

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge



SERVICES & EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

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All Saintside and Dedication Festival

- Wed 7th Exploration Course (1) 7.00pm: see page 3
Thur 8th Charity Supper 7pm: Compline 8.30pm
Sun 11th **3rd SUNDAY before ADVENT: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**
High Mass 10.30am Preacher: The Revd Peter Barnett,
Warden of the Pilsden Community, Malling.
Wed 14th Exploration Course (2) 7.00pm
Thur 15th Guild of All Souls 7.00pm: Catholic Societies' Requiem 8.00pm
Sat. 17th 2008 Passion Play Auditions: see page 3
7.30pm Cambridge Brass Band Concert
Sun 18th **2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT** High Mass 10.30 am
Mon 19th Meditation 1-1.30pm
Wed 21st Prayer for the Sick 9.45am: Anointing at 10am LM:
Exploration Course (3) 7.00pm
Sun 25th **SUNDAY before ADVENT: FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
High Mass 10.30am Preacher: The Revd Bruce Kinsey,
Chaplain, Perse School for Boys.
7.30pm Piano Recital by Fusae Takahashi
Wed 28th Exploration Course (4) 7.00pm
Fri 30th ST. ANDREW, Apostle: Low Mass 12:30pm Sung Requiem 7:00pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

As always, November begins with a series of celebrations, commemorations and special events, which I set out below. I'm delighted that **Professor David Brown**, who is just in the process of moving from his Chair in Durham to St Andrews, has chosen a topic directly related to All Saintstide for his 2007 **Michael Ramsey Lecture!**

ALL SAINTSTIDE and DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Thursday 1st: All Saints Day: Low Mass 7.45am, High Mass 7pm

Friday 2nd: All Souls Day: Requiem Mass 7.45am, 12.30pm, 7pm.
Fauré's Requiem will be sung at the 7pm Mass

SUNDAY 4th: DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Saturday November 3rd is the 655th anniversary of the Dedication of LSM

*Preacher at 10.30am High Mass: the Rt Revd Lord Harries,
formerly Bishop of Oxford*

Celebration Drinks after High Mass

*Preacher at 6pm Evensong & Benediction: the Revd Canon Jeremy Haselock
Vice-Dean of Norwich Cathedral*

*For Evensong and Benediction we shall be joined by the Choir
and other members of Peterhouse.*

*Dinner is available in the College afterwards for up to 45 members of LSM
congregation: tickets £12.95 from Robin Osborne*

Monday 5th: 2007 Michael Ramsey Lecture at 5.15pm

Professor David Brown

will speak on

WHY SAINTS MATTER

(a response to the Bishop of Durham)

Refreshments afterwards

This programme offers us a wonderful start to a month in which the Church invites us to be deeply aware of our communion with all who have gone before us, all who in so many ways and times knew that they were 'strangers and pilgrims', but still were 'seeking the city of God'. You might like to note also that the 7.45am Low Mass on the morning after Remembrance Sunday will be of Requiem for those who lost their lives in war.

Our Newsletter has 'trailed' the 5-session course based on the Incarnation for the past two months; now we are ready to begin, and look forward to **Wednesday November 7th** and the subsequent four Wednesdays. I remind you that we begin at **7pm** with a **bring-and-share supper**; eating together is a significant part of this sort of course, and we do hope that most participants will be able to come for this; but if that's not possible, we look forward to seeing you at 7.30pm. If you can encourage someone to come along with you who mightn't have thought of coming, that would be marvellous!

Those who heard my sermon on October 14th may recall that I mentioned an initiative entitled '**Hope 2008**'. The idea is that churches of all traditions in the city and neighbourhood should be involved in this; there will, I understand, be two major services, and, where appropriate, suggestions for involvement in local community projects. Another project is an outdoor **Passion Play**, to take place on Holy Saturday, March 22nd 2008; there are to be **auditions** for this at **Queen Edith's Chapel, Wulfstan Way** on **Saturday November 17th** from 10.30am-12.30pm, and then again from 2-4pm; presumably you can choose your preferred time.

On a recommendation from the Social Committee, the PCC decided that the long-established **Advent Lunch** should be converted this year into a **Christ the King Lunch**; so we shall be celebrating the end of the current Church Year on **Sunday November 25th**. One of the reasons for the change is that we usually conclude the Advent Quiet Weekend on the second Sunday in Advent with lunch for those who have participated, and indeed for others who would like to talk further with the conductor; that will be the case again this year, and it was thought that it would better to have a week's break from parish room lunches! Robin Osborne will have tickets for the Christ the King Lunch from November 11th. Another factor is that there will also be an important event involving ourselves and members of Emmanuel URC on the eve of Advent Sunday, **Saturday December 1st**. This is the outcome of an initiative from Emmanuel, through which city centre churches are encouraged to respond, between Advent and Epiphany, to the theme of the '**Gift of Life**', either putting on a special event, or presenting a regular event in a way that relates to this theme. Our event, to be run jointly with Emmanuel, is a 'Creativity Day', with five workshops. The 'team' from LSM who are participating in the Diocesan course 'Sharing in God's Mission' are representing us in the planning of the December 1st day; Sue Munro, a member of that team, writes about this on page 11.

The **Advent Quiet Weekend** will follow the same pattern as last year, with an address at Compline in LSM at 8.45pm on Friday December 7th, a day at Mill Green House, near Linton, on Saturday 8th, with two addresses, and then the sermon on Sunday 9th at High Mass. I'm delighted that the new Chaplain of St Catharine's College, Fr Anthony Moore, has agreed to conduct the weekend for us. Later in November there will be a booking list, so that we know the numbers for Mill Green House.

There has been some discussion over the past few days about flower arranging at LSM, as there have occasionally been problems about communication. I'm very pleased that Mark Caddick is continuing to work with the group, and to give them the benefit of his advice and his expertise; we just need to ensure that the arrangements for exchange of information and sharing of responsibilities are clearly established. Meanwhile, this gives me the opportunity as we celebrate another Dedication Festival with its special displays to express our thanks to all who give their time and skills to this aspect of our life together.

May these final weeks of another Church Year be a time of joy and thanksgiving for us all, as we reflect on our part in the Communion of Saints and pray for the coming of the Kingdom which is promised to us with them.

Fr Andrew

For our prayers:

Margaret Shaw has become increasingly frail and dependent on others, though still hoping to be able to come to Church occasionally. **Joy Day** is also struggling to manage at home, though she is about to have more care and support; she has been much cheered by a month-long visit from her sister, who lives in Toronto.

The Ministry of Healing in November:

Silent prayer for the sick and carers: **Wednesday November 21st 9.45am**
anointing and laying on of hands at the 10am Mass

Thursday November 22nd 6.15pm

R.I.P.

As noted briefly in the October Newsletter, Andrew Wardill's mother **Joan** died in hospital on September 25th. A native and lover of North Yorkshire, she adapted graciously to life further south, and to work in retail businesses

in Cambridge. Perhaps her favourite sentences were: 'you *are* kind...and thank-you so much'...an example to us all!

Derek Gibbons, a great character with an often wicked sense of humour was well known as an antique book seller and collector; he died on Michaelmas Day. For some years he had lived at Gretton Court in Girton, and had been unable to attend LSM, of which he was very fond, asking in his last hours that his body should be brought into the church to rest overnight before his Requiem Mass. He served on the PCC at LSM at one time, and gave great support to elderly members of the congregation. At Gretton Court he took on the organisation of the Eucharist, marshalling 'his ladies', as he used to call them.

We pray that all the departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS ACTION WEEK TRAINING EVENT IN CAMBRIDGE.

Various training events across the UK are being held throughout October and November in relation to Poverty and Homelessness Action Week, late January-February 2008. During that week the target is to hold 100 poverty-related events across the UK to raise awareness about the causes and solutions of the many forms of poverty and homelessness in this country, as the start of a year-long campaign along the lines of "Make UK Poverty History".

The training events will provide more information and inspiration to enable you to put on a local event. Each session will allow those attending to meet with one another and network effectively, share ideas, contacts, and resources - and hopefully many events will begin to take shape for January. Several people from each parish or group are encouraged to attend.

The event takes place at the Von Hugel Institute, St Edmund's College, Mount Pleasant, Cambridge CB3 0BN on Saturday 10th November, from 11am - 2pm. The arrangements in Cambridge are being made by Housing Justice and the event is free of charge.

If you would like to attend, please email your details (name, address, email, and the number of attendees) to hs@housingjustice.org.uk and let me know that you are going.

Tim Wheatley

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.

PIANO RECITAL

by

Fusae Takahashi

Little St Mary's Church

Sunday 25th November 2007

7.30pm

Music by Beethoven, Haydn and Chopin

in aid of CAMFED



Calendar and Intentions

for

NOVEMBER

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 November

Thurs.	1st	ALL SAINTS' DAY: LM 7.45am HM 7pm
Fri.	2nd	All Souls' Day: Requiem 7.45am, 12.30pm, 7pm (Sung)
Sat.	3rd	Anniversary of Dedication: commem. Richard Hooker
SUN.	4th	DEDICATION FESTIVAL (22nd after TRINITY) see p.2
Mon.	5th	2007 Michael Ramsey Lecture: 5.15pm: see page 2
Tues.	6th	St Leonard, Hermit
Wed.	7th	St Willibrord: Exploration Course (1) 7pm: see page 3
Thurs.	8th	SS & MM of England: Charity Supper 7pm: Compline 8.30pm
Fri.	9th	commem. Margery Kempe
Sat.	10th	St Leo, Bishop
SUN.	11th	3rd before Advent (23rd after TRINITY) REMEMBRANCE
Mon.	12th	
Tues.	13th	commem. Charles Simeon
Wed.	14th	Exploration Course (2) 7pm
Thurs.	15th	Guild of All Souls 7pm: Catholic Societies' Requiem 8pm
Fri.	16th	St Margaret of Scotland
Sat.	17th	St Hugh, Bishop: 2008 Passion Play Auditions: see p. 3
SUN.	18th	2nd before Advent (24th after TRINITY)
Mon.	19th	St Hilda of Whitby: Meditation 1-1.30pm
Tues.	20th	St Edmund, King & Martyr: PCC 7pm
Wed.	21st	Prayer for the Sick 9.45am: Anointing at 10am LM: Exploration Course (3) 7pm
Thurs.	22nd	St Cecilia, Martyr: Prayer for the Sick 6.20pm
Fri.	23rd	St Clement, Bishop & Martyr
Sat.	24th	
SUN.	25th	CHRIST the KING (NEXT before ADVENT) Parish Lunch
Mon.	26th	
Tues.	27th	
Wed.	28th	Exploration Course (4) 7pm
Thurs.	29th	
Fri.	30th	St ANDREW, Apostle: LM 12.30pm, SM 7pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for November

Thanksgiving for all the Saints		1st
The Departed		2nd
Vision for our Parish: thanksgiving for past worshippers		3rd
The Parish	<i>Stephen Roskill, Alfred Whitham</i>	4th
Professor David Brown	<i>Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Rayner</i>	5th
Prisoners		6th
Our Autumn Course		7th
Integrity in public life	<i>Joyce Wolton, Dick Richardson</i>	8th
'Bible Lands' <i>Friday Lunch Charity</i>		9th
Theologians		10th
The Parish: the Nation's Remembrance		11th
Those who have lost their lives in war		12th
South Cambridge Deanery Chapter		13th
Friends of LSM	<i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i>	14th
The Catholic Societies	<i>Dorothy Marlow</i>	15th
Local Charities for the Homeless	<i>Alan Huskinson</i>	16th
Preparations for 'Hope '08'	<i>Betty Clough, Dorothy Pickett</i>	17th
The Parish	<i>John Byrom, Pr.</i>	18th
Vocations to the Religious life	<i>Dorothy Purcell, Lena Blockley</i>	19th
Parochial Church Council	<i>Joyce Bones</i>	20th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Edward Maryon Wilson</i>	.21st
Church Musicians		22nd
Asylum seekers		23rd
Our Choirs and Servers	<i>Stuart Mason</i>	24th
The Parish	<i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley</i>	25th
LSM/Chant d'Oiseau link	<i>Val Mendel</i>	26th
The People of Iraq	<i>Freda Jones</i>	27th
The Departed	<i>Ronald Fletcher</i>	28th
Overseas Mission	<i>John Clough</i>	29th
The People of Scotland	<i>Marjorie Gage-Brown, Ann Watson,</i> <i>William Thurborn, Harold White, Peter Smith</i>	30th

NOVEMBER

The Month of the Holy Souls

*Thou O God art not God of the dead,
but of the living.*

*In thy Resurrection, O Christ,
we celebrate ours.*

*The gift of thy life, O Holy Spirit,
is not for a season, but for ever.*

*Lord, thou hast made, endowed and
redeemed thy children,
and thou canst not desert them.*

*Thou forgettest not the dead whom
we forget.*

*O Father, O Saviour, O Giver of Life,
by thy mercy and unalterable love,
gather thy sons and daughters departed
unto thyself.*

AMEN

Eric Milner White

ADVENT WORKSHOPS: THE GIFT OF LIFE

It is hoped that as many people as possible will endeavour to make time in their very busy lives to attend this morning event, Saturday, 1st December, from 10.00am to 1.30pm. A light lunch of soup and the bread which has been made during the morning will be available at the end of the event. Participants will be able to take part in two of the five workshops.

The morning will begin with a short time of worship, then at 10.15am the first workshops will begin. There will be a break for coffee at 11.15am and workshop 2 will begin at 11.20am and finish at 1.05pm when lunch will be available. The workshops will be led by members of both congregations and you will be asked to indicate before the event which you would like to attend. A signing up sheet will be available at the back of the church to do this.

The five workshops are:

- A. Making *Chrismon decorations for a Chrismon Tree
- B. Pottery
- C. Poetry for Advent
- D. Singing Workshop
- E. Bread making (Wkshp 1)/**Kipferl biscuits (Wkshp 2)

This will be an opportunity for us all to get to know each other better and, through the sharing in creative tasks, to give thanks to God for His great Gift of Life. Do try to find the time to support this event, even if you feel able to attend only one of the workshop sessions.

**Chrismons* are Christian symbols, used to decorate a tree for Christmas and to remind us of the true meaning of the festival. We hope to make enough Chrismons so that both our churches can hang some on their trees. Further information will be available to participants.

**Kipferl biscuits are eaten in several European countries during the Christmas season. They have their origin in the wars of the Austrians against the Turks, hence the crescent shape.

Sue Munro

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BRASS BAND CONCERT

City of Cambridge Brass Band (who have helped us on Palm Sundays) reached the National Finals of the first division of brass band championships this year, the best contest performance by the band in 10 years. To celebrate they have organised a concert at LSM (*see below*) The programme will include music by Cambridge composers Tim Souster (Echoes for Brass Band and live electronics) and Chris Batchelor (Weasel Words & Winning Ways for Jazz Trumpet (Mike Lovatt) and Jazz Trombone (Gordon Cambell)). Other more conventional pieces include works by Holst, Berlioz and Ireland. See details of the concert programme on the band's website <http://www.cambridgeband.co.uk/>

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BRASS BAND CONCERT

**Little St Mary's Church
Saturday, 17th November
7.30pm**

Programme to include

music by Cambridge composers Tim Souster & Chris Batchelor,
and by Holst, Berlioz and Ireland

Tickets available from Andrew Bateman at 01223 871288
purchased in advance £8 (£5 concs), on the door £10 (£6 concs)

BIBLELANDS: Friday Lunch Charity for Nov/Dec

Some of us from LSM visited the Holy Land in the New Year and experienced directly the present divisions and dangers existing between the Palestinians and Israelis when we crossed through the security fence, going to Bethlehem. It seems good, then, to support the Christians from all sides, who attempt to express their love in action, serving their communities in sometimes horrendous situations, through our next Friday lunch charity.

BibleLands is a long-established, independent UK based Christian charity serving the needs of the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged in the lands of the Bible, regardless of faith or nationality, working in partnership with local Christians. In Lebanon they responded to the conflict and one year on, the situation has again deteriorated, but they keep open their school in the Bekaa Valley and Cedar Home for orphans in Beirut. They run a deaf unit in Cairo, and in Alexandria, a special needs school and one for Sudanese refugee children. In Israel and the Occupied Territories they run a hospital in Gaza, a special needs centre in Ramallah and a visual impairment centre for 70 children in Jerusalem; just some examples of their work.

Gillian Beard

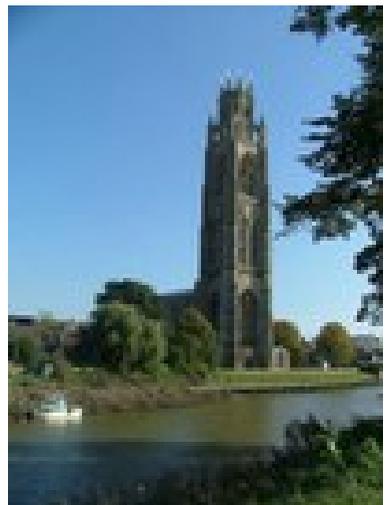
PILGRIMAGE TO BOSTON & LINCOLN

Lincoln always feels like going home although I never lived closer than a thirty mile train journey; perhaps it's just that kind of place, homely, quite industrial (or perhaps now post-industrial), but topographically dramatic with a Michelin three-starred cathedral at the top, obviously held in affection by local people - mountaineering up the appropriately named Steep Hill must add to the sense of adventure – but probably less well known to the average punter in the rest of the country. We were spared the climb, unless we chose to go down, by being dropped at the top. This was of a piece with Robin Osborne's organisation generally, helped by an excellent coach driver – supportive without over-organising those of us who usually like to be in control of our itinerary. Even the one possible fault, that we didn't have time for a first look inside the cathedral before possible post lunch torpor, was due to a worthwhile stop at St Botolph, Boston, hinting at how much the rather unspectacular countryside has in the way of fine architecture. You could take a week over the journey.

We had a generous lunch break before reconvening at the cathedral west front. Again organisation and information were offered without regimentation, and in two loose groups we explored the interior thoroughly, including a well-presented display underneath the at long last re-installed glass of the Dean's Eye in the north transept of the huge cross axis of the building, skirting round the Royal School of Church Music rehearsal under the central tower.

The day concluded with their much rehearsed service, parts of which, to quote a well known clerical joke, were "very good indeed", and which included a few hints of what the famous Willis organ could do, though quite a number of us seemed unsure of the liturgical or even theological basis. Still, a cathedral administration which can welcome the film crew of the "Da Vinci Code"... At least they are looking after the fabric reasonably well, and thankfully too that suffered a little less from the puritans than some of our religio-artistic heritage.

Malcolm Munro



St Botolph, Boston

REFLECTIONS ON A SUMMER AT LSM

From Ridley Hall College, where I'm training for ordination, I spent five weeks this summer on placement at LSM. I was hoping for the opportunity both to see parish ministry at first hand and to experience an unfamiliar area of the Church of England. I wasn't disappointed!

From BCP to PCC, Morning Prayer to charity lunches, much had a familiar feel. However, equally there were many new experiences - Benediction, Requiem Mass and a pilgrimage to the fens just to name a few. Spending a day at LSM might have been a little bewildering for me, but being shaped by the daily rhythms of prayer and worship over a longer period has had an effect on me which will long outlive the placement. That's without mentioning the regular opportunities to reflect on my experiences with Fr Andrew and many in the congregation, for which I'm eternally grateful.

There were many highlights, but the sense of reverence and awe at High Mass I found particularly special. Whilst this is a familiar form of service for worshippers at LSM, it was its 'otherness' that most appealed to me. Coming from a tradition that usually stresses the immanence and 'knowability' of God, I find Mass has challenged me to contemplate God's transcendence and the element of mystery in His worship.

Sceptics often suggest that the breadth of the Church of England will be its undoing, but my experience tells me differently. Searching for the idealised centre might be a fruitless task, but I have found an encounter across the spectrum to be an overwhelmingly positive experience. On a matter of theology, Charles Simeon once remarked that he held neither one extreme view nor the other, nor somewhere in the middle, but both extremes at the same time. I think I'm beginning to see what he meant!

Rich Burley

THANK YOU

I'd like to send a "Thank You" to members of the congregation who have called us with those words of support for Isaac whom some of you may know secured a place as a chorister at Ely Cathedral. The first half term has gone well but has involved quite some adjustment on the part of all of his family! Do come and say "hello" if you can make it to evensong at the Cathedral sometime (5.30pm - Tuesdays is boys' voices; Thursdays the lay clerks sing too).

Andrew Bateman

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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, min. £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

LSM website

www.lsm.org.uk

Deadline for December Newsletter : **Sunday 18th November**