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SERVICES & EVENTS IN MAY

- Tue 1st SS PHILIP and JAMES Low Mass 7.45am
Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge, Zion Baptist Church 7.15pm
- Fri 4th Compline, 9.30pm (*note time*)
- Sat 5th **Inaugural Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter** 7.30 p.m.
- Sun 6th *Concert*: LSM Parish and Junior Choirs, 7.30pm
- Mon 7th Bank Holiday Low Mass 10.00am
- Tue 8th May Devotion 8.00pm
- Sun 13th High Mass 10.30am, Preacher: The Revd Weafands Bell, Chaplain, Aldenham School, Beating of the Bounds.
Concert: Crispian Steele-Perkins and Anne Page, trumpet and organ 7.30pm
- 13-19th **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK** (*Service at GSM, 20th, 6.30pm*)
- Mon 14th St MATTHIAS, Apostle Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00pm
Bible Study 1.00pm
- Tue 15th Joint Synod at Michaelhouse, 7.30pm
- Thur 17th **ASCENSION DAY** Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00 p.m.
- Sat 19th Stations of the Resurrection, 6.45pm
- Sun 20th **SUNDAY after ASCENSION**
High Mass & Confirmation 10.30am,
Preacher: The Rt Rev Dr John Inge, Bishop of Huntingdon.
Concert: Claire Bradshaw & Nigel Kerry, Soprano & Organ, 7.30pm
- Mon 21st Meditation in the Crypt, 1.00pm
- Tue 22nd Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, 8.00pm
- Sun 27th **PENTECOST Friends of LSM Festival**
High Mass 10.30am Preacher: Fr Simon Holden CR
Concert: Ensemble Sans Souci 7.30pm
- Mon 28th May Bank Holiday Low Mass 10.00am

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends:

By the time you read this we should have **Churchwardens** appointed to their office for 2007-8, six new PCC members, five to serve for three years and one for a single year, and an additional Deanery Synod representative (following Sheila Bennett's election to the Diocesan Synod and consequent *ex officio* membership of Deanery Synod). The usual list of PCC members will have to wait for the June Newsletter, as our editor needed material for May before the APCM. But I would like to express my thanks to all who continue to serve, and to those who were prepared to stand for election for the coming year. My own report to the meeting will have focused on the remarkable generosity which has made possible the building of the new Organ and on the success of the Christian Giving Review earlier this year: on the encouraging levels of giving to overseas and other mission projects: on the enormous number of hours expended in voluntary service in the life of LSM, not only within the building, but through committees and working groups which help to keep us open to the wider world and its needs. I will have gone on from this appreciation of commitment and collaboration to some reflections on our many opportunities, Anglican and ecumenical as well as in the parish, for partnership in the gospel; some of these will have been touched on in our agenda item concerned with the proposals for our Deanery's development over the next ten years, but the recent visit to Chant d'Oiseau highlights continuing ecumenical opportunities. I may well have added some comments related to 'partnership in ministry' from the perspective of my own continuing experience at LSM and in the Deanery and Diocese; how is a priest's time best used? Is my energy expended in creative ways? (These are questions for both you and me!).

As you will be aware, plenty of energy is being expended musically in LSM during May. It's not too late to be getting tickets for the inaugural Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter on Saturday May 5th, nor for the exciting series of concerts on the four Sunday evenings in May. I'm sure that by the end of the month we shall have had the privilege of experiencing the delights and the potential of the Organ, as well as appreciating the skills of other musicians alongside it. (Incidentally, Christian and Sarah have been fielding a number of inquiries from organ buffs wanting to see and hear the instrument.) But we have more than music to look forward to; on page 11 you'll find other events mentioned: the **May Devotion** on May 8th, **Stations of the Resurrection** on May 19th, the **Friends Festival** on May 27th, the

Feast of Pentecost, when we also invite your offerings as a thank-you to our Assistant Priest, Fr Mark Bishop. Should you be away that weekend, envelopes will be in the pews for two Sundays before Pentecost. Early in June, on Saturday 2nd, there's our Parish and Society of Mary Pilgrimage to **Walsingham**; we have had to give up, for this year, the idea of staying overnight beforehand at the Shrine, as there is major building work being carried out on the accommodation. Four weeks later, on Saturday June 30th, I hope that many of us will be able to go to Ely Cathedral for **David Neaum's** ordination to the diaconate. Please indicate as soon as possible on the list in Church if you would like to go to the service (3pm) and in the meantime hold David in your prayers as he prepares for his 'deacon's year' at LSM. I hope that we shall soon be able to announce the name of a new **Lay Pastoral Assistant** to succeed **Gemma Burnett-Chetwynd**; Gemma herself has been recommended for ordination training following the Ministry Division Selection Conference which she attended in March. She expects to start her training at Westcott House this autumn.

Last year Rogation Sunday and the **Beating of the Bounds** of the Parish were marred by extremely wet weather. I'm hoping that the very dry April doesn't mean that we shall be similarly affected again this year. Weather permitting, we shall begin the Beating of the Bounds at 12.30pm on **Sunday May 13th**, and I encourage participants to bring a picnic. This event is an amalgam of the blessing of the land (and waters) with the Churchwardens' responsibility to ensure that the parish boundaries are in order. Both of these aspects help us to recognize what God has entrusted to us, and to renew our commitment to care for the environment and for God's children. Within our parish boundaries are wildlife and cattle, leisure facilities, educational establishments and businesses, as well as homes. On Rogation Sunday we have a special opportunity to discern the variety and goodness of creation, and to pray for all who live, work or 'have their being' in our neighbourhood. This year, it is also the beginning of **Christian Aid Week**, (page 14) and that helps to remind us of the many needs and opportunities of the developing world. We shall have Christian Aid envelopes available in Church.

On pages 12/13 Mandy Ray and her Junior Chorister daughter Polly have written about our visit to Chant d'Oiseau. Next month there will be reflections and ideas for the future of a twinning now 21 years old, which on the evidence of that visit still has plenty of vitality about it!

with my prayers and good wishes for this continuing Eastertide: Fr Andrew

Celebrating Mary's Month...

May is Mary's month wrote Gerard Manley Hopkins, the month of growth in everything.

*This ecstasy all through mothering earth
Tells Mary her mirth till Christ's birth
To remember and exultation
In God, who was her salvation.*

Our particular contribution to the *May Magnificat* at LSM is the **May Devotion**, on **Tuesday May 8th** at 8pm. After Vespers, there will be a Procession with the Society of Mary's statue of Our Lady of Walsingham, followed by Benediction. The evening will conclude with Refreshments in the Parish Room. Everyone welcome!

Celebrating the Resurrection throughout Eastertide... and on Saturday May 19th

The **Flower Festival**, first planned to run in parallel with our May celebration of the new Organ, is also designed to help us in our keeping of Eastertide which continues until the day of Pentecost, May 27th. The Festival is to be based on the '**Stations of the Resurrection**' commended by the late Pope John Paul II, and on **Saturday May 19th**, at 6.45pm (after 6pm Evensong) we shall follow those Stations devotionally.

Sunday after the Ascension, May 20th: Confirmation

The Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr John Inge, will be with us at High Mass on Sunday May 20th, partly to share in our celebration of the new Organ, but also to conduct a Confirmation. Please remember our candidates in your prayers: **Sally Lamb** and **Karen Childs**. Karen's fiancé Ricardo is to be received into the Church of England, and he and Karen are to be married in LSM on August 25th. **Vincent O'Shea** is also considering Confirmation.

The Feast of Pentecost...and the Friends of LSM Festival

Once again we combine our celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (May 27th) with the Friends of LSM Festival. The preacher at the 10.30am High Mass will be Fr Simon Holden, of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield. The Friends' Membership Secretary, Helen Smith, will be selling tickets for the lunch. The Friends' AGM will be held the same day. **What about joining the 'Friends'?** Ask Helen for membership details... and look out for 'Friends' merchandise over the coming weeks...pens and coasters.

People for our Prayers:

Andrew Wardill's mother Joan was unwell after Easter, and then suffered a fall which left her in Addenbrookes with a broken hip. Laurence Fletcher has been suffering severe pain, including headaches, and was hoping that a consultation with his doctor would help. Please continue to remember Michael Farmer, Derek Gibbons and Margaret Neaum, with cancer.

R.I.P.

Philip Hall's death, noted in last month's Newsletter, occurred late on March 26th, the day he was taken into hospital, and his Requiem Mass took place in LSM on the Wednesday of Holy Week. Several former members of the Choir were present to sing at the Mass, demonstrating the affection felt for him here. Philip had been a faithful member of LSM for over 50 years, and a committed member of the Choir; he had served on the PCC, and was a member of the Social Club in its heyday. Grounded in the Classics and in the language and liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer, he was quick to note errors in grammar or carelessness in presentation, and there were times when the teacher's 'red pen' or critical comment must have made some of those he encountered a little nervous! But this was surely all part of a deep sense of what is 'meet, right and our bounden duty: at all times and in all places to give thanks to God'. Regular in attendance at Mass even in the recent years of frailty, he would often say 'Thanks be to God' as he received the Blessed Sacrament. We give thanks for his life and his witness to God who is faithful, and pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory. It was very good that Scilla felt able to join the group which went to Chant d'Oiseau soon after Easter; she enjoyed meeting old friends there, taking part in the Choir's concert, and being part of the community to which she and Philip had belonged together over so many years.

Compline: Friday May 4th, at 9.30pm *(please note the later time)*

Meditation in the Crypt: Monday May 21st at 1pm.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR THE SPLENDOURS OF OUR NEW ORGAN

The new organ is at last in place and those of us who have had the privilege of hearing it already are beginning to realise what a wonderful instrument it actually is. It looks and sounds magnificent and suits LSM extremely well. Don't miss your chance to hear the exciting variety of tone colours this new instrument can produce. The series of recitals planned over the next few weeks with some very fine artists will really show off the instrument.



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At the **Grand Inaugural Recital**, to be given by Thomas Trotter, there will be sparkling wine to celebrate in the interval and we are delighted that Kenneth Tickell, the organ designer and builder, will be there as well.

To round off the first weekend, the concert to be given by our own choirs and organists will be attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge. The recitals throughout the rest of the month include Crispian Steele-Perkins (trumpet) with Anne Page, Claire Bradshaw (soprano) with Nigel Kerry, and the Sans Souci Ensemble with Christian Rutherford. It would be really special to fill the church for every recital - if everybody in the congregation came along and brought one extra person, the church would be overflowing, so buy your tickets soon - before they sell out!!

Tickets available at LSM from Robin Osborne or Patricia Davies, or phone 01223 234791, or email tickets@lsm.org.uk



Calendar and Intentions

for

MAY

*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 May

Tue	1st	SS PHILIP & JAMES, Apostles: LM 7.45am: Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge see p.g 11
Wed	2nd	St Athanasius, Bishop
Thurs	3rd	
Fri	4th	
Sat	5th	Inaugural Organ Recital by Thomas Trotter 7.30pm
SUN	6th	5 th of EASTER: Choir Concert 7.30pm
Mon	7th	Low Mass 10am: Bible Study Session 1pm
Tues	8th	St Julian of Norwich: May Devotion 8pm
Wed	9th	
Thurs	10th	
Fri	11th	
Sat	12th	
<i>CHRISTIAN AID WEEK</i>		
SUN	13th	6 th of EASTER: Beating the Bounds 12.30pm: Concert 7.30pm
Mon	14th	S MATTHIAS, Ap.: LM 7.45am SM 7pm Study Session 1pm
Tues	15th	Rogation Day: Joint Synod at Michaelhouse 7.30pm
Wed	16th	Rogation Day
Thurs	17th	ASCENSION DAY: LM 7.45am SM 7pm
Fri	18th	
Sat	19th	St Dunstan, Bishop: Stations of the Resurrection 6.45pm
SUN	20th	SUNDAY after ASCENSION: Concert 7.30pm
Mon	21st	Meditation 1pm
Tues	22nd	Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm
Wed	23rd	
Thurs	24th	comm. John and Charles Wesley
Fri	25th	The Venerable Bede
Sat	26th	St Augustine of Canterbury
SUN	27th	PENTECOST: Friends of LSM Festival and AGM
Mon	28th	LM 10am: National Pilgrimage to Walsingham
Tues	29th	
Wed	30th	
Thurs	31st	

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for May

Churches Together in the UK	<i>Cicely Gibson</i>	1st
Deanery Pastoral Committee	<i>Richard Masheder, Pr.</i>	2nd
Our Confirmation Candidates		3rd
N. Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme		4th
Organists and Musicians: our Choirs		5th
The Parish		6th
Wise use of the Bible		7th
Society of Mary		8th
Friends of LSM	<i>Lois Rayner</i>	9th
Jerusalem and the Middle East		10th
Cambridge City Council	<i>Arthur Mickle</i>	11th
Our Servers	<i>Margaret Robinson</i>	12th
The Parish: Christian Aid	<i>Charles Perrin</i>	13th
Farmers and Fishermen	<i>Walker Percy</i>	14th
Local businesses	<i>Ruth Walker</i>	15th
Church's Ministry of Healing.	<i>Sarah Marriott White</i>	16th
Thanksgiving for Our Ascended Lord:	<i>Constance Rosedale</i>	17th
	<i>Gwendolen Plumley, Elsie Dolby</i>	
Relief work in Darfur	<i>Arthur Cuff</i>	18th
Renewal in Mission	<i>Helen Paton</i>	19th
The Parish		20th
Faithfulness in the life of prayer	<i>Ethel Gibbons</i>	21st
C.B.S.	<i>Herbert John Burrell, Pr.</i>	22nd
The People of Iraq		23rd
Anglican/Methodist Conversations	<i>Elizabeth Glover</i>	24th
Biblical Scholars	<i>Hugh Maycock, Pr.</i>	25th
Openness to the Holy Spirit	<i>Edward Hardy, Pr., Margaret Verney</i>	26th
The Parish: Friends of LSM	<i>Harry Nourse</i>	27th
Walsingham Pilgrimage	<i>Eileen Cope, Frank Hollick, John Bagley, Pr.</i>	28th
Our Overseas Mission Links		29th
The People of Iraq		30th
Christian Unity	<i>Liz Fretten</i>	31st

***Celebration
of
the new Organ***

*O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord,
Re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory
Forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story
Of what he hath done.*

*O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured
All ages along:
For love in creation,
For heaven restored,
For grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!*

ORCHID WALK IN FULBOURN RESERVE FOLLOWED BY SUPPER

On Saturday, 9th June we are offering a guided tour of the flora of Fulbourn reserve, in particular the orchids, followed by a buffet supper at our home in Fulbourn. The habits of wild flowers are slightly unpredictable, but there should be up to five native orchids plus hybrids between three of those visible.

The tour will start from the entrance to the reserve at 6.00pm (maps will be provided) and will take approximately half an hour.

Normal comfortable footwear is usually sufficient, but in wet weather wellies may be necessary. (A later session is also possible to accommodate those attending Evening Prayer). After the tour supper with wine and soft drinks will be provided. The cost of the evening will be £7.00 each, although you may, of course, increase your donation! *ALL money raised by this event will be donated to the Organ Fund.*

Supper will be served from 7.30pm and anyone wishing not to go on the walk is welcome to turn up at the house. In the event of a real downpour supper will still be available! Please fill in the form provided so that an idea of numbers may be estimated

Malcolm and Sue Munro

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN THE CENTRE OF CAMBRIDGE

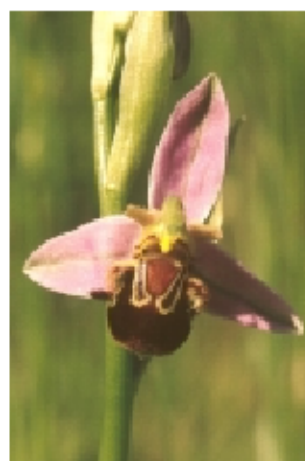
Zion Baptist Church

Tuesday May 1st,

7.15 for 7.45pm.

The new Chaplain to People at Work
will be with us for the meeting.

All welcome to the meeting



Bee orchid

LSM VISIT TO CHANT d'OISEAU, BRUSSELS, APRIL 2007

On Thursday 12th April a group of 31 set off from LSM (3 more were to meet us at Chant d'Oiseau), and spent the day travelling to Brussels via the Tunnel. My spirits certainly rose as we approached Chant d'Oiseau through wonderful green woodland. We were greeted with tea and met our hosts. Most of us were staying close to the Church in a very attractive residential area. Polly and I explored the local parkland and saw the green parrots.

Friday dawned bright and sunny. The Choir met for a morning rehearsal whilst the rest of us set off for the nearby university town of Leuven. We began our tour at the 'Béguinage', a series of buildings constructed for a colony of religious ladies of independent means and ideas in the 13th century. The last 'béguines' in Leuven died out in the 1960s, and the University bought the site, fully restored the building for postgraduates and achieved World Heritage status. Our guide gave us an excellent tour of the ancient streets, buildings and Church.

For lunch at the 'Alma 3', a 'Grad Pad' in woodland, we were joined by some of the Choir; others had gone off on a cycling expedition. Next we resumed our tour at the Town Hall in Leuven. By this time the temperature had risen to 28 degrees. At 4pm, we rushed across town to the University Library to meet the 'Carillonneur', M. Rombouts, who told us the history of the carillon and the library. Leuven suffered dreadfully in the 1st World War, when the Germans set fire to all the mediaeval buildings, including the library. The Americans rebuilt the library and put in a fine carillon and 63 bells. The library was bombed in the 2nd World War, but the tower survived. Most of our group decided to cool off with drinks in the square below, but a few hardy souls climbed the 289 steps and were rewarded with a remarkable demonstration of Handel and John Lennon played on the carillon.

On Friday evening, the Choir performed a concert of English music, ably directed by Alan Loader, and accompanied on the monumental modern organ by Malcolm Pearce. A local Belgian soprano sang some Handel and Purcell arias. There was an audience of some 150 people who really appreciated the music.

Saturday morning was free, so many of us made the short journey by tram and metro into Brussels. We visited the gothic Cathedral, where the highlight for me was the video footage of the peregrine falcon and her four chicks nesting in the tower. We had a look at the beautiful buildings in the Grande Place and then visited the Museum of Musical Instruments,

a fascinating place with a good display of instruments arranged chronologically and superb musical accompaniment through headphones. Lunch was taken in the nearby park in the sizzling 30 degree heat. In the afternoon, while some of the party visited the house in which Erasmus lived for a time, the coach took us to the Wellington Museum at Waterloo, which gave us a good background to the battle. We then drove a few miles to the battlefield itself and spotted the various significant buildings. Some of us climbed the Lion monument (224 steps!) and visited the Panorama.

Saturday evening was spent with different hosts with a charming Portuguese family, the father being employed by the E.C. (along with 30,000 others in Brussels). After a mixture of French food and Portuguese wine, the five children present all played pieces on the piano – a delightful way to end the evening.

Sunday proved to be another scorching day. We attended the mass at the church and Father Andrew preached in French. We were made very welcome and LSM choir helped out the local choir. An excellent buffet lunch was provided for us before we had to say our goodbyes.

All of us had made new friends and had been given a wonderful impression of Brussels in the best April weather since 1947!

Mandy Ray



The highlights of my visit to Chant d'Oiseau were cycling through woodland to Tervuren where there was a big chateau, museum and a park. It was very hot and I enjoyed the ice creams. I liked the adventure of finding our way into Brussels on the tram and metro, exploring the centre, visiting the music museum and cooling off in the fountain. It was great fun meeting other children and trying out my French.
Polly Ray (aged 12)

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13–19 MAY

Christian Aid Week is seven amazing days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty when people add their time, money and voices, and see them multiplied to make an impact around the world through Christian Aid.

Jesús Antonio Echevarría, usually known as Chus, is 15 and lives with his sister Dominica and her husband in the San Luis la Herradura area of El Salvador which is particularly prone to natural disasters. Hurricanes are a growing threat, and the area is very susceptible to flooding. Chus's father died when he was a baby and he sees his mother only occasionally. He has been brought up by his sister and her husband. They live in three huts close together, Chus sharing with his brother and their livestock. His hut was battered by Hurricane Stan in 2005, and has holes in the roof. The family are very poor.

Chus likes to get involved with his community in a practical way, and has worked on the local river bank with Christian Aid partner Aprovehni. Initially told he was too young, his enthusiasm paid off and he was allowed to work, in return for some food.

After Hurricane Stan he helped make up food parcels for families. His sister and brother-in-law also play an active part in analysing what needs to be done in the community, organising working groups, and carrying out practical work on the river bank and drainage channels. Aprovehni's workshops also use sport and art to help children forget the trauma of hurricanes and earthquakes.

Aprovehni encourages people to get involved proactively, protecting and developing their own communities. This includes reducing risks created by natural disasters, reducing environmental pollution and responding to emergencies. The changing climate is a situation calling for urgent response. The increased frequency and intensity of hurricanes and subsequent flooding demonstrate the catastrophic effects climate change is already having on some of the world's poorest people.

A gift of just £6 to Christian Aid enables Aprovehni to clean a well after a flood. However, this support gives so much more than this. It also pays for the education and training of the local community – people who can make an immediate difference, particularly young people like Chus.

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 June Newsletter : **Sunday 20th May**