

# Little St. Mary's, Cambridge NEWSLETTER

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## SERVICES & EVENTS IN APRIL

Sun 1st **PALM SUNDAY**  
10.30am Preacher: The Revd Dr Andrew Davison,  
Tutor at St Stephen's House, Oxford

***HOLY WEEK & EASTER** see page 4 for details of services*

Sun 8th **EASTER DAY**  
4.30am Paschal Vigil and first Mass of Easter  
8am Low Mass 10.30am High Mass

Thur 12th - Sun 15th Choir and parish visit to Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels

Sun 15th **2nd SUNDAY of EASTER**

Sun 22nd **3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**

Wed 25th St MARK, Evangelist 10am Low Mass 7pm Sung Mass

Thur 26th 7pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sun 29th **4th SUNDAY of EASTER**

Mon 30th Eve of SS PHILIP and JAMES 7pm High Mass, with  
dedication of the New Organ by the Rt Revd David Conner,  
Dean of Windsor and Bishop to the Forces

Tue 1st SS PHILIP and JAMES 7.45 am Low Mass  
7.15pm for 7.15pm Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge

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## **VICAR'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

The Churchwardens and I, together with members of the group which prepared the material for our Stewardship Review before Lent this year, are very grateful for the large number of responses which were received. The Treasurer will be reporting on the financial aspects of this at the **Annual Parochial Church Meeting** to be held in the Parish Room on Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup>. The 'time and talents' responses have required a good deal of work, so that the various offers reach the right people; this work is continuing, so please be patient if your offer hasn't yet been taken up. The PCC decided at its recent meeting that, given the success of this year's review, and in line with national church recommendation, we should continue our established practice of having this kind of review. We hope, when the next PCC meets, to appoint someone, who would be our 'Christian Giving Adviser', to co-ordinate this.

You will recall that Electoral Roll forms were included in the pack which you received at the time of the review. This was partly a convenient way in which to distribute the forms in a year when a complete renewal of the Roll is required; but it was also to emphasize the point that membership of the Roll identifies us as part of the Body of Christ here at LSM. There are certain legal aspects to this (particularly that those not on the Roll are not eligible for election to Synods or PCC), but more importantly it signifies commitment to the corporate life of this Christian community on the part of those who worship and are involved here regularly. The new Roll has to be completed fifteen days before the APCM (i.e. April 11<sup>th</sup>) to allow attendance at that meeting; I do encourage any who have lost their form, or not got round to filling it in, to deal with this before April 11<sup>th</sup>, so that we have an accurate list of our membership.

As always, I also encourage all on the Roll to come along to the meeting:

**THURSDAY APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7pm**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS**

***for the election of Churchwardens***

*followed by*

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The special item this year will be a report and reflection on the implications of the 'Parish Partnerships' proposed in the Deanery Pastoral Plan for our South Cambridge Deanery.

There have indeed been some first moves within our own proposed 'partnership'; I had a very helpful meeting with the Vicar of St Paul's, Hills Road, Michael Beckett, as a result of which Tim Wheatley, who chairs our Social Responsibility Group, has already been in touch with his opposite number at St Paul's. With both Michael and Angela Tilby at St Bene't's I have broached the idea of a Week of Guided Prayer in which members of all our congregations might participate. Angela Tilby will be leading our Meditation on Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, and Malcolm Guite from St Edward's recently gave us a stimulating and engaging presentation on 'Fresh Expressions of Church', with some particular references to what is happening at St Edward's.

Partnership is not necessarily restricted to the Anglican churches specified in the Deanery plan. Four lay people represented LSM at a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> with representatives of two well-known churches of a similar tradition to ours, All Saints Margaret Street, and St Mary Magdalen, Oxford; this might well lead to collaboration in producing a course on Christian Faith today. Members of Emmanuel URC as well as of St Bene't's have joined us for the very successful Lent Course on 'Using the Bible wisely', and 35 of us will be in Brussels from April 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, continuing our link with the RC Parish of Chant d'Oiseau. Members of the Parish and Junior Choirs will be giving a concert on the Friday evening, as well as singing at the Mass on Low Sunday morning.

You will find full details of Holy Week and Easter services on page 4. We are fortunate in the commitment of Flower Arrangers, Choir, Servers and Clergy which enables us to present the powerful liturgies of those days in a way which encourages us to enter into all of them (and they are a unity, Last Supper, Passion and Resurrection) with our whole being. The Palm Procession, the Washing of Feet and the Watch (as in the Garden of Gethsemane) on Maundy Thursday, the continuing Watch (as at the Trial) and the Veneration of the Cross on Good Friday, the silence of Holy Saturday and then, at the Easter Vigil, the great fire (*it should, if possible, be big enough for its flames truly to scatter the darkness of the night!*) and the Paschal Candle, marked with the Five Wounds of Christ, the *Alpha* and *Omega* signifying that this Sacrifice avails for all times and all seasons, including our own present time, in 2007: all this leads us into the light of new life in Christ.

*And so I offer you my thoughts and prayers for  
your Holy Week and Eastertide. Fr Andrew*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2007

### *The Sacrament of Reconciliation: times for Confession*

The Vicar: Mon 2nd 5.15pm Wed 4th 12.05pm Sat 7th 5pm  
Fr Ian Thompson Tuesday 3rd 12.05pm Saturday 7th 2.30pm

*or by appointment with the Clergy*

*The Addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday, at 7pm  
from Monday to Thursday inclusive,  
on Good Friday and at the Paschal Vigil will be given by  
Fr Andrew Davison, Tutor at St Stephen's House, Oxford*

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Low Mass
<b>1st</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Blessing of Palms (Laundress Green) Procession to J.S.M, High Mass
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Solemn Evensong & Benediction with first Holy Week Address
<b>Monday 2nd</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	Low Mass
	<b>12.30pm</b>	Stations of the Cross
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Low Mass and Address
<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>7.45am</b>	Low Mass
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Low Mass and Address
<b>Wednesday 4th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Low Mass
	<b>7.00pm</b>	Low Mass and Address

### *The Easter Triduum*

<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	High Mass of the Lord's Supper Address and Footwashing, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars, Watch of the Passion
<b>5th</b>		
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Morning Prayer and Litany (BCP)
<b>6th</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	(1) Preaching of the Passion (2) Liturgy of the Day (1.30pm)
	<b>5.00pm</b>	Liturgy of the Cross for Children
	<b>9.00pm</b>	Tenebrae
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	<b>9.00am</b>	Morning Prayer and Antecomunion
<b>7th</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Evening Prayer and Vigil Prayers
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	<b>4.30am</b>	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter
<b>8th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Low Mass
	<b>10.30am</b>	Procession and High Mass
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Solemn Evensong and Benediction
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Low Mass

**PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS:**

**Philip Hall** \* was taken into hospital on March 26<sup>th</sup>; he has been very frail now for some months, but had recently had a series of falls, and the doctor was clear that he should be fully examined in hospital. **Barbara Shailes** suffered a number of complications following an operation in Addenbrookes last month, and was moved to Papworth Hospital for further tests. **Peter Dicken**, a member of the Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary and formerly a server at LSM spent some days in Addenbrookes following a heart attack. **Derek Gibbons**, whom longer-standing members of the congregation will remember, went home to Gretton Court after tests in hospital; as with **Michael Farmer**, it seems that further treatment, apart from palliative care, is not possible. **Margaret Neaum**, mother of David who will join us as a Non-Stipendiary Deacon after the ordination on June 30<sup>th</sup>, has been diagnosed with cancer; this is particularly difficult for the family, with David being so far away from his parents (his father is a priest in the Diocese of Wangaratta in Australia), but it may be that she will be well enough to come over for the ordination.

**RIP**

*\* Just as we were completing this Newsletter, we heard that Philip Hall had died in hospital: obituary next month. We offer our sympathy to Scilla and to Ken Topley's wife Barbara.*

Ken, with Barbara, began worshipping with us at LSM in the early summer of last year. They had both thrown themselves enthusiastically into life here, participating in the Autumn Course on 'Illuminating the Mass', and providing Friday lunches. Ken was something of a polymath, always excited about new ideas, particularly in philosophy and theology. He had a particular knowledge of the Far East, having worked for many years in Hong Kong as a District Administrator, and later in Macao as Director of Education. After his retirement, he and Barbara had lived in Spain and France, before returning to England, first to Oxford and then, two years ago, to Cambridge.

We offer our sympathy to **Sally Richardson** on the death from cancer of her niece **Valerie Elliott**. Sally journeyed up to her old home town of Lanchester for the funeral.

## FAITH IN ACTION



This year's theme for the Mothers' Union worldwide is Faith in Action and what better theme to have for a society whose objects are just that: promoting and upholding Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage, encouraging children and parents in the faith, praying and worshipping within the worldwide fellowship, promoting conditions in society for stable family life and the protection of children and helping those who life has met with adversity.

In this diocese our Faith in Action is shown by:

- providing gifts of food, household goods, clothes and toys to Cambridge Women's Aid and Huntingdonshire Women's Refuge
- knitting blankets and premature baby clothes for four hospitals in the diocese
- knitting "Teddies for Tragedies" for traumatised children through Cambridgeshire Emergency Services
- assisting at Cambridge and East Cambs Child Contact Centres; at Oakington Immigration Reception Centre; at the Visitors' Centre and Chapel at Littlehey prison and the Visitors' Hall at Whitemoor prison
- organising and funding holidays for needy families
- facilitating parenting courses, including a relationships/parenting course at Littlehey prison
- providing a baby feeding and changing tent at the Young Farmers' Cambridgeshire County show in June and at the Inland Waterways Association's National Festival and Boat Show at St. Ives in August.

All Mothers' Union activity is underpinned by prayer. 1st-5th April when Ely diocese participates in the Wave of Prayer. Members throughout the world will pray for us and our linked dioceses of Juba, Maridi, Yambio and Yei in the Sudan and Kigali in Rwanda, and throughout each of these five days, branches and individual members set aside a time of prayer and reflection, so that prayer continues in a wave which is passed on to Exeter diocese.

Lady Day, the Feast of the Annunciation, is a special day of thanksgiving and prayer for members and this year a Diocesan service was held in Ely Cathedral at which the Bishop of Ely, himself a member, preached.

"Thursday Prayer" is a monthly half hour of prayer and meditation held in the Cathedral. A Day of Reflection is held in Lent and a weekend retreat in Advent

Over 50 members in Ely diocese, men and women, are Diocesan members who are interested in the work of the Mothers' Union and can offer prayer support. Look at the website [www.themothersunion.org](http://www.themothersunion.org) or the leaflets at the west end of the church. I will be happy to supply further information.

*Jo Wibberley*



## Calendar and Intentions

for

**APRIL**

*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 April

SUN. 1st PALM SUNDAY: 10.15am on Laundress Green  
*for full details of Holy Week and Easter Services, see page 4*

Mon. 2nd in Holy Week

Tues. 3rd in Holy Week

Wed.. 4th in Holy Week

Thurs 5th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Fri.. 6th GOOD FRIDAY

Sat 7th HOLY SATURDAY

SUN. 8th EASTER DAY

Mon. 9th in Easter Week: Low Mass 10am

Tues. 10th in Easter Week

Wed. 11th in Easter Week: anointing at 10am LM

Thurs. 12th in Easter Week: visit to Chant d'Oiseau (until Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>)

Fri. 13th in Easter Week

Sat. 14th in Easter Week

SUN. 15th 2nd of EASTER

Mon. 16th Meditation 1-1.30pm: The Revd Angela Tilby

Tues. 17th

Wed. 18th interviews for Lay Pastoral Assistant Post

Thurs. 19th St Alphege, Bishop

Fri. 20th

Sat. 21st St Anselm, Bishop

SUN. 22nd 3rd of EASTER

Mon. 23rd St GEORGE, Martyr: Study Session 1pm

Tues. 24th

Wed. 25th St MARK, Evangelist: LM 10am, SM 7pm

Thurs. 26th Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7pm

Fri. 27th

Sat. 28th

SUN. 29th 4th of EASTER

Mon. 30th EVE of SS PHILIP & JAMES: HM 7pm *see insert*  
Study Session 1pm



### Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for April

Our keeping of this Holy Week	<i>Arthur Frederick Murrell</i>	1st
Confessors and Spiritual Guides	<i>Austin Duncan-Jones</i>	2nd
Prisoners of Conscience	<i>Wren Hoskyns</i>	3rd
Jerusalem and the Middle East	<i>Ruth Daniel</i>	4th
Christian Unity in worship and service	<i>Robert Casey, Pr.</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for the Cross	<i>Vivien Steward</i>	6th
The Departed	<i>Elsie Duncan-Jones</i>	7th
Thanksgiving for Our Lord's Resurrection		8th
Our Home Communicants		9th
Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield	<i>David Davies, Pr., Eva Camps</i>	10th
Friends of LSM: the Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Mary Linsey</i>	11th
Participants in the visit to Chant d'Oiseau		12th
Church Urban Fund ( <i>Friday Lunch Charity and Bishop's Lent appeal</i> )		13th
Readers and Lay Ministers	<i>Patricia Morris</i>	14th
The Parish		15th
Local Schools and Teachers	<i>Sidney Cade, Pr.</i>	16th
Our Adult Confirmation Candidates	<i>Iris Bushell</i>	17th
Those involved in the interviews today	<i>Lucy Barlow-Poole</i>	18th
Renewal in Mission		19th
The People of Iraq	<i>Philip Pare Pr., Trevor Huddleston CR, Bp, Lydia Siddall</i>	20th
Theologians	<i>Angela Waddington, Elizabeth Bagley</i>	21st
The Parish		22nd
The People of England	<i>Michael Ramsey, Bp.</i>	23rd
Those preparing for examinations	<i>Ruth Mott</i>	24th
St Mark's Newnham	<i>Leslie Dunkin, Pr.</i>	25th
Vision and Commitment in the life of our Parish		26th
Those newly elected to serve on the PCC		27th
The People of Iraq	<i>Richard Love</i>	28th
The Parish		29th
Thanksgiving for the new Organ	<i>Alexander Fuller, Frederick Thorling</i>	30th

# *Eastertide*

*Eternal God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ  
is the way, the truth and the life:  
grant us to walk in his way,  
to rejoice in his truth,  
and to share his risen life,  
who liveth and reigneth  
with thee and the Holy Spirit,  
now and for ever:  
AMEN*

## **FRESH EXPRESSIONS**

In his letter, Fr Andrew referred to the meeting with Fr Malcolm Guite, who spoke about Fresh Expressions and the Goth Eucharist at St Edward's, which is a service designed to meet the very real needs of a specific group of young people. It may not be to everyone's taste, but then neither is our style of worship.

Fresh Expressions is finding new ways to address the needs of people who would not normally come to a church service, not with the intention of introducing them and making them conform to traditional ways of church, but to meet people "where they are" and to provide a bridge that encourages and enables them to become practising members of the Christian faith.

The play reading group, mentioned on page 13 is an example of one way of going about this (nothing very strange or frightening!). It's a meeting point where people feel welcome and at ease.

The Fresh Expressions web site says "Our society is changing all the time. Overall, Church attendance has gone down for many years but in many places you will also find growing congregations. There are different ways to describe the changes."

### **From the centre to the edge**

Church has moved from a central role in our society to the edges. At the same time, the "centre" of our society is moving around. As churches, we need to learn to live at the edge again – to rebuild community there.

### **From geography to network**

For hundreds of years, people in Britain have related to one another primarily because of where they live. People from the same place would go to school together, grow up together and often work together.

For all that time, the church also related to people because of where they lived. The whole of England is divided into parishes. Each one has a church and most have a vicar, but over the last fifty years, society itself has changed. People move around more. They work in different places. Most of us live in cities not villages. People get to know one another now through networks of friendship, through work colleagues, through sharing the same interests.

It is no longer enough for the church simply to relate to people because of where they live (although we still need the parish system). The churches need to serve the whole of society. That means relating to networks as well as to areas. For further information visit [www.freshexpressions.org.uk](http://www.freshexpressions.org.uk)

*Sue Munro*

### ***A Celebration of the Resurrection in Music and Flowers***

As you will see from the enclosed poster we have a series of five concerts in May, following the **Dedication of the new Organ** by the Dean of Windsor on April 30<sup>th</sup>. It is entirely appropriate that these musical festivities coincide with the continuing celebration of **Eastertide**, the 50 days from Easter Day until the Feast of Pentecost, May 27<sup>th</sup>, the day of the final concert, as well as our Friends of LSM Festival. At the same time, an ongoing **Flower Festival** will encourage us to reflect on the **Via Lucis**, the 14 'Stations of the Resurrection' commended by the late Pope, John Paul II. Full programmes for the concerts and further details of the flower festival will be available in due course, but we print here a few details from Patricia Davies about the concerts just to whet your appetite!

The concert series starts on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm with the Grand Inaugural Concert to be given by the world-renowned soloist, Thomas Trotter. This promises to be a very exciting occasion with the new organ being shown off to its full potential with works by Handel, Bach, Alain, Ligeti and Bizet.

The second concert follows immediately on the next day, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 and is to be given by our own Parish and Junior Choirs, conducted by Christian Rutherford with Sarah MacDonald on the organ. Again, it's an exciting programme designed to show the full range of the organ and including "The Little Organ Mass" by Haydn.

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 we are delighted to welcome the acclaimed trumpeter, Crispian Steele-Perkins with Anne Page on the organ.

The fourth concert on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 will feature the soprano Claire Bradshaw with Nigel Kerry, from OLEM, playing the organ.

To finish the series, it is a great pleasure to welcome back "Ensemble Sans Souci" with our own organist, Christian Rutherford. Their programme will begin with a Mozart Epistle Sonata, followed by Haydn String Quartet Opus 71 no. 1 in B flat and Brahms String Quartet Opus 51 no. 2 in A minor.

### **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** (*Christian Giving Review*)

The Stewardship Campaign had an excellent response. Thank you to everyone who took the time to go through all the papers and fill in the forms. A particular thanks, also, to all those who responded so generously with gifts of money, or offers of help.

There were 92 "time and talents" forms completed and returned. It is our intention that everyone who volunteered for a new job will receive a personal reply. If you returned a form volunteering to help, and you have not heard from anybody by the end of April, I would be grateful if you would let me know. The logistics of responding are a little complicated and there is a chance that we could miss someone inadvertently!

*Clive Brown, Stewardship Group*

### **PLAY-READING GROUP**

After the Eucharist on a Wednesday morning a small group, originally started at the instigation of the Social Responsibility Group to fill a need when the Trumpington Drop-in Centre was closed, meets to read plays. We read a variety of different plays to ensure something for everyone's taste, and many interesting discussions arise from this about anything and everything.

Our group is now much diminished in size and we would be pleased to have a few more people to read with us (*there is no acting involved*) so that participants don't have to read too many sets of lines each, which somewhat spoils the effect. If you would like to join us or want to know more about it, please have a word with me, or just turn up and see what happens.

*Malcolm Munro*

#### ***Monday lunchtimes in April and May: at 1pm***

**April 16<sup>th</sup>:** Meditation in the Crypt: the Revd Angela Tilby

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>:** Study Sessions in the Parish Room:  
Gemma Burnett-Chetwynd and Nick Jackson (May 14<sup>th</sup>)

**May 21<sup>st</sup>:** Meditation in the Crypt

**No Compline in April:** the next occasion on which Compline will be sung will be **Friday May 4<sup>th</sup>**, at 9.30pm (*please note the later time*)

### **SPONSORED LAKE DISTRICT CHALLENGE**

Last summer we prayed for Chris Clements, the brother of one of my work colleagues, who following a tragic accident, has been left a quadriplegic at the age of 30. A group of colleagues, from the University of Cambridge International Examinations, where I work are setting out on a sponsored Lake District Challenge to raise money jointly for Spinal Injury Research and much needed equipment for Chris to help him to become more independent, if possible.

The Challenge will involve walking 30 miles over 17 of the Lake District peaks in three days. This will be some feat as it will involve rather a lot of 'up and down' hill work – about 26,400 feet of it in all.

If you would like to be a sponsor to help raise money for either or both of the above causes, please contact me to sign my sponsorship form. I, and Chris' family, would be extremely grateful for any support you feel you can give.

Chris, not surprisingly, is currently not in a very good state mentally, so please also remember him and his family in your prayers.

*Helen Smith*



*See enclosed posters for details of concerts on the new organ. Please display them if you can, or put them where they will remind you of what is happening when.*



## 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](mailto:LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

Deadline for May Newsletter : **Sunday 22nd April**