 5.15pm
Tues.	7th	St Willibrord, Bishop
Wed.	8th	Saints & Martyrs of England 'Illuminating the Mass' (1) 7pm
Thurs.	9th	commem.Margery Kempe: Social Responsibility Group 8pm
Fri.	10th	St Leo the Great, Bishop
Sat.	11th	St Martin of Tours, Bishop
SUN.	12th	3rd before ADVENT: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Choirs sing Fauré's Requiem 4.30pm
Mon.	13th	Requiem for War Dead 7.45am
Tues.	14th	N.and S.Cambridge Areas Joint Synod: Michaelhouse 7.15pm
Wed..	15th	'Illuminating the Mass' (2) 7pm
Thurs	16th	St Margaret of Scotland: Catholic Societies' Requiem 8pm
Fri..	17th	St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop: Choir Meeting and Party 8pm
Sat	18th	St Elizabeth of Hungary
SUN.	19th	2nd before ADVENT: Presentation on S.Africa 7pm
Mon.	20th	St Edmund KM: Meditation in the Crypt 1pm: PCC 7pm
Tues.	21st	
Wed.	22nd	St Cecilia, Martyr: 'Illuminating the Mass' (3) 7pm
Thurs.	23rd	St Clement, Bishop & Martyr
Fri.	24th	Martyrs of Korea
Sat.	25th	St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr
SUN.	26th	CHRIST the KING, NEXT before ADVENT Churches Together Service LSM 3pm: Youth Group 3.45pm
Mon.	27th	
Tues.	28th	
Wed.	29th	'Illuminating the Mass' (4)
Thurs.	30th	ST ANDREW, Apostle: LM 7.45am SM 7pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for November

Thanksgiving for All the Saints		1st
The Departed		2nd
Renewal and vision in our church life		3rd
St John's Hills Rd. (collation tomorrow)	<i>Stephen Roskill, Alfred Whitham</i>	4th
Thanksgiving for our Parish Church	<i>Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Rayner</i>	5th
Professor Graham Ward		6th
The Old Catholic Church		7th
Friends of LSM	<i>Joyce Wolton, Dick Richardson</i>	8th
Our Social Responsibility Group		9th
Anglican/Roman Catholic conversations		10th
Peacekeepers		11th
The Parish: national Acts of Remembrance		12th
Those who have lost their lives in war		13th
Cambridge Joint Synod	<i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i>	14th
Our Course on the Mass	<i>Dorothy Marlow</i>	15th
The Catholic Societies	<i>Alan Huskinson</i>	16th
Our Parish Choir		17th
Charities for the Homeless	<i>John Byrom, Pr.</i>	18th
The Parish	<i>Dorothy Purcell, Lena Amanda Blockley</i>	19th
PCC	<i>Joyce Bones</i>	20th
The People of Iraq	<i>Edward Maryon Wilson.</i>	21st
Church Musicians		22nd
Christian Unity		23rd
Christians in Korea and the Far East	<i>Stuart Mason</i>	24th
Youth Group and Junior Choir	<i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley</i>	25th
The Parish: Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge	<i>Val Mendel</i>	26th
Medical Research	<i>Freda Jones.</i>	27th
The Departed	<i>Ronald Fletcher</i>	28th
Mission Overseas	<i>John Clough</i>	29th
The People of Scotland		30th

November 3rd
Anniversary of Dedication

*Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign
of thy heavenly peace,
an image of the new
and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days
of our pilgrimage that,
fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of thy Son,
we may be the temple of thy presence,
the place of thy glory on earth,
and a sign of thy peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord*
AMEN

FRIDAY LUNCH CHARITY, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER:

THE LEPROSY MISSION

Today more than 1,000 people will find out that they have leprosy. Poverty and leprosy go together. The leprosy Mission team in Dhaka works in the slums to locate new cases and cure them, before they slip even deeper into poverty and all hope for their family is lost. Poverty especially traps women and children. Junisha is a young woman, just 25 years old, in great pain, her body bent and disabled. She married young, like most of the girls, and already has four children. Her husband abandoned her, and now they live in a tiny bamboo and corrugated iron room, teetering on stilts above the dirt in the slums. She finds it difficult even to beg on the streets and she has leprosy.

The effects of leprosy are devastating. Recently, Chris, a physiotherapist, has been working in the Democratic Republic of Congo, which has one of the highest rates of new leprosy cases. Civil unrest, lack of medical care and other challenges have hidden many of these. It is a country torn apart and many people are suffering. Chris trains officers proficient in preventing disability; they will pass on their skills to healthcare workers, to teach patients self-care at local clinics. Many people resist wearing protective clothing like special sandals to prevent feet getting cuts and infections, because this immediately sets them apart, a symbol of leprosy which invites stigma. They don't feel pain, so they aren't prompted to take action.

Our work doesn't end with medical treatment and social support; we also try to reach out with God's love to heal the human spirit. Gifts towards this work will make a lifetime of difference to the sufferers of the disease."

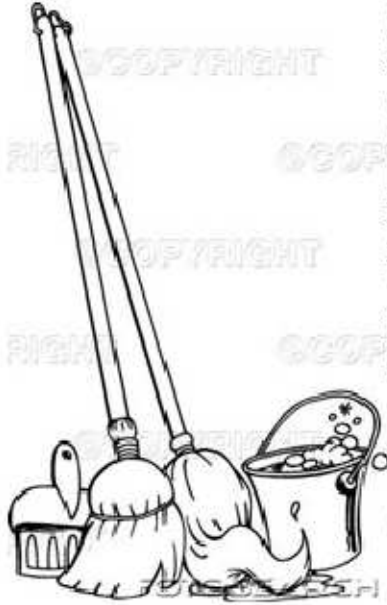
I hope we can make a good contribution to this essential work.

Gillian Beard

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Hugh Munro is a young man who suffered horrific head injuries in a cycle accident a few weeks ago and is still in intensive care; he is likely to be transferred to a special neurological unit. He is the nephew of Malcolm Munro, from our congregation, and we pray for his parents and relatives as well as for Hugh himself. **Catherine Lofts** recently had to spend a few days in Addenbrooke's with heart trouble, and then had a fall when she went home...but she's struggling on bravely! **Fr Francis Woolley**, the Rector of Balsham, the parish with which we have informal links, has also been in Addenbrooke's recently for surgery.

NEW ORGAN



preparatory work for the installation of the organ, s workmen and from Lucy McKitterick, Robin utherford, who undertook the filthy job of removing the tracery and wall within the organ case. There l in activity in church before the installation proper Christmas. During this time we hope to encourage t already done so to make a contribution towards instrument. Although we have been extremely ing more than half the cost of the new organ met by on, it would be good to feel that this was a project of which all members of LSM wished to be part, in however small a way. A chart of the organ pipes indicating which have been funded by individual donations will be displayed in church during November to provide a visual reminder of the opportunity to make a donation.

Robin Osborne

BRING & BUY SALE

of items that would make good Christmas gifts

Parish Room after High Mass on November 12th

Please bring, on the day, good quality goods suitable for sale.

Everyone is encouraged to come and purchase.

The money raised will go to the General Fund and help meet the massive rise in utilities bills.

LSM SOCIAL GROUP and EMAIL LIST

A growing number of LSM'ers are joining this group which proves an excellent way of keeping in touch with each other. Members can post messages to the group containing news of events at LSM and in the wider community. For instance a number of people who enjoy going to the cinema or theatre join together to see a film or play and go as a group. There are also photos of events and trips in which LSM'ers have taken part, and many other benefits. See back page for details.

SOUTH AFRICA EVENING:

Sunday November 19th, 7.15 for 7.30pm

- After a recent trip to South Africa, spent working with the Anglican Cathedral
- In Bloemfontein, **Liz Adekunle** (an ordinand from Ridley Hall whom many
- will remember from her time on placement with us last academic year) will talk
- about her experiences there.
- This presentation will identify the needs of the local Christian community in
- Bloemfontein and further afield, 12 years on from Apartheid, and offer some
- reflections on them. It will also highlight some of the issues surrounding
- Christianity and African traditional beliefs, and Liz will talk about her work in
- the townships with particular reference to AIDS and HIV.

THE “TREE OF JESSE PAINTINGS” IN THE LADY CHAPEL

As a painter I mostly paint landscapes and environmental subjects, although as a connoisseur I am mostly, though not exclusively, interested in religious art. Although the Church still commissions art, the lack of a real “lingua franca” compared to say Gothic or Renaissance art can make the results look self-conscious, and personally I lack the confidence that anything I do in that genre will satisfy my own self-criticism. Perhaps these four variations on the theme of the Tree of Jesse west window, including the font below (and the suggestion of Fr Andrew presiding over a baptism) are the nearest I can get at present; the two outer canvases were drawn from life and the two inner are a subsequent development of the theme.

Malcolm Munro

**High Quality Scandinavian
Christmas & Advent Candles
& Decorations**

for sale in the Parish Room
after High Mass on

Christ the King, 26th November
and
Advent Sunday, 3rd December



MAKENI ECUMENICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Last July Caroline Cope, staying in Zambia, met with Wenda Dil, widow of Fr Pierre Dil, who is now in charge of the Makeni Centre. She spoke of the Centre's current activities, and requested help with funding and support

The St Nicholas Aids Orphanage at Makeni provides full care, including food, clothing and schooling, for 36 children, and supports 70 children in nearby townships. All the children at the orphanage have lost both parents to AIDS and many are HIV positive. Children at the Centre are in the care of the House Mothers, providing a happy and settled atmosphere but it can be difficult once they start to move into the outside world. Much thought and consultation is being given to this.

There are several ways in which LSM might be able to give direct help to some of these children:

Sponsorship

Only two children at the orphanage have sponsors. It costs around £35 a month to sponsor a child, slightly more (£40) in the months when they have to buy new shoes or uniform. Mrs Dil promises she could facilitate regular communication between sponsor and child (letters, pictures etc).

The centre would also welcome help in supporting sixteen year old Audrey Kabwe (bright, capable and currently head girl of the Makeni primary school), to attend boarding school. The total cost of supporting Audrey for a year would be around £330, and even part sponsorship would be most welcome.

Volunteers

Other projects at the Makeni Centre, include agricultural resettlement work, training town-dwellers in long-forgotten farming skills and giving them land in "resettlement villages". They are seeking more volunteers. In particular, a **Carpentry Teacher** to train students to use new, sophisticated machinery. They also need **Accountants** and **IT Specialists** to help with day-to-day running of centre, and to help the House Mothers, particularly with reintegrating the orphanage children into the outside world, a **Child Psychologist**

If you feel you could help with any of the above, or would simply like to hear more about the work of Makeni, please contact Caroline Cope directly, on 01954 232170

*Personal contact details removed
from web version.*

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

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

Mailing list only: blank email to:

LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoo.com