

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN MARCH

- Fri 2nd Women's World Day of Prayer, 10.30am Refreshments
12.30pm Low Mass followed by 2 Stations of The Cross 9.00pm Compline
- Sun 4th **2nd SUNDAY of LENT**
10.30am Preacher: The Revd Dr Keith Straughan, (see pg4)
- Tue 6th Lent Course 2: *Using the Bible Wisely: In interfaith concerns*,
Prof David Ford, 7.30pm-9.00pm at Westminster College
- Wed 7th 10am Low Mass Résumé of Lent Course 2: 1.15pm-2.00pm, Parish Room
- Fri 9th 12.30pm Low Mass followed by Reflections on 2 Stations of The Cross
- Sat 10th 5.30pm LSM Choirs sing Evensong at Bury St Edmunds Cathedral
- Sun 11th **3rd SUNDAY of LENT**
10.30am Preacher: The Revd Mark Bishop, (see pg4)
- Tue 13th Lent Course 3: *Using the Bible Wisely: The Gospels*
The Revd John Proctor 7.30pm-9.00pm at Westminster College
- Wed 14th 10am Low Mass with anointing and laying-on of hands
Résumé of Lent Course 3: 1.15pm-2.00pm, Parish Room
- Fri 16th 12.30pm Low Mass followed by Reflections on 2 Stations of The Cross
- Sun 18th **4th SUNDAY of LENT: Refreshment Sunday**
10.30 am Preacher: The Revd Russell Dewhurst,
Priest-in-Charge, St Frideswide, Oxford (see pg4)
- Mon 19th 1.00pm Meditation in the Crypt
- Tue 20th Lent Course 4: *Using the Bible Wisely: In Personal Devotion*
The Revd Angela Tilby, 7.30pm-9.00pm at Westminster College
- Wed 21st 10am Low Mass Résumé of Lent Course 4: 1.15pm-2.00pm, Parish Room
- Thur 22nd 8pm Guild of All Souls
- Fri 23rd 12.30pm Low Mass followed by Reflections on 2 Stations of The Cross
- Sat 24th *Clocks go forward*
- Sun 25th **5th SUNDAY of LENT: Passion Sunday**
10.30 am Preacher: The Revd Dr Alison Millbank, Assistant Curate,
Holy Trinity Lambley, (see pg4)
- Mon 26th **ANNUNCIATION to the BVM**
Low Mass 7.45 am Sung Mass 7.00 pm
- Tue 27th Lent Course 4: *Using the Bible Wisely: In Ethics*
The Ven John Beer 7.30pm-9.00pm at Westminster College
- Wed 28th 10am Low Mass Résumé of Lent Course 3: 1.15pm-2.00pm, Parish Room
- Thur 29th 7pm Stations of The Cross
- Sat 31st Church Cleaning Party (provisional)



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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Part of our Lenten penance this year, it seems, is to be living in the shadow of the scaffolding poles around the organ case. There is certainly a sense of claustrophobia in the south-east corner of the church at the moment; perhaps it symbolizes the sense of constriction and limitation which is one of the characteristics of what we call 'sin'. St Paul wrote in the letter to the Romans of 'not doing the good I want to do, but doing the evil I do not want to do'; he felt, I suppose, that he was in the grip of a force which somehow and sometimes denied him the freedom to be the servant of God he desired to be. His reflections in this passage culminate first in a question: *who will deliver me?* and then in a cry of thanksgiving: *thanks be to God through Jesus Christ Our Lord*. Lent, Passiontide and Easter encourage us both to recognize the question: *who will deliver us* from the forces that tie us down against our will and better judgement...and to appropriate Paul's answer: *thanks be to God through Jesus Christ Our Lord*. The penitential emphasis of Lenten liturgy, the following of the narrow Way of the Cross in the 'Stations', these are part of facing the question; and 'looking forward to Holy Easter', not as happy ending but as integral with the reality of the Passion, this is to discover that we may make Paul's answer our own: *thanks be to God through Jesus Christ Our Lord*.

Many people experience constriction and limitation in material or physical ways, through sickness or disability for example. For the people of Iraq and, sadly, many other parts of the world, it is the daily threat of violence and terror which prevents human flourishing. The **Ely Diocese Lent Appeal** this year is for the **Church Urban Fund** and we are targeting our support for this appeal through the Friday lunches. On page ** you can read more about this Fund and its work, but it's interesting to note that this does extend to rural areas as well as urban. The Bishop of Ely points out that there is considerable and extensive need in this largely rural diocese: 3,000 farm workers in the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire region have lost their jobs in the last 5 years: in the year 2004-5, 13% of households in East Cambridgeshire were accepted as homeless by local authorities, compared with 7.8% across England. So do please, if you possibly can, make a special

effort to support the Friday lunches in March and April...and I remind you that although we make only a minimum charge of £2 for what is an excellent though simple lunch, we are encouraged to give more (as many do). I hope that we may find other opportunities during Lent and Passiontide to boost our giving towards this diocesan appeal. I wonder if someone might be prepared, for example, to host a Coffee morning in their own home (as Patrick and Patricia Morris used to do for Christian Aid)?

Another severe constriction and limitation on people's lives for hundreds of years was the institution of slavery; in 2007, as you can read on page **, we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the 'official' ending of the **Slave Trade**. But as our article tells us, there is slavery of a different kind today in our supposedly enlightened world. I do encourage you to visit the exhibition in Emmanuel URC, publicised on page **, and to inform yourself as fully as possible about this continuing blight on the lives of so many young people.

Palm Sunday this year falls on April 1st, the day on which our April Newsletter will appear. So I take this earlier opportunity of inviting you to participate in the fullness of the **Holy Week Liturgies**, which begin with the Blessing and Procession of Palms, and the invitation to carry the Cross through the whole week. Some of you will remember our Holy Week Preacher, **Dr Andrew Davison**, a member of the Choir here when he was an ordinand; he is now on the staff at St Stephen's House, Oxford. He will be giving his first Holy Week Address at Evensong on Palm Sunday. Once again, it would be good if some of you were able to offer him a meal during the week; please let me know.

By Palm Sunday, we should be hearing the new **Organ**, and I hope that everyone has in their diaries the first two major celebrations of its birth: firstly, its **Dedication** by the Rt Revd David Conner, Dean of Windsor, at a Sung Mass at 7pm on Monday April 30th, the Eve of the Feast of SS Philip and James; and secondly, the recital by Thomas Trotter on the following **Saturday, May 5th**. Please look out for further information about these events, and other musical celebrations in May. We hope also to have an ongoing **Flower Festival** during May as part of these celebrations.

On the financial side, it is good to hear that donations continue to 'trickle in' for the Organ Fund; these help to reduce the sum required from the Vicar and Churchwardens Fund, leaving more money available for future projects. So far as the Stewardship Campaign is concerned, early reports from the Treasurer are encouraging; this is being written before the dispatch of gentle 'reminders' to those who have not yet responded! Please don't forget those Electoral Roll forms! *with my prayers for your keeping of Lent: Fr Andrew*

*The Sunday Morning Lent Sermons and
Tuesday Evening Lent Course
continue through March!*

Sunday 10.30am Sermons:

*What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

March 4th:	Old Testament Prophets	Fr Keith Straughan
March 11th:	Jesus	Fr Mark Bishop
March 18th:	the Epistle of James	Fr Russell Dewhurst
March 25th:	Mary's Magnificat	The Revd Dr Alison Milbank

Tuesday 7.30pm Lent Course

(at Westminster College): nb £1 per session

Using the Bible wisely:

March 6th	In inter-faith concerns	Prof. David Ford
March 13th	The Gospels	John Proctor
March 20th	In personal devotion	Angela Tilby
March 27th	In Ethics	The Ven. John Beer

Reflections on two Stations of the Cross

at the end of the 12.30pm Low Mass on Fridays

March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th.

Compline in Lent:

Fridays March 2nd and 30th
9.00pm

People for our Prayers

After a long wait for surgery on a hernia, mainly because of the other health problems which had been affecting him, **Tony Fletcher** at last had his operation at the end of January. Unfortunately, post-operative complications necessitated a longer stay in hospital than had been expected, but he was home again by the middle of February.

There have been continuing problems for **Ken Topley** over pain control, but a Macmillan Nurse has now been extremely helpful, and he has been feeling brighter. It is good to see him and Barbara at the Friday 12.30pm Mass and at lunch afterwards.

Irene Morris duly had the promised 'farewell drinks' after High Mass on February 4th, but before she could leave for Northern Ireland she had a fall; for the moment she is being looked after at home, but it's not clear yet what the future will be for her.

CHANT D'OISEAU: April 12th-15th

Our proposed visit to our linked parish of Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels, will be going ahead. We now have a party of 36, which means that coach travel will be financially viable (departure 9.30am on Thursday April 12th); it also means that we could take a few more, but we must set an absolutely final closing date (for the sake of our hosts) of Sunday March 4th.

St Chad, Bishop of Mercia (Lichfield) d. 672

St Chad was the first bishop of Mercia and Lindsey at Lichfield. Brother of Cedd and a disciple of Aidan, Chad was chosen by Oswi, king of Northumbria, as bishop of Northumbria, while Wilfrid, chosen by the sub-king Alcfrith, was in Gaul seeking consecration. Wilfrid on his return in 666, found that Alcfrith was dead or exiled and retired to Ripon. In 669 Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury, restored Wilfrid to York and deposed Chad, but soon made him bishop of the Mercians. Bede recognised Chad as being unusually humble, devout, zealous and apostolic. Chad's episcopate of three years laid the foundations of the see of Lichfield which established diocesan organisation. He was able to establish monasteries at Barrow and one close to Lichfield Cathedral. On his death on March 2nd 672 Chad, according to Bede, was venerated as a saint and his relics were later placed in the Cathedral. A Mercian illuminated Gospel Book of the 8th century called the Gospels of St Chad was probably associated with his shrine; it is now in Lichfield Cathedral Library. Thirty-three ancient churches and several wells were dedicated to St Chad, mainly in the Midlands. There are also several modern dedications.

From the Oxford Dictionary of Saints, by David Hugh Farmer

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GROUP

LSM is collaborating with Emmanuel and St Columba's in organising an event to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire and the USA. The following events are planned:

Exhibition on Anniversary of Abolition of Slavery

**Emmanuel Church,
Tuesdays – Fridays, 12th – 30th March**

The exhibition will be set up on 12th March and
LSM will produce material on trafficking.

Formal Launch of Abolition of Slavery Exhibition

**Emmanuel Church
Friday, 16th March. 8.00pm**

with a words and music performance of

'Sing Freedom'

followed by refreshments.

*If you would like to perform please contact
Pippa Jones, C.512684.*

Bible Study Series on Slavery

After Easter, Gemma Burnett-Chetwynd is considering leading a
joint study group - watch this space.

Volunteers are needed to steward the exhibition and to serve refreshments at the launch. Posters and fliers are available, so please take some and publicise the event.

If you have any good material, particularly visual, on slavery or slave trafficking that you would be willing to lend for the exhibition, please contact Tim Wheatley, C.362532 or Sheila Bennett, C.564848.



Calendar and Intentions

for

MARCH

*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 March

Thurs.	1st	St David, Bishop: 1pm service at Emmanuel URC
Fri.	2nd	comm. St Chad, Bp. Women's World Day of Prayer Service at LSM: 10.30am. 2 Stations of the Cross at 12.30 Mass Compline 9pm
Sat.	3rd	
SUN.	4th	2nd of LENT
Mon.	5th	
Tues.	6th	comm. St Tibb: Lent Course {2} 7.30pm
Wed.	7th	comm. St Perpetua, Martyr. Lent Course résumé 1. 15pm
Thurs.	8th	comm. Edward King, Bp. 1pm service at Emmanuel URC
Fri.	9th	2 Stations of the Cross at 12.30 Mass
Sat.	10th	Diocesan Synod, LSM Choirs sing E'song, Bury St EdsCath.
SUN.	11th	3rd of LENT
Mon.	12th	
Tues.	13th	Lent Course {3} 7.30pm
Wed.	14th	anointing at 10am LM: Lent Course résumé 1. 15pm:PCC 7pm
Thurs.	15th	1pm service at Emmanuel URC
Fri.	16th	2 Stations of the Cross at 12.30 Mass
Sat.	17th	St Patrick, Bp
SUN.	18th	4th of LENT: Refreshment Sunday
Mon.	19th	St JOSEPH: Meditation in the Crypt 1pm
Tues.	20th	comm. St Cuthbert, Bp.: Lent Course {4}
Wed.	21st	Lent Course résumé 1. 15pm
Thurs.	22nd	Guild of All Souls 8pm
Fri.	23rd	2 Stations of the Cross at 12.30 Mass.
Sat.	24th	
SUN.	25th	5th of LENT: PASSION SUNDAY
Mon.	26th	ANNUNCIATION to the BVM (transf.) LM 7.45am SM 7pm
Tues.	27th	Lent Course {5} 7.30pm
Wed.	28th	Lent Course résumé: 1. 15-2pm
Thurs.	29th	Stations of the Cross 7pm
Fri.	30th	
Sat.	31st	

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for March

The People of Wales		1st
Women's World Day of Prayer		2nd
Parish and Junior Choirs	<i>Ceta Cherry</i>	3rd
The Parish		4th
The People of Iraq		5th
Wisdom in inter-faith relations		6th
Those who suffer for their faith	<i>Geoffrey Clayton, Bishop</i>	7th
Christian Unity	<i>Jessie Rolph</i>	8th
Faith in the City Fund (<i>Friday Lunch Charity and Bishop's Lent appeal</i>)		9th
Diocesan Synod		10th
The Parish		11th
Darfur		12th
Our Lent Course	<i>Elsie Kathleen Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i>	13th
Friends of LSM		14th
Ministry of Spiritual Direction	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe</i>	15th
The Homeless: Jimmy's Nightshelter	<i>Teresa Pike</i>	16th
The People of Ireland	<i>Richard Boulind</i>	17th
The Parish		18th
Strengthening of family life	<i>Mary McDougall</i>	19th
Vocations to the religious life		20th
Ordinands: David Neaum	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Bottrall</i>	21st
Guild of All Souls	<i>Emily Glennie, Nellie Edwards, Merlin Rotheram-Brown</i>	22nd
A good keeping of Passiontide		23rd
Parish links (St Mary Mags, All Saints Margaret Street)	<i>George Head</i>	24th
The Parish	<i>Edith Allen</i>	25th
Thanksgiving for Our Lady's 'yes' to God	<i>George Papworth</i>	26th
Discernment in ethical questions	<i>Nora Everiss</i>	27th
Local Schools		28th
Courage in walking the Way of the Cross		29th
Our Servers		30th
Fr Andrew Davison, our Holy Week Preacher		31st

*4th Sunday in Lent:
The Church our Mother*

*Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us through the ministry of the church
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace
within the household of faith
through Jesus Christ Our Lord:
AMEN*

FRIDAY LUNCH CHARITY FOR MARCH & APRIL

The Church Urban Fund is a charity resourcing grassroots activity in the poorest parts of England and is being supported by the Friday lunches during March and April this year. It is also the **Ely Diocese Lent Appeal** (see Fr Andrew's letter on p2). Working in partnership with faith organisations at the local level, CUF supports people who are putting their faith into action in the places where they live.

CUF works in the top 10% of the poorest communities in England. They use the Church of England's diocesan structure to ensure local knowledge informs their support and enables them to have good regional coverage. They support projects in both urban and rural areas.

Each month CUF takes a look at different social issues faced by those living in the poorest areas of England and how their support of social action is making a difference.

The Romsey Mill Transition Programme supporting young people at risk of exclusion or failure at school is one of many projects funded by CUF. The current grant helps the project to offer support and activities to build life-skills, self-esteem and healthy behavioural patterns and a support service for young women at risk of teenage pregnancy is also being developed.

This prayer on CUF's e-newsletter seems to say it all.

Dear Father

There are so many needs and injustices around us.

It is difficult to see how we can make a difference.

But you told us to have the same attitude as that of

Christ Jesus, who did not come to be served,

but to serve and give His life as a ransom for many.

So Lord we pray that each one of us, of your Church,

might do at least one sacrificial,

generous act of kindness that

helps someone who is less fortunate than ourselves.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus. Amen

Written by Tom Ward, volunteer director of the Asian Friendship Centre in Forest Gate, East London

Further details are available on the CUF website: www.cuf.org.uk

Book this date in your diary now!

OPENING RECITAL ON NEW ORGAN

by **Thomas Trotter**

Little St Mary's Church
Saturday, 5th May, 2007

7.30pm

THOMAS TROTTER

A widely admired musician, Thomas Trotter has performed throughout Europe and in the States and is regularly asked to give recitals on major historic instruments such as those at St Ouen in Rouen, St Bavo's in Haarlem, Weingarten Abbey in Germany and Woolsey Hall at Yale University. He has performed with many of the leading orchestras. In May 2001 he was the recipient of the Royal Philharmonic Society award for Best Instrumentalist, the first organist to win this award. Past winners include Andras Schiff, Itzhak Perlman and Julian Bream.

Thomas Trotter was appointed City Organist of Birmingham in 1983 in succession to Sir George Thalben-Ball, and is the Artistic Adviser and Resident Organist at Birmingham's Symphony Hall. He is also Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster and Visiting Professor of Organ at the Royal College of Music. Thomas was an organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge and later continued his studies with Marie-Claire Alain in Paris, winning the Prix de Virtuosite in her class. He won First Prize at the St Albans International Organ Competition in 1979 and made his debut in London's Royal Festival Hall the following year. In July 2003 he received an Honorary Doctorate from Birmingham University.

Thomas Trotter has made many recordings and releases of Messiaen and Mozart have been named "Critics' Choice" by The Gramophone magazine. He received a Grand Prix du Disque for his recording of music by Liszt in 1995, and was consultant for the new Marcussen organ in Manchester's Bridgewater Hall and for the new organ in Birmingham at Symphony Hall.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2007



**75th Anniversary of
the English movement**

**Friday, 2nd March
Little St Mary's Church, 10.30am**

The service is prepared by the Christian women of Paraguay

The speaker will be Mrs Kay Coe

Coffee will be served after the service

R.I.P.

Elsie **Perrin** died on January 27th, just 3 months short of her 101st birthday. Born in 1906 just over the boundary of our parish, she first came to LSM at the age of 6, and was to be a life-long member (sometimes expressing slight embarrassment about her loyal membership of a club based at St Paul's Hills Road!) In her late 80s and early 90s, she would still walk down from Coronation Terrace to the 8am Mass on Sundays. Her husband Charlie was a Churchwarden, and she was an important (cake-baking!) member of the LSM Social Club which flourished in the 1940s and 1950s. Her daughter Mary married Fred Linsey, long-serving Sacristan at LSM, and after Mary's death at the age of just 43, Elsie and Fred kept in touch daily and offered great support to one another. She eventually gave up her house in the parish, and spent the last few years of her life, still as mentally alert as ever, near her other daughter Ruth in Bishops Stortford. We give thanks for Elsie's faithful Christian life and witness, and pray that she may rest in peace and rise in glory.

We offer our sympathy to Churchwarden **Paul Huskinson** and to his mother Mary on the death of Paul's stepfather, **Bill Thomas**. He and Mary were loyal members of the Friends of LSM, and joined in many of the tours and pilgrimages, as well as worshipping with us at LSM when visiting Paul in Cambridge. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Some of our members will recall MARGARET AITCHISON who worshipped with us at LSM in the early and mid-1990s. Sadly she began to suffer with dementia at a comparatively early age, and moved into residential care in North Wales. She died at the age of 71 on February 13th. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
SHARED WORSHIP AT EMMANUEL**

**Short Taizé-style
lunchtime services in Lent**

Thursdays: 22nd Feb - 5th April,
1.00pm for 20 mins
All welcome

WHATEVER ARE 'FRESH EXPRESSIONS'?

Many who are concerned over the apparent failure of the churches to communicate with the 'unchurched' of our generation urge that there should be 'Fresh Expressions of Church'. Some are puzzled or disconcerted by this phrase, and some are hostile to it.

At LSM we have an opportunity on SUNDAY MARCH 25th to listen to someone who has knowledge and experience of Fresh Expressions; Fr Malcolm Guite, Chaplain of Girton College and an Assistant Priest at St Edward's will be with us at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. There will be light refreshments beforehand (after Evensong and Benediction) and the meeting will finish at 8.30pm.

LSM Junior and Adult Choirs

sing

Evensong

Bury St. Edmunds Cathedral

Saturday, 10th March

5.30pm

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@yahoogroups.com

Deadline for March Newsletter : **Sunday 24th March**