

# Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

# NEWSLETTER



## SERVICES & EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sat 1st Church cleaning party from 2.00pm
- Sun 2nd **13th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Fri 7th Compline 9.00pm
- Sat 8th **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
 Visit to Ely Cathedral Walsingham Cell  
 Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride
- Sun 9th **14th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Tues 11th South Cambridge Deanery Chapter 10.30am
- Wed 12th Guild of All Souls 7.30pm
- Thur 13th St John Chrysostom: Overseas Churches Link Group 7.30pm
- Fri 14th **HOLY CROSS DAY** Low Mass 12.30pm Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Sun 16th **15th SUNDAY after TRINITY** High Mass 10.30 am
- Mon 17th St Hildegard of Bingen: Meditation 1.00pm
- Thur 20th Martyrs of Korea: Prayer for Healing at 6.30pm Mass
- Fri 21st **ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST**  
 Low Mass 12.30pm Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Sun 23rd **16th SUNDAY after TRINITY**  
 High Mass 10.30am Preacher: The Revd Martin Seeley,  
 Principal of Westcott House  
 Piano recital by Fusae Takahashi 7.30pm
- Tue 25th PCC 7.00pm
- Wed 26th Prayer for Healing at 10.00am Mass
- Thur 27th St Vincent de Paul: Charity Supper 7pm (Fri. Lunch Charity)
- Sat 29th **ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS** Sung Mass 10:00am
- Sun 30th **17th SUNDAY after TRINITY** Confirmation at Litlington 6pm

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## **VICAR'S LETTER**

Dear Friends,

It's often said that August is a 'quiet month' in parishes, and that September sees 'everything starting up again'. At LSM this doesn't quite ring true; we held our Patronal Festival in August, and once again flower arrangers, social committee and providers of food and drink sprang into action. We have also seen large numbers of visitors at services both on Sundays and weekdays, and there was a good turn-out for a Churchyard Garden working party on August 11th, so all in all it hasn't been all that quiet! On the other hand we are beginning September with another major '**Church Cleaning Party**' (Saturday 1st from 2pm), which is a symbolic new beginning, I suppose. On the following Saturday, September 8th, cyclists will be setting out on the annual sponsored ride on behalf of the **Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust**. Please be generous if any LSM riders approach you for sponsorship; our own Parish receives 50% of the sponsor money raised by those riding on our behalf. Later in the month we keep three weekday festivals: **Holy Cross Day** on Friday 14th, **St Matthew** on Friday 21st (when I particularly ask your prayers on the anniversary of my Ordination) – Low Mass at 12.30pm and Sung Mass at 7pm on both these days – and then the lovely Feast of **Michaelmas** on Saturday 29th, when the Sung Mass will be at 10am. The pre-Junior Choir last year learnt a song which included the words *Chatter with the angels, join that band!* It's good to feel at home with 'the whole company of heaven'...though I hope there are moments of stillness as well as chatter...the Book of Revelation suggests that this is so in heaven!

On the last day of September, **Sunday 30th**, we shall, I hope, be presenting three candidates for **Confirmation** at 6pm in the Parish Church of Litlington. Those of you who come to the Friday 12.30pm Mass and Charity Lunch will have met Mark Seal, Michael Burland and Lesley Wolfe (who also comes to the 10am Mass on Wednesdays). Another feature of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> is that it has been designated as a national '**Back-to-Church Sunday**'. It was the Diocese of Manchester which recently introduced this idea, encouraging parishes to drop an invitation to 'come back to Church' through every door. Although we are not a typical 'geographical parish', PCC members still felt that we should be involved in this exercise. We are preparing a card for our parish which will show all service times, and, on the other side, an invitation to join us for worship. This will be delivered to every household in the parish in the week before September 30<sup>th</sup>. 'Back-to-Church' is a message which all of us perhaps should heed this autumn!

In last month's Newsletter, I mentioned that our Mission Statement for 2007-8 would be on the agenda of the July PCC. This is what was agreed:

***The foundation and heart of our Mission as the People of God in LSM is our Eucharistic and sacramental life, in which we are built up as a community in Jesus Christ, seeking to worship God in the beauty of holiness, and to serve Him in daily life.***

**Particular objectives for 2007/8:**

**Worship:** To make our celebration of Sung Mass at weekday festivals more widely known.

**The life of prayer:** To underline the corporate value of the daily office and to encourage participation in a month of guided prayer.

**Teaching:** To work on and try out elements of a joint course to be developed with our linked parishes of St Mary Magdalen, Oxford, and All Saints, Margaret Street.

**Young people:** To build on the opportunities developed for young people in the life of the church.

**Music:** To make creative use of the resources available for music, including the new organ.

**Ministry to visitors:** To improve further the welcome and information we offer to visitors, including virtual visitors to the website To provide a history leaflet in other languages.

**Outside concerns:** Further to promote the Overseas Church Links Group and the Social Responsibility Group.

**Environment:** To reflect on environmental issues as they affect our parish.

**Christian giving:** To review our approach to, and organisation of, Christian giving.

**Ecumenical links:** To respond to the particular initiative for Advent from Emmanuel URC and to pursue suggestions made following the last visit to Chant d'Oiseau.

So far as the item on **'teaching'** is concerned, I am pleased to say that David Neaum has already started the ball rolling by selecting the **Incarnation** as the theme for a 5-session 'taster' course in THE LITTLE ST MARY'S EXPLORATION SERIES. This will take place between 7 and 9.15pm on **Wednesdays November 7, 14, 21, 28 and December 5**. Please note the dates in your diary now! We invite you to explore the distinctiveness

of the Anglo-Catholic tradition, through discovering what the Incarnation means for us today. The five topics are:

**Sacraments: Becoming the Body**

**November 7th**

**The Church: The Body of Christ**

**November 14th**

**Desire and Ecstasy: The Sexual Body**

**November 21st**

**The Kingdom: The Social Body**

**November 28th**

**Participation through the senses:**

**The Body in Liturgy**

**December 5th**

**Alice Thompson** begins her time with us as Lay Pastoral Assistant on **Sunday September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, when she will be introduced to the congregation. I had hoped to extract from her a short piece about herself for this month's Newsletter, but after a flying visit to LSM in early August she has been in Germany and apparently out of e-mail contact. So we shall have to wait until October for this.

*with prayers and good wishes: Fr Andrew*

### ***R.I.P***

It isn't easy to capture in words the style, accomplishments and personality of **Irene Morris**, who died at home on August 9<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 93. For more than 20 years she had been a familiar figure at LSM, sitting near the front beneath the pulpit at High Mass, strikingly yet elegantly dressed. Our liturgy had just enough resonance with the Book of Common Prayer to satisfy her. These years were a return to Cambridge, where, as a German scholar, she had been a Fellow of Newnham for many years before going to Nottingham University as a senior lecturer. She had studied at Heidelberg before the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and had many exciting stories, recounted in the Irish accent which she never lost, about swimming across the Rhine to get beer (or was it wine?), and getting out of Germany on the last train before the outbreak of the war. Throughout her life, having left her native Northern Ireland, she was an intrepid traveller (there was a trip to Turkey undertaken alone in her late 80s), and participated enthusiastically in the Friends of Little St Mary's pilgrimages and outings. Many will remember the 'farewell' to her in the Parish Room earlier this year (she was supposed to be going back to Northern Ireland, but this never happened), when having heard it said that she wouldn't be having a glass of wine, she most definitely accepted one. A brilliant scholar and a real character, Irene will be much missed.



**Calendar and Intentions**  
**for**  
**SEPTEMBER**

*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 September

Sat.	1st	St Giles, Hermit: Church Cleaning Party from 2pm
SUN	2nd	13th after TRINITY
Mon.	3rd	St Gregory the Great, Bishop
Tues.	4th	
Wed.	5th	
Thurs.	6th	
Fri.	7th	Compline 9pm
Sat.	8th	NATIVITY of the BVM: Society of Mary to Ely Cathedral: Historic Churches Sponsored Cycle Ride
SUN.	9th	14th after TRINITY
Mon.	10th	
Tues.	11th	South Cambridge Deanery Chapter 10.30am
Wed.	12th	Guild of All Souls 7.30pm
Thurs.	13th	St John Chrysostom: Overseas Churches Link Group 7.30pm
Fri.	14th	HOLY CROSS DAY: LM 12.30pm SM 7pm
Sat.	15th	St Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr
SUN.	16th	15th after TRINITY
Mon.	17th	St Hildegard of Bingen: Meditation 1pm
Tues.	18th	
Wed.	19th	
Thurs.	20th	Martyrs of Korea: Prayer for Healing at 6.30pm Mass
Fri.	21st	St MATTHEW, Ap. LM 12.30pm, SM 7pm
Sat.	22nd	
SUN.	23rd	16th after TRINITY: Piano recital by Fusae Takahashi 7.30pm
Mon.	24th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Tues.	25th	commem.Lancelot Andrewes, Bp. PCC 7pm
Wed.	26th	Prayer for Healing at 10am Mass
Thurs.	27th	St Vincent de Paul: Charity Supper 7pm (Fri. Lunch Charity)
Fri.	28th	
Sat.	29th	St MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS: SM 10am
SUN.	30th	17 <sup>th</sup> after TRINITY: Confirmation at Litlington 6pm

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for September

All who care for the Church building		1st
The Parish		2nd
Mission in our own country	<i>Ernest Cherry</i>	3rd
The People of Iraq		4th
Our Overseas Church links	5th	
Christian Unity		6th
Confirmation Candidates	<i>Ian Ledsham</i>	7th
Society of Mary		8th
The Parish	<i>Helen Kinnier Wilson</i>	9th
United Nations		10th
South Cambridge Clergy & Readers	<i>Christine Stevenson, Joyce Bird</i>	11th
Friends of LSM		12th
The Ministry of Preaching		13th
Thanksgiving for the Holy Cross	<i>Lilian Fletcher, Doris White</i>	14th
Our Bishops		15th
The Parish		16th
Faithfulness in Prayer	<i>Leslie Norman, Edith Butcher</i>	17th
The Departed		18th
Cambridge City Council	<i>Hannah Dennett</i>	19th
Christians in the Far East	<i>Lily Wythe</i>	20th
Israelis and Palestinians		
21st		
The Cambridge Theological Federation: Ordinands		22nd
The Parish	<i>Michael Rowett</i>	23rd
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>Ena Matheson</i>	24th
Parochial Church Council		25th
The Sick and those who care for them	<i>Richard Bainbridge</i>	26th
Prisoners' Fellowship		27th
Care of the environment		28th
Thanksgiving for the Holy Angels		29th
The Parish: Confirmation Candidates		30th

***Prayer for those being  
Confirmed***

***(Confirmation at Litlington  
on Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>)***

***...and for us all!***

***Defend O Lord thy servants  
with thy heavenly grace,  
that they may continue thine for ever,  
and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit  
more and more,  
until they come to  
thine everlasting kingdom.***

***AMEN***



Another nonagenarian died in August, just 4 days after Irene, at the age of 96. **Gwen Woolfenden**, a clergy widow, had moved to Cambridge from Sussex a year or so ago, initially to sheltered accommodation. Her son Nigel brought her to High Mass at LSM on many Sunday mornings, and occasionally to the 12.30pm Mass and Charity lunch on Fridays. A few weeks ago she moved to Buchan House, where she died peacefully, not long after a spell in Addenbrookes because of pneumonia.

We pray for all who mourn, and that the souls of all the faithful departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

***Friday Lunch Charity for September and October  
(and one Thursday evening!!)***

***Prisoners' Fellowship and Angel Tree Project***

For these two months we return to one of our familiar charities, which supports the work of Prison Chaplains and Visitors, and also arranges for the children of prisoners to have Christmas presents. We have had some new providers of the Friday lunch over the summer...thank-you to them and to all our 'regulars'; please support the lunch when you can.

PLEASE NOTE THAT FOLLOWING A PCC DECISION, THERE WILL BE ONE THURSDAY EVENING CHARITY SUPPER EVERY TWO MONTHS FOR THE 'FRIDAY' CHARITY: the first of these is on **Thursday September 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

***The Hidden World of Contemporary Slavery in Britain:***

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September the Ely Diocesan Board for Church in Society (Criminal Justice Group) will hold a day conference at Bishop Woodford House, Ely, on this topic. Cost £10 per person. Contact Sheila Bennett.

*September dates:*

Compline: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 9pm

Society of Mary (at Ely Cathedral Walsingham Cell): Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> at Noon

Guild of All Souls: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Prayers for the Sick: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 6.15pm and at 6.30pm Mass,

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> at 9.45am and 10am Mass with anointing and laying-on of hands)

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>: at 7pm: Thursday evening Charity Supper for the Prisoners' Fellowship and Angel Tree Project.

**AND: *don't forget to sign up for the pilgrimage to Boston and Lincoln on Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>...***

# Recital in aid of Lifecraft

*Fusae Takahashi*

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007**

**Little St Mary's Church**

**7.30pm**

*Mozart* Rondo in A Minor KV511

*Schumann* Faschingsschwank aus Wien op 26

INTERVAL (Refreshments)

*Beethoven* Sonata in F<sup>#</sup> Major  
op 78 "Therese"

Sonata in F Minor  
op 57 "Appassionata"

***Retiring Collection***

## LIFECRAFT

Lifecraft is a local self-help charity for people with mental health needs in the Cambridge area, started in 1993. We provide social support, activity groups (particularly in the arts), counselling, a mental health information service and an evening telephone helpline. We see 20-30 people every weekday and our helpline (open 364 evenings a year) receives over 3,000 calls per year.

We nearly had to close earlier this year because of financial problems. (We receive less than half our funding from Social Services.) We have been very touched by people's generosity and have raised over £100,000 in the last six months, but unfortunately this is not enough and we will have to cut services in the near future. Every penny helps and we are very grateful to Little St Mary's for this support.

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

### LSM website

[www.lsm.org.uk](http://www.lsm.org.uk)

Deadline for October Newsletter : **Sunday 30th September**