

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN JANUARY

- Mon 1st THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
Sung Mass 10.30am
- Sat 6th FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
High Low Mass 10.00am Wedding 2.30pm
- Sun 7th 1st SUNDAY of EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
- Mon 8th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
- Sun 14th 2nd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY
Carol Service 6.00pm
- Wed 17th Church Overseas Link Group meets
- Thur 18th Confession of St Peter
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Sun 21st 3rd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY
Bring & Share lunch at Emmanuel URC
- Mon 22nd Meditation in the Crypt, 1.00pm - 1.30pm
- Wed 24th 12.30pm Unity Week Service at St Columba
Lunch provided afterwards
- Thur 25th CONVERSION of ST PAUL
Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Fri 26th SS TIMOTHY & TITUS, companions of Paul
Institution at St Bene't's
- Sun 28th 4th SUNDAY of EPIPHANY
- Tue 30th LSM/Emmanuel Forum, 7.30pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope that some of you will be reading this before New Year's Eve, as I would like to remind you that as Midnight strikes and the New Year begins there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in LSM; we pray that the hopes and longings of God's people and God's world will be fulfilled through Jesus who came, who comes and who will come, as Br Reginald reminded us during our Advent Quiet Weekend, to fill our emptiness. Later at 10.30am Mass on January 1st, we shall celebrate the **Holy Name of Jesus**, the Name which signifies and makes present Salvation. Thus in His Name, and rejoicing in His presence, we begin another year.

The Feast of the Epiphany, on Saturday January 6th, will be especially exciting for my family this year, as my eldest daughter Kate is to be married in LSM at 2.30pm; but, just as important for all of us, in the morning (10am), there will be the High Mass which will begin with the Blessing of the Epiphany House; in our procession and our prayers we join with the Wise Men to offer all that we are to the Christ Child. We might make a connection between the symbolism of the Magi and their gifts and the **Stewardship Renewal** which begins later in the month; what we offer in time and resources within the life of the Church here is to be given in *joyful* response to God's generous love to us, manifested above all in the Word made flesh. Stewardship letters will be sent out to all regular members of the congregation during January, and the sermon at High Mass on Sunday January 28th will be on this theme.

The day after Epiphany, Sunday January 7th, we shall be having a very happy LSM occasion; two past Lay Pastoral Assistants, **David and Rachel (née Greene) Neaum**, who were married in David's home Diocese in Australia last July, will be renewing their marriage vows in the presence of our congregation and other Cambridge friends. As this is also the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism, the rest of us will also be renewing vows, those made for us, or by us, at our Baptism. Once more, *we turn to Christ*.

Between Epiphany and our Stewardship Sunday come first our **Holy Land Pilgrimage**, and then the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**. Graham Ward is leading our group of twelve on the pilgrimage, during which we shall be staying three nights at Tiberias and four in Jerusalem; I hope you will remember us (and indeed the troubled Holy Land) in your prayers. I feel very privileged to be able to

make this trip, but I'm sorry (for the second year in a row) to be missing our **Epiphany Carol Service** (Sunday 14th at 6pm), in which we are reminded that Jesus is 'manifested' not only to the wise men with their gifts, but also to the people gathered at the Jordan where he was baptized (*This is my beloved Son*), and to the guests at the wedding at Cana in Galilee. The service concludes with Benediction, in which Jesus is 'manifested' to us in His Sacramental Presence. I'm very grateful to Fr Mark for looking after this service again, as to the Parish and Junior Choirs who will be joining forces as they did for the Advent Carol Service. From January 1st, Robin Osborne will have tickets for the Supper which follows the Epiphany Carol Service. As for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, (January 18th-25th) arrangements are different this year. There will be NO Sunday evening ecumenical service (some of you will remember that we had a Sunday afternoon service at LSM on the Feast of Christ the King), but there is to be a *lunch-time* service at St Columba's United Reformed Church on **Wednesday January 24th**, at 12.30pm. Lunch will be provided afterwards. I hope that many of you will be able to support this new venture. At LSM, we shall have the Minister of Emmanuel URC, **Dr Lance Stone**, as our preacher at the High Mass on Sunday January 21st, and we are invited to a Bring-and-Share Lunch at Emmanuel afterwards.

So there's plenty for our January diaries...and, when you buy your LSM Calendar for 2007 (many thanks to David Stone for his work on it, and to Diana Galletly for the photograph on the front), you will find plenty more to interest and involve us in the remaining 11 months! I'll mention just two things for the moment. First, may I encourage you once again to consider participating in the visit to **Chant d'Oiseau** after Easter. Despite several (too many?!) reminders and appeals there has not been a great deal of interest so far; if you've got comments, questions or reservations about this long-standing and important ecumenical link, and how this visit will further it, do please put them to me! Second, please note that from Monday April 30th to Sunday May 27th we are enthusiastically celebrating the **new Organ**, with episcopal visits (David Conner, to dedicate the instrument on April 30th, and John Inge, Bishop of Huntingdon, to preach on May 20th) and musical events beginning with Thomas Trotter's Organ Recital on Saturday May 5th. Look out for the full programme in a few weeks' time. We hope to bid farewell to our electronic stand-in at some point during February, as work on installing the new organ should begin towards the end of January (and is likely to take three weeks).

with my prayers and good wishes for 2007: Fr Andrew

CHARITY LUNCH, January/February:

Cambridge Money Advice Centre

LSM will be supporting the Cambridge Money Advice Centre (MAC) at the Charity Lunches in January and February and Alison Boddington from the Centre will be at the lunch on 26th January to talk about their work. A display will also be mounted. The Social Responsibility Group commends their work to members of the congregation. They were impressed by their professionalism and commitment in an area where many charities are having to turn people in need of help away.

MAC is a charity, run by Christians, providing free money advice to ANYONE in financial difficulties. They walk alongside people as they seek to become debt free.

Approximately three years ago 4 people from two different churches met to discuss a concern for people in debt which seems to be one of our society's greatest problems, with individuals borrowing more and more on credit and bankruptcy being at an all time high. Debt affects people of all ages, incomes and background and has a crippling effect on individuals and families. Financial worry is cited as one of the biggest causes of family breakdown in the UK. God asks us to care for the broken and to help to break the chains that bind people.

Three years later, MAC is a busy centre with up to 20 volunteers from 6 different churches providing both advisory support and essential administrative work. When a client arrives a financial statement is created giving a clear understanding of their situation and then, with their agreement, MAC takes over the day to day handling of their debt. Just to hand over the many demand letters they have received gives people a sense of relief. MAC's aim is 'to help people get out and stay out of debt', working with people on budgeting skills and strategies to try and prevent a recurrence. Since opening in May 2005 MAC has helped over 40 people and has a close working relationship with the Citizens Advice Bureau who refer people when they are overbooked.

MAC has been busier than predicted, an indication of just how many people are affected by debt in Cambridge, and are now looking to raise funds to employ a full time administrator by September 2007. There is also a desire for the future to set up training in financial skills for school pupils throughout Cambridge to try to prevent people from getting into debt in the first place.

The aim of MAC will always be to show God's love to people by giving them hope, and helping them to see a future free from debt.



Calendar and Intentions

for

JANUARY

*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 January

Mon.	1st	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS: Sung Mass 10.30am
Tues.	2nd	St Basil and St Gregory Nazianzen
Wed.	3rd	
Thurs.	4th	
Fri.	5th	
Sat.	6th	EPIPHANY: High Mass 10am Wedding 2.30pm
SUN.	7th	BAPTISM of OUR LORD
Mon.	8th	Holy Land Pilgrimage (to 15 th)
Tues.	9th	
Wed.	10th	
Thurs	11th	
Fri.	12th	St Aelred of Rievaulx
Sat	13th	St Hilary, Bp
SUN.	14th	2nd of EPIPHANY: Epiphany Carol Service
Mon.	15th	
Tues.	16th	
Wed.	17th	St Anthony of Egypt: Overseas Churches Link Group
Thurs.	18th	Confession of St Peter: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Fri.	19th	St Wulfstan, Bishop
Sat.	20th	SS Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs
SUN.	21st	3rd of EPIPHANY: lunch at Emmanuel URC
Mon.	22nd	St Vincent, Martyr Meditation in the Crypt, 1-1.30pm
Tues.	23rd	
Wed.	24th	St Francis de Sales, Bp: Unity Week Service at St Columba's: PCC
Thurs.	25th	CONVERSION of St PAUL: SM 7pm
Fri.	26th	SS Timothy and Titus: Institution at St Bene't's
Sat.	27th	
SUN.	28th	4th of EPIPHANY
Mon.	29th	
Tues.	30th	Charles, King and Martyr: LSM/Emmanuel Forum 7.30pm
Wed.	31st.	St John Bosco, Priest

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for January

Trust in the Name of Jesus	<i>Dorothy Ogden</i>	1st
The People of Iraq		2nd
USPG	<i>Edward Maycock, Pr., Lena Wheatley, Arthur Clough</i>	3rd
	<i>Celia Scott-Townsend</i>	
Cambridge City Council	<i>Marjorie Robson</i>	4th
Cambridge Money Advice Centre	<i>Agatha Furley, Jennifer Williams</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for Our Lord, revealed to all nations		6th
The Parish: David and Rachel Neaum		7th
Our Holy Land Pilgrims	<i>Ellen Smith</i>	8th
S. Cambridge Area Deanery Chapter		9th
Friends of LSM		10th
Peacekeepers: the United Nations	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Vocations to the monastic life		12th
Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin Universities		13th
The Parish	<i>Jeannette Askey, Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
Northern Ireland	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
Spiritual Guides		16th
Our Overseas Churches Link Group		17th
The Roman Catholic Church		18th
Methodist and Lutheran Churches	<i>Daphne Clavey</i>	19th
The Orthodox Churches	<i>Maud Verran Donald Harris, Pr. Pauline Martindale</i>	20th
The Parish: Emmanuel URC	<i>Athelstane Furley</i>	21st
Baptist and Pentecostal Churches		22nd
United Reformed and Pentecostal Churches		23rd
Salvation Army, Society of Friends	<i>Robert Garrett Pr. Peggy Hall</i>	24th
Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge		25th
Angela Tilby: St Bene't's Parish		26th
Ely Cathedral: the College of Canons	<i>Sebastian Hawkes</i>	27th
The Parish		28th
Peterhouse and Pembroke	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
Integrity in public life	<i>Mary Ann Hammond</i>	30th
Work with Children and Young People in the Parish		31st

The Epiphany Season

*Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
may thy people,
illuminated by thy word and sacraments
shine with the radiance of His glory,
that He may be known, worshipped and obeyed
to the ends of the earth,
for he liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.*

AMEN

CHARITY GIVING IN 2006

We have given the following amounts away in the last 12 months. Some of the money has come from special collections, some from Friday lunches and some from the 5% of ordinary income which we give away each year. Many thanks to all who contributed in any way.

Additional Curates Society	455.00
Amnesty International	105.00
Borneo Mission Association	500.00
Cambridge Cyrenians	485.00
Cambridge Mencap	200.00
Cambridge Samaritans	140.00
Children's Society	485.00
Christian Aid	1405.00
Christian Blind Mission	212.00
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	1350.00
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	295.00
Lewin Stroke Rehab Unit	403.57
Makeni Ecumenical Centre	1350.00
New Churches Fund	100.00
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	175.00
PNG Church Partnership	1625.00
Prison Fellowship	221.00
SPEAK	78.00
St Luke's Hospital	220.00
The John Clough Bursary Trust	160.00
USPG	1660.00
Working Together	85.00
TOTAL	11709.57

YOUTH NEWS

There will be a Youth Group lunch and Outdoor Games afternoon in early January (probably Sunday 7th) – details to follow! The next Newsletter will contain a Youth Update with pieces written by some of our young people telling us about issues they face in school and the support we as a parish can give them – look out for it!

Congratulations...

to **Robin Osborne**, historian of Ancient Greece, on being made a Fellow of the British Academy. Established by Royal Charter in 1902, The British Academy is the national academy for the humanities and the social sciences. It is an independent, self-governing fellowship of more than 800 scholars, elected for distinction and achievement in one or more branches of the academic disciplines that make up the humanities and social sciences.

People for our Prayers

Almost immediately after **Maggie and Derek Hulyer** had moved from Ely into their new house off Milton Road, Maggie had a fall on the stairs; a few days later she was in hospital having an operation for the removal of a blood clot in the brain. Since then she has suffered various complications through her kidney and heart troubles, and has been in and out of Addenbrooke's. So there hasn't been the excitement in moving that there might have been; on the other hand, the new neighbours have been very welcoming and supportive, which has been a great boon to Derek over several difficult weeks. **Peter Barnard** spent a few days in Addenbrooke's after suffering a black-out at home; no lasting effects, apparently! **Hugh Munro** has moved to a specialist neurological hospital in Putney for intensive treatment to aid and promote any possible further recovery.

SPEAK

SPEAK is a network of Christian students and young adults who campaign and pray on issues of social justice. Recent campaigns have focussed on, amongst other things, government subsidy of the arms trade, fair trade rules, climate change, refugees and corporate responsibility. We are a Christian-based network but welcome everyone to campaign with us.

The Cambridge (city and university) SPEAK group are holding meetings on Sundays from 3-5pm to learn about the campaigns, plan, pray and take action. We operate as a Fusion cell - a community committed to each other, God's word and prayer. If you're interested, we'd love to see you - either this week or some time in the future. You can also e-mail Jenny Auton (jfa23@cam.ac.uk) or Joanna Lewis (jeal2@cam.ac.uk) for more information or to be added to our e-mail list, or visit one of these websites:

- www.cam.ac.uk/societies/speak (Cambridge SPEAK)
- www.fusioncambridge.com (for more about Fusion and cells)
- www.speak.org.uk (SPEAK national)

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 <i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Tuesday			
7.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Wednesday			
9.00am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	10.00am <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Thursday			
7.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am & 6.30pm <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Friday			
7.15am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am & 12.30pm <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Saturday			
	8.00am <i>Low Mass</i>		6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>

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@yahoogroups.com