

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Wed 3rd Social Responsibility Committee. 2.30pm

Sat 6th Pilgrimage to Lincoln

Sun 7th 18th SUNDAY after TRINITY

Tue 9th Society of Mary at St Peter's, Ely

Wed 10th Finance & Standing 7.00pm

Thur 11th South Cambridge Area Synod, 7:15pm for 7:45pm

Sun 14th 19th SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 15th Meditation 1.00pm

Thur 18th ST LUKE, EVANGELIST

Low Mass: 7.45am Sung Mass: 7:00pm Compline 9.15pm

Sat 20th Ely Diocesan Synod

Sun 21st 20th SUNDAY after TRINITY High Mass 10.30 am

Wed 24th Emmanuel URC/LSM Forum 7.30pm

Sat 27th SS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES Sung Mass: 10:00am

Clocks go back 1 hour

Sun 28th 21st SUNDAY after TRINITY

High Mass 10.30am

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A potential ordinand who has worshipped frequently at LSM as well as at his College Chapel over recent years reported to me the other day that, as part of the process of discerning his vocation, he's being required to worship at a 'normal' (*sic*) Church over the coming year. This is by no means the first time that I've heard remarks such as this emanating from people with responsibility in these matters; I once heard it said that LSM is 'really just an extension of Peterhouse Chapel', a remark of staggering inaccuracy. It may, I suppose, be helpful for potential ordinands to experience 'different' styles of worship, or the 'breadth' of the Church of England; but I have to say that I wonder what the criteria of 'normality' are, and how it is that they are lacking at LSM, to the extent that someone exploring vocation to ordained ministry might be deprived of them while with us. After all, we use the lectionaries and orders of service of the Church of England, and the Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are said daily. We hear the Bible read, six portions a day at the Daily Mass and Offices. We have an age-range of 0 to 90+, and a Junior choir numbering nearly twenty, and probably more people in the 18-30 age range than many suburban parishes. We regularly explore ways of developing and improving work with the children and young people. We run, usually twice a year, courses enabling people to reflect on their Christian faith and discipleship. We have strong ecumenical links with a United Reformed Church next door and a Roman Catholic Church in Brussels. Five of us will be participating in the course (more of this later) put on by the Diocese (October-June) 'Sharing in God's Mission', designed to foster collaboration in the task of mission. For the sixth year in succession, we have a Lay Pastoral Assistant, offering an opportunity to a young man or woman to learn something of what it is like to work in parochial ministry. We acknowledge the Ministry of Healing as a 'normal' (!) part of our corporate prayer, while pastoral ministry in general, I believe it right to say, is not neglected. Social Responsibility and Overseas Links Groups help us to respond to human need both locally and overseas. We are committed to an annual review of our Christian Giving. We do NOT, admittedly, have an 'average' geographical parish of, say, 8,000 people, nor a local State school. Such features, I acknowledge from my own experience, are more common than LSM's 'eclectic' make-up; nevertheless, the crossing of parish boundaries to go to Church is 'normal' in many more places than Cambridge. Maybe it's that we at LSM are not 'normal' people! Seriously, I think that those who deal with such important matters as the *nurturing* and furthering

of vocations to ordained ministry should make sure that they consider carefully how they express themselves. No doubt we have many failings individually and corporately; in that, I suspect, we are also 'normal'. But at LSM we work hard to establish a sense of community and to recognise that although we have a distinctive liturgical tradition we are part of the wider church and hope to make a contribution to its well-being, not least through the fostering of vocations. I would be disappointed if we did not continue, by God's grace, to make that contribution.

I mentioned 'Sharing in God's Mission'; five of us, Lucy McKitterick, Richard Morgan, Sue Munro, Alice Thompson and myself will form an LSM 'team' for this diocesan course, the aim of which is to enable churches to 'share more effectively in the mission of God in their communities'. Each 'term' will begin with a central day event (October 13th is the first), and then the parish teams will follow the programme in their own time. Please remember our 'team' in your prayers; before the start of the course, we shall be meeting a group from Emmanuel URC, to begin the planning of a joint day to be held on Saturday December 1st.

Once a month for almost a year, in response to a suggestion made at the PCC, Compline has been sung on a Friday evening. On the whole, this has not proved a very satisfactory time, and so I have decided that for a three month experimental period the monthly Compline should be attached to a particular evening event. From October to December the arrangements will be: **Thursday October 18th, the Feast of St Luke: Compline 9.15pm**. Those who have attended the Sung Mass at 7pm should be able perhaps to have a drink or a meal at the University Centre before coming back for Compline.

Thursday November 8th :Compline 8.30pm. This is the day of the "Friday Lunch on Thursday evening"; Compline will follow the Charity Supper.

Friday December 7th:Eve of Conception of the BVM. Compline 8.45pm. There will be an Address to begin our Advent Quiet Weekend; as on St Luke's Day, there will have been a Sung Mass at 7pm, and there will be light refreshments in the Parish Room before Compline. Other dates to note are those for the times of prayer for the sick and carers:

Thursday October 18th, St Luke's Day: 6.30-6.45pm

Wednesday October 24th 9.45am; and there will be anointing and laying-on of hands at the 10am Low Mass.

with prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

Church Cleaning:

Mark Caddick has been our Church Cleaner for several years; he has indicated that he wishes to relinquish this task at the end of September. The PCC on September 25th was due to consider whether we should continue to employ a cleaner, or whether the work might be undertaken on a voluntary basis, by four 'weekly teams'. We are very grateful to Mark for all that he has done as our cleaner, not least as the tasks expanded a few years ago with the new developments at the south-east corner of the Church.

For our prayers:

Andrew Wardill's mother ***Joan**, one of our Home Communicants, went into Addenbrookes for an operation early in September. Sadly, complications ensued, and after three operations she had a stroke and is very poorly at the time of writing. **Michael Farmer** is due to have a few days in the Arthur Rank Hospice at the beginning of October. **Bishop Bill Godfrey**, whose work in the Anglican Church in Peru we support, has had two major operations recently. ***Joan** died on 25th September: may she rest in peace.

AN INTRODUCTION

My home town is Solihull in the West Midlands, but for the past three years I have lived in Cambridge, studying for a BA in History at Queens' College. During my time as an undergraduate I was involved in various university and community groups and campaigns including Amnesty International and a student run homeless charity named Streetbite. Another enthusiasm I developed at this time was a keen interest in Inter-Religious Dialogue. After volunteering for a conference at the Woolf Institute of Abrahamic Faiths, I went on to act as a U.K representative for a two-week inter-faith programme concerned with Inter-faith dialogue between Europe and the Middle East. Needless to say, meeting people my own age from Palestine, Egypt and Israel, and witnessing the potential for dialogue and discussion between them, was both an enlightening and instructive experience. This year I hope to maintain my involvement in this area as a student at Wesley House studying Islam and Judaism at the Centre of Jewish-Muslim Relations. I hope to bring this important inter-faith perspective to bear on my work for the church this year. I very much look forward to meeting you all and for the year ahead.

Alice Thompson, Lay Pastoral Assistant

EXPLORING THE RICHES OF THE ANGLO-CATHOLIC TRADITION

This autumn we are hosting a 5 session taster course in THE LITTLE ST MARY'S EXPLORATION SERIES, taking place on Wednesdays: 7, 14, 21, 28 November and 5 December. The course arises out of discussions with All Saints Margaret Street, London, and St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford. We are hoping to collaborate with these churches over the next couple of years in building a course that serves as an introduction to the riches of the Anglican Catholic tradition, an exploration into what we believe and a way of deepening our faith. This course is the first foray into that programme. It is hoped that it can be both a resource for those already worshipping with us, and mission focused towards introducing enquirers and newcomers to the distinctiveness of faith and practice within the Anglo-Catholic tradition. The course is structured around the Incarnation and what that means for us, exploring the Body of Christ and how we become that body. We are drawing from the riches of Cambridge and beyond and a variety of people are helping produce this course. The evenings will start with a supper, followed by a presentation and discussion from 7.00-9.00pm. Please put the dates in your diary now.

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| 1. The Sacraments: Becoming the Body | November 7th |
| 2. The Church: The Body of Christ | November 14th |
| 3. Desire and Ecstasy: The Sexual Body | November 21st |
| 4. The Kingdom: The Social Body | November 28th |
| 5. Participation through the senses:
The Body in Liturgy | December 5th |

David Ncaum

PARENTAL CONSENT FORMS FOR USE OF PHOTOS

Last summer parents received a consent form asking them to indicate whether they had any objection to their children's photographs at parish events appearing on the LSM website behind a password and whether or not they consented to such photographs being sold for church funds.

Not all parents have replied. Would those parents who have not replied and who wish to withhold consent please indicate that to Fr Mark by 30th October. If no reply is received by then, it will be assumed that there is no objection. Email me at markbishop@ukonline.co.uk.

Fr Mark Bishop

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GROUP

The Group has been following up the work done presenting an exhibition in collaboration with Emmanuel URC commemorating the 200th anniversary of the ending of the slave trade. This led us to investigate what "slavery" meant in Britain today, particularly in Cambridge. We have been most disturbed to come across accounts of people being trafficked into this country to work in the sex trade.

The Vicar and some members of the Group attended a very interesting presentation at St Columba's on the work of the Medaille Trust, a Roman Catholic Charity operating with ecumenical support providing a safe house and support for trafficked women escaping from conditions where they were being abused. Work is continuing to establish what support it would be able to provide for this work. The safe houses are expensive to run because of the high level of professional support required. In the meantime we have been pleased to see reports in the local press of action taken by police to try to stamp out trafficking trade in Cambridgeshire.

Tim Wheatley convened a meeting of representatives from St Bene't's, St Botolph's and St Edward's to consider issues arising from the use made of church facilities by street dwellers. The complex circumstances concerned clearly required handling with sensitivity and care. It was encouraging to discover that all churches handled the issue carefully; practical problems were not ignored, and the concerns of neighbours were met where possible. The City Council runs a "wet shelter" where medical help can be provided, so there is some provision although for understandable reasons, some people prefer not to use the official provision.

TALES OF A VISIT TO FRANCE

On 1st September I returned from a visit to France travelling with a group from the Cambridge Society. Here I highlight only some of the visit, the first being to Vézelay which I had first visited some years ago when the group was led by Barbara Chamier. The Basilica of St Mary Magdalen, to where the relics of Mary Magdalen were transferred in the



Vézelay



Calendar and Intentions

for

OCTOBER

*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 October

Mon. 1st	St Teresa of Lisieux
Tues. 2nd	Holy Guardian Angels
Wed. 3rd	Social Responsibility Committee 2.30pm
Thurs. 4th	St Francis of Assisi
Fri. 5th	
Sat. 6th	St Faith, Martyr: Pilgrimage to Boston and Lincoln
SUN. 7th	18th after TRINITY
Mon. 8th	
Tues. 9th	St Denys, Martyr: Society of Mary at St Peter's Ely
Wed. 10th	St Paulinus, Bishop: Finance & Standing 7pm
Thurs. 11th	South Cambridge Deanery Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm
Fri. 12th	St Wilfred, Bishop
Sat. 13th	St Edward the Confessor
SUN. 14th	19th after TRINITY
Mon. 15th	St Teresa of Avila: Meditation 1pm
Tues. 16th	Churches Together AGM 7.15 for 7.45pm in LSM
Wed. 17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
Thurs. 18th	St LUKE, Evangelist: LM 7.45am SM 7pm: Compline 9.15pm
Fri. 19th	
Sat. 20th	Ely Diocesan Synod
SUN. 21st	20th after TRINITY
Mon. 22nd	
Tues. 23rd	
Wed. 24th	Emmanuel URC/LSM Forum 7.30pm
Thurs. 25th	SS Crispin & Crispinian, Martyrs
Fri. 26th	St Cedd, Bishop
Sat. 27th	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles <i>transf.</i> SM 10am
SUN. 28th	21st after TRINITY: <i>clocks go back one hour</i>
Mon. 29th	
Tues. 30th	
Wed. 31st	

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for October

Spiritual Guides	<i>David Walser, Pr. Lester Vellanoweth</i>	1st
The Church's work with Children and young people		2nd
Social Responsibility Committee	<i>Marjorie Clark</i>	3rd
Franciscans	<i>Magda Phillips</i>	4th
Prison Fellowship/Angel Tree Project		5th
Today's pilgrimage	<i>Elizabeth Knight</i>	6th
The Parish	<i>Irina Findlow, Peter le Hurray</i>	7th
The People of Iraq		8th
Society of Mary		9th
Friends of LSM		10th
Christian Unity		11th
Our Bishops	<i>Geraldine Adams</i>	12th
Integrity in public life		13th
The Parish	<i>Eric Horne</i>	14th
Vocations to the religious life	<i>Isabel Furley</i>	15th
Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge		16th
The Simeon Foundation for Spirituality	<i>Bertie Clough</i>	17th
St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy	<i>Fred Linsey</i>	18th
The Departed		19th
Diocesan Synod	<i>Percy Poulter, Alice Royston</i>	20th
The Parish	<i>Norman Cruttwell, Pr.</i>	21st
Cambridge City Council	<i>Winifred Staples</i>	22nd
Diocesan Spirituality Advisory Group	<i>Frederick Waring</i>	23rd
Emmanuel/URC Forum	<i>Meredith Dewey, Pr. Robert Wolverson,</i>	24th
	<i>Freddie Webber, Patricia Nutbrown</i>	
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership		25th
Our Choirs		26th
College of the Resurrection, Mirfield	<i>Margot Fynes-Clinton,</i>	27th
	<i>Michael Jackson, Pr.</i>	
The Parish	<i>Patricia Chopourian</i>	28th
Local Schools and Colleges	<i>Beatrice Bicheno</i>	29th
Our Overseas Church links	<i>Edith Lock</i>	30th
Our keeping of Allsaintstide	<i>Richard Crowden, Charles Holland</i>	31st

Thursday October 18th
The Feast of
St Luke

Almighty God,
who calledst Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician
of the soul;
may it please thee that
by the wholesome medicines of the
doctrines delivered by him,
all the diseases of our souls may
be healed;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN

10th century making Vezelay one of the great places of pilgrimage in France, was said to be the largest conventual church in France. It stands on top of a hill dominating this enchanting town with splendid views all around from the terraces. Originally consecrated in 878 it was burnt down in 1120 and rebuilt by 1215 and is a wonderful example of Romanesque architecture.



Our Lady of Fourvière

Another fascinating church was the beautiful abbey of St Philibert in Tournus on the River Saône which dates back to the 10th C. and is another fine Romanesque building. By contrast, in Lyons we visited the great modern church of Our Lady of Fourvière, built between 1872 and '96, with lavish decorations. In France all churches built before 1905 are deemed to belong to the state which is therefore responsible for their upkeep. Those churches built after 1905 belong to the Church, but this one in Lyons is an exception as it was built by a charity, which still looks after its upkeep, as a result of many miracles occurring on that site.

Finally, we visited the Museum of the Grande Chartreuse, the motherhouse of the Carthusian Order. The monastery itself, founded by St Bruno in 1084, is a closed order and visits are not permitted, but the former habitation of the Brothers has been transformed into a modern museum with audio-visual presentations which enable visitors to understand better what life at a Carthusian monastery is like.

In April 1903 the monks had to go into exile under the anti-clerical Association Laws of 1901 and were only able to return in 1941. There are now 24 Carthusian houses throughout the world, nineteen for monks and 5 for nuns. The only house in the UK is at Parkminster near Horsham, Surrey, which was established in 1883. In 1984, on the eve of the Feast of St Bruno, they all jointly celebrated the 900th anniversary of the foundation of their Order and Pope John Paul II visited the monastery of Serra San Bruno in Calabria, Italy.

The famous green and yellow liqueur is still made. Whilst the monks were in exile it was made in Tarragona, Spain, but is now made in the Chartreuse liqueur distillery at Voiron, 35 minutes drive from the museum.

Richard Barlow-Poole

DIARY OF AN ECUMENICAL STEWARD

"What can 2500 Christians from over 30 nations of Europe do about ecumenism in just four days?"

This is what the stewards were wondering as they gathered in Sibiu, Romania on 31st August. 120 young people sent by Christian youth organisations across Europe, we had come to prepare for the arrival of the delegates to the third European Ecumenical Assembly on Sept 4th, and to ensure that the assembly ran smoothly. Five of us had come from the UK; two of us were Anglicans.

Of course, the problem with ecumenical events is that only those interested in ecumenism go, and not those who would rather not make friends with the other churches, or those who are too tied up in the worries or divisions of their own church. So if it seems like you're achieving something while you are there, that soon seems a very small something. The problem with ecumenism itself, on the other hand, is that no-one dares say anything that might offend the others, and so no one says what they need to say and you can have as much dialogue, dialogue, dialogue as you like, without achieving anything in a real sense.

That is why, once every ten years, 2500 Christians gather to make progress on Ecumenism in Europe. Aided by the stewards they spend four days discussing the "Big Topics". This time the title was "The Light of Christ Shines upon All", and discussions were on Unity, Spirituality, Witness, Europe, Religions, Migration, Creation, Justice and Peace. Many people, amongst them politicians, patriarchs and bishops, contributed to these, seeking to build on the outcomes of the previous assemblies in Basel ('89) and Graz ('97). Many others were there simply to witness this discussion and take something new and progressive home with them. The final message, together with the separate youth delegates' statement, can be read online at www.eea3.org From that it might look like EEA3 didn't achieve an awful lot, but what it did achieve was to re-open the door to ecumenical action around Europe, and to make us all aware of just how much we have ignored ecumenism recently, and just how much we need to wake up and do something.

At the end of the Assembly, the stewards who had come together from all denominations, nationalities and backgrounds, who had worked in offices, the main tent where plenary sessions were held, the Press office, the IT team, or the VIPs' hotel, were one big tired family. Amidst renovation work in the middle of the beautiful Sibiu, this year's Capital of Culture, we had made friendships we will never lose, served God through one another and reflected for ourselves on the Assembly's goals. We reported back, in song,

image and words, telling of our experience prior to and during the EEA3, and our message to the delegates ended like this:

We didn't come here to say what has been said before.
The light of Christ shines upon all...but are WE willing to share it?

The Venerable Colin Williams told us all on our first day together that the important stuff of EEA3 would not happen in the plenaries; it would happen in those moments when we would talk to each other on a more informal level. This could not have been more true: wonderful as it was to attend a joint Anglican and Old Catholic mass in a Lutheran cathedral on the feast of the birth of the Virgin, the experiences that made EEA3 particularly special and memorable included having coffee with S.B. Gregorius III of Antioch, eating lunch with a Romanian bishop, discussing Apostolic succession with another steward from Romania, and getting to know an orthodox priest from Bosnia as I accompanied him to the main office on registration day. For some people I spoke to, I was the first Anglican, or even the first English person they had ever really talked to.

Inspired by this and by the example of H.E. Metropolitan Gennadios of Sassima, who started as a steward himself, we have each set out on our own ecumenical pathways. This is what being a steward is about: it is not just about working hard and going unnoticed, but about building bridges between ordinary Christians. We've each returned to our own churches and communities now, and the future will send us in many directions, but we know that amongst us many will go on to further work in Christian communities around Europe, and we hope that the friendships we have made will continue to be examples of those bridges.

Our facilitators made a series of t-shirts over the week. Amongst them, one read "St. Benedict was a steward. Later, a whole order followed him." another, "H.E. Metropolitan Gennadios started as a steward" and a third advertised Mary and Martha's own roles as stewards. I leave you with a copy of the assembly's official recommendations in the hope that you too might become stewards in helping to build on these within your own communities. May the light of Christ shine within us all, and until we meet again may God hold us in the palm of his hand.

If anyone would like to hear more about EEA3 or the Stewarding experience, I'd be very happy to talk to you.

Annie Osborne

RECOMMENDATIONS of the EEA3:

We recommend renewing our mission as individual believers and as Churches to proclaim Christ as the Light and the Saviour of the world;

We recommend continuing the discussion on mutual recognition of baptism, being aware that the question is deeply linked to an understanding of Eucharist, ministry and ecclesiology in general;

We recommend finding ways of experiencing the activities which can unite us: prayer for each other and for unity, ecumenical pilgrimages, theological formation

We recommend the full participation of the whole people of God and, at this Assembly in particular, note the appeal of young people, the elderly, ethnic minorities, and disabled people.

We recommend that our Churches should recognise that Christian immigrants are not just the recipients of religious care but that they can play a full and active role in the life of the Church and of society; offer better pastoral care for migrants, asylum seekers and refugees; and promote the rights of ethnic minorities in Europe, particularly the Roma people.

We recommend developing the "Charta Oecumenica" as a stimulating guideline for our ecumenical journey in Europe.

We urge all European Christians to give strong support to the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations as an urgent practical step toward the alleviation of poverty.

We recommend that a consultative process, addressing European responsibility for ecological justice, facing the threat of climate change; European responsibility for the just shaping of globalisation; the rights of Roma people and other European ethnic minorities, be initiated by CCEE and CEC.

We recommend backing initiatives for debt cancellation and the promotion of fair trade.

We recommend that the period from the 1st September to the 4th October be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change.

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, min. £2, after the Low Mass on Fridays, supporting both home and overseas charities.

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