

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge
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SERVICES & EVENTS IN JULY

- Sun 1st **4th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon 2nd VISITATION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Low Mass 7.15am Sung Mass 7.00pm
Fri 6th 9.00pm Compline
Sun 8th **5th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
High Mass 10.30 am Preacher
Tue 10th S Cambridge Greater Deanery Chapter, LSM 7.30pm
Fri 13th Nonsense & Nostalgia. 8.00pm
Sat 14th GIFT DAY
Sun 15th **6th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
High Mass 10.30am Preacher: Br Martin SSF
Mon 16th Meditation, 1.00pm
Tue 17th PCC, 7.00pm
Sat 21st Society of Mary Pilgrimage to Hilgay and Downham Market
Sun 22nd **ST MARY MAGDALEN: 7th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Wed 25th ST JAMES, Apostle Low Mass 10.00am Sung Mass 7.00pm
Sun 29th **8th SUNDAY after TRINITY**

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

This is a month for both welcome and farewell. This Newsletter will be ready for the day, Sunday July 1st, when we welcome **David Neaum** as a Non-Stipendiary Deacon, following the Ordination in Ely Cathedral the previous day. As many of you know this is in fact a return to LSM on David's part, as he was our first Lay Pastoral Assistant (2002-3). In the meantime, not only has he been training for ordained ministry at Westcott House, but he has also got married to **Rachel Greene** (one of the three people who shared the post of LPA the year after David). We are delighted that David was prepared to come back to us in this new incarnation, even though it's only for a year, as Rachel completes *her* ordination training and they then look for a 'double post'. We must all remind ourselves that David, like Fr Mark, will be much occupied outside as well as within the life of LSM, in David's case, with further academic study; but I'm sure that we shall benefit from his energy and originality during the coming year; at the same time, it is a privilege for us to play some part in the continuing formation of a future priest, and David will quite rightly be counting on our prayers, our support and our encouragement. For a rather shorter period, (July 2nd-22nd and August 29th-September 12th) we shall have with us **Richard Burley** on placement from Ridley Hall; a placement (as opposed to a term-time attachment) gives an ordinand the opportunity to be fully immersed in the worship and life of a parish, and, among other things, Richard will be preaching at Evensong on July 22nd, as well as 'shadowing' me. If you were able to have him to a meal, or to the meeting of a group in which you're involved, that would be a great help. Another important welcome this month (and again, on Sunday 1st), is to our new **website**...www.lsm.org.uk...after the drinks which will follow High Mass, there will be an opportunity to view some of its features in church. I am very grateful to **Diana Galletly** for the enormous amount of work which she has put into the creation of this important addition to our mission and communication, and to **Tim Wheatley** for the very efficient way in which he has run our first website for some considerable time. This kind of responsibility requires not only particular skills, but also a readiness to listen out not just for a mass of information, but also for the opinions of those who have *their* views as to how the information should be presented!

A 'one-day' welcome (or rather welcome back), on Sunday July 15th, will be to **Br Martin SSF**; since the Franciscans moved from Botolph Lane in October 2005, Br Martin has been based in East London, and helping out at St Peter's London Docks. Finally, a welcome to offer in a few weeks' time...to **Alice Thompson**, who has been appointed as our next Lay Pastoral Assistant. She has been getting her hand in by serving recently on a couple of occasions, and she will join us on September 23rd...so more about her in the September Newsletter.

The big 'farewell' this month will be to **Gemma** and to her husband Peter. Gemma has been a tremendous asset to us with her lively and creative approach to the role of Lay Pastoral Assistant over the past nine months; her contact with Junior Choir members has involved her not only in supervising groups of them as intercessors at the High Mass, but also in discussion with some of the older ones as an alternative to the Ministry of the Word on Sunday mornings. She has also been very supportive of the Monday morning group which originally started through my contact with the (now closed) Mental Health Trust Drop-in Centre in Trumpington Street and of the work of our Social Responsibility Group, particularly their involvement with the Slavery Exhibition and Musical event at Emmanuel URC. Nor has she neglected the elderly and frail members of our congregation, recently encouraging me to arrange for Peter Barnard (plus dog!) to join his sister Betty at her residential care home for Holy Communion; this was quite a complex logistical exercise which I wouldn't have accomplished without Gemma's help and enthusiasm! She also took the opportunity to visit Park Street Church of England School (in St Clement's Parish, where there is no Priest-in-Charge), and has taken assemblies there. I've also had reason to be grateful to her from time to time for her computer skills! Gemma will in fact be with us until the end of July, and July 29th will be her 'last Sunday'; but as I shall be on holiday at that time, I'm hoping that we shall have an official farewell after High Mass on **Sunday July 22nd**, appropriately enough the Feast of St Mary Magdalen, to whom Gemma has a special devotion!

The mention of St Mary Magdalen will remind some of us of our Patronal Festival visit to 'Mary Mags' in Oxford last year. That contact resulted in a meeting earlier this year between representatives of ourselves, Mary

Mags and All Saints Margaret Street in London. From that meeting has come the idea of a **course on the Christian Faith from an Anglican Catholic perspective**, which might be constructed and overseen by our three churches, and in the longer term offered to a wider constituency. I'm grateful to Catherine Osborne for her work on this at our end, and I've asked David Neaum to consider how we might take it further in the short term, perhaps by running a 'taster' this autumn.

Now that the new Organ is well and truly installed, PCC members have been asked to give their minds to another possible project. All who use the **Parish Room** must be aware that there are many occasions on which it feels uncomfortably cramped and noisy; it is also a severe limitation that we have just the one room: no smaller room for a 'sub-group' during children's group or an adult education course. A further limitation is that access to the cloakrooms and lavatories has to be through the one room; and we have the further problem that the Church Office is very out of the way, and up a steep flight of stairs. We have asked three architects to put forward plans for extension of the Parish Room southwards in order to address some if not all of these problems; the Churchwardens and I decided that one of them had at least put forward creative ideas which might be worth pursuing; this architect addressed PCC members at an informal meeting in May, and his preliminary draft plans may now be seen in the Parish Room. On July 5th, a group from the Diocesan Advisory Committee will meet with him on the site, so that they can give both him and us a view on whether we have a realistic chance of moving forward on this. I do emphasize that these are very early days and that nothing has been decided!

On the **ecumenical** front, I would like to mention two matters: first, at a recent meeting of the **LSM/Emmanuel Forum**, it was agreed that we should plan a joint day of study and prayer, to take place, subject to the agreement of our PCC and their Church Meeting, on Saturday December 1st. Second, the **LSM/Chant d'Oiseau group** which met during our visit to Brussels after Easter suggested that families or small groups of people might like to make their own arrangements for informal visits. Do please think about this, and let Bob DeWolf or me know if you are taking this idea further.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all at this year's GIFT DAY...see page 13

with love and prayers: Fr Andrew

Congratulations to Fr Mark Bishop...

on his appointment as Chancellor of the Diocese of Lincoln (which makes him 'Worshipful'). He has already worked for some time as Deputy to the Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester. *Below he explains something of what is involved in the work...*

"Fr Andrew has asked to write something about the duties I will be discharging as Chancellor of the Diocese of Lincoln.

Firstly, what is a Chancellor? In every diocese, there is a consistory court of which the judge is the Chancellor for that diocese. Historically the court is the Bishop's court and he appoints the Chancellor, but the Chancellor is independent of the Bishop and this reflects the separation of powers between the executive and the judiciary in the secular sphere. The Consistory Court's jurisdiction is twofold:

(i) dealing with proceedings in relation to offences by priests and deacons under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963, unless it is matter that deals with doctrine, ritual or ceremony

(ii) dealing with matters relating to church buildings and property through the exercise of the faculty jurisdiction

I am pleased to say that all my experience so far is in respect of the second part of the jurisdiction, and none in the first.

This means that I deal with applications relating to the reordering of the interior of churches, external works to a church and anything done in a churchyard or other consecrated ground in the diocese. If the work to the outside of the church is more than routine, then secular planning permission is also required. Thus when the parish room extension was built at LSM in the 1990's both the Chancellor and the City Council had to give their permission for the work to proceed. However the work to the new organ only required the Chancellor's permission.

Even though many churches are listed buildings, churches have what is known as 'the ecclesiastical exemption' from the need to obtain planning

permission for work done on the interior of churches, as long as they have an adequate system for the making of decisions about these matters. In the Church of England, the role of the Chancellor fulfils this requirement. The exemption from secular planning control (inside our churches) is a privilege which the Church takes very seriously, because it reflects a continuing ecclesiastical freedom from the state in matters of worship and the ordering of our places of worship.

Much of the decision making on what memorials are permitted in a churchyard is delegated to the incumbent within the framework of Churchyard Regulations, but applications have to be dealt with by the Chancellor about exhumations, reservation of grave spaces and memorial stones that lie outside the Regulations. Whether a churchyard is 'full' can also be a matter of controversy particularly in rural areas where there is a strong sense of 'place'. I have participated as an advocate, not a Chancellor, in a contested hearing in a church in Chelmsford Diocese where the Vicar and churchwardens said the churchyard was full, and the town council said that it was not: an interesting conflict which generated a great deal of anger and frustration on all sides.

I think that the role of a Chancellor is fundamentally to ensure that everyone's voice is heard, so that when an application for change is discussed nobody feels that they are excluded from the process or had their views discounted. I think the structure is a valuable safeguard for the Church, which contributes to holding us together as part of the Body of Christ, and helps prevent us descending (too often) into disputatious factions."

FULBOURN ORCHID WALK

Many thanks to all those who came on the walk. Malcolm and I thoroughly enjoyed the evening and the wonderful weather really made the day. Between us all we raised £148.86 which has been donated to the Organ Fund.

Sue Munro

NOTE EARLY DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH



Calendar and Intentions

for

JULY

*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 July

SUN	1st	4th after TRINITY
Mon.	2nd	VISITATION of the BVM: LM 7.45am SM 7pm
Tues	3rd	
Wed.	4th	
Thurs.	5th	
Fri.	6th	St Thomas More: Compline 9pm
Sat.	7th	
SUN	8th	5th after TRINITY
Mon.	9th	
Tues.	10th	S. Cambridge Greater Deanery Chapter at LSM 7.30pm
Wed.	11th	St Benedict, Abbot
Thurs.	12th	
Fri.	13th	'Nonsense and Nostalgia' 8pm
Sat.	14th	commem. John Keble: GIFT DAY: see page 13
SUN.	15th	6th after TRINITY
Mon.	16th	Meditation 1pm
Tues.	17th	PCC 7pm
Wed.	18th	
Thurs.	19th	St Gregory of Nyssa, Bp.
Fri.	20th	St Margaret of Antioch, Martyr
Sat.	21st	Society of Mary Pilgrimage
SUN.	22nd	St MARY MAGDALEN: 7th after TRINITY
Mon.	23rd	St Bridget of Sweden
Tues.	24th	
Wed.	25th	St JAMES, Apostle: LM 10am SM 7pm
Thurs.	26th	SS Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM
Fri.	27th	
Sat.	28th	
SUN.	29th	8th after TRINITY
Mon.	30th	
Tues.	31st	St Ignatius Loyola

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for July

The Parish		1st
Mothers' Union: family life	<i>Daniel Golding, Euncie Francis</i>	2nd
Those newly ordained	<i>Tom Forte</i>	3rd
Afghanistan	<i>Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis</i>	4th
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>James Owen, Pr.</i>	5th
Integrity in public life		6th
Our Servers	<i>Dorothy Oakley</i>	7th
The Parish		8th
Ely/North Elbe link	<i>Matthew Richards</i>	9th
The Departed		10th
Friends of LSM/Benedictines	<i>Robert Runcie, Bp.</i>	11th
Christian Unity	<i>John Rose</i>	12th
CAMFED (<i>Friday Lunch Charity</i>)	<i>Audrey Styler</i>	13th
Our Gift Day		14th
The Parish		15th
Our Overseas Churches Link Group		16th
PCC	<i>Jim Campbell, Elizabeth Barnes</i>	17th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Winifred Eakhurst</i>	18th
Musicians	<i>John Robert Gibson, Gordon Roe, Bp.</i>	19th
Those persecuted for their faith		20th
Society of Mary	<i>Marguerite South</i>	21st
The Parish: St Mary Magdalen, Oxford	<i>John Butterfield</i>	22nd
Churches of the Porvoo agreement		23rd
The People of Iraq	<i>Amanda Copley</i>	24th
Preparations for the Lambeth Conference 2008		25th
Care in the Community	<i>Muriel Williams</i>	26th
Local Councillors	<i>Kathleen Waring</i>	27th
Visitors to Cambridge	<i>Phyllis Mary Price, Neville Woods</i>	28th
The Parish	<i>Diana Goodhart</i>	29th
Northern Ireland		30th
Spiritual Guides		31st

**The
Benedictine life**
(Feast of St Benedict: July 11th)

*'As we progress in this way of life
(in the 'school of the Lord's service')
and in faith,
we shall run on the path
of God's commandments,
our hearts overflowing
with the inexpressible delight of love.'
(Rule of St Benedict: Prologue, verse 49)*

AN INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Richard Burley and I will be spending some time at Little St Mary's over the summer. I am currently training for ordination down the road at Ridley Hall and, all being well, have one year left to go until I am ordained.

I was born and raised in Huddersfield, and grew up to support Yorkshire cricket and Huddersfield Town football club, but moved to Warwick to go to University. Before coming to Cambridge I spent seven years in Leamington Spa where I met my wife, Mel. We've been married for four years, but there are no children just yet!

THANK YOU

Thank you very much indeed for your great generosity in the Whitsun offering. It is an enormous privilege to be able to be a priest at LSM, and I am grateful for all your encouragement and support. Thanks come also from Christine and the children.

I think that the life of LSM centred around the Eucharist continues to offer something important and distinctive to the life of this City and the wider Church. We are all participants in this work of the Spirit. It is good that we should uphold and celebrate each other in this Eucharistic life. So thank you all, for all you are and do at LSM

Father Mark

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Catherine Pickstock, now a Reader in the Faculty of Divinity, and to Rosalind Moir (Love), former Choir member, now Senior Lecturer in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic. Ros has recently moved to the Vicarage at St Andrew's Chesterton, where her husband, Nick, is the new Incumbent.

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Derek Gibbons: at present he is not in discomfort. He is spending one day a week at the Arthur Rank Hospice, and feeling well supported there. Michael Farmer recently spent three weeks in Addenbrooke's, but is now home again, and coping reasonably well.

CAMFED (Friday Lunch Charity for July & August)

The Campaign for Female Education (CAMFED) is dedicated to fighting poverty and AIDS in rural communities in Africa by educating girls. CAMFED began in 1993 by supporting 32 girls in rural Zimbabwe. In 2006, 300,900 children benefited from CAMFED's programme of educational support in some of the poorest regions of Zimbabwe, Zambia, Ghana and Tanzania.



CAMFED has helped to transform the lives of young women like Lucia, who was able to finish secondary school with CAMFED's support. Today, Lucia is a member of the CAMFED Association (CAMA), a growing network of over 5,000 young women supported through their education by CAMFED who are contributing to the social and economic regeneration of their rural communities.

These young women – among them doctors, lawyers, teachers and businesswomen – are now sharing the benefits of their education with their communities. Alongside a vast network of volunteers in the communities where they work, CAMA members supported more than 25,000 children to go to school through their own philanthropic initiatives.

CAMFED was named International Aid & Development Charity of the Year in 2003 and currently co-chairs the United Nations Girls' Education Initiative (UNGEI). In 2005, CAMFED was awarded a prestigious Skoll Award for Social Entrepreneurship by eBay founder Jeff Skoll and Executive Director Ann Cotton was awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year Honours list for her services to girls' education in rural Africa. CAMFED patrons include the internationally-acclaimed actor Morgan Freeman and renowned author Doris Lessing.



a medley—a miscellany—of words, songs, sketches,
and other nostalgic and nonsensical delights

at Little St Mary's, Trumpington Street
(next to Peterhouse)

on Friday 13 July at 8pm
and Saturday 14 July at 3pm

Tickets £5 for adults, £3 concessions

PILGRIMAGE TO ELY

On June 16th, a band of five intrepid souls met at St Clement's church where prayers were said and the hymn "To be a pilgrim" was sung. I joined the party at Jesus Lock bridge, and we embarked on the 18 mile pilgrimage to Ely Cathedral. Initially rather fast the pace soon settled into a more comfortable stride. The weather was variable — sometimes beautiful blue skies, but on several occasions the heavens opened and raincoats came out.

Tony Fletcher joined us for a couple of miles from the Penny Ferry in Chesterton, and near Waterbeach we were joined by Jo and Anthony Wibberley, who alerted us to a boat which had become grounded when the level of the river had sunk overnight. Alas, our rankled efforts failed to budge it so we regretfully had to depart. Having stopped for coffee at The Bridge in Waterbeach we saw the grounded boat sailed past, having been rescued by a larger boat.

We then set off for the Five Miles From Anywhere No Hurry in Upware where we were greeted by Liz Bassett and Richard Morgan, who joined us for an excellent lunch.



The weather had turned quite unpleasant and we were suffering from a variety of minor ailments however, we continued to make steady progress, with my taking photographs all the while, as there were a couple of OS grid squares along our route that had not been photographed before.

The last few miles were along the Fen Rivers Way; from here the Cathedral is visible and one can walk for some time without appearing to get any closer at all! I managed to capture what was in all likelihood the last photograph of the Hawks Bridge south-east of Ely station before it was destroyed by the derailment of a freight train. Evensong included a rendition of 'O, for the wings of a dove' with a solo sung by one of the young trebles in the Cathedral choir.

We then hobbled our way slowly and painfully back to the station, catching a train back to Cambridge station just in time for those of us who were real gluttons for punishment to make it to LSM in time for the Parish Barbecue!
Diana Galletly

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 July Newsletter : **EARLY! Sunday 14th July**