

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER



SERVICES & EVENTS IN JANUARY

- Tue 1st MOST HOLY NAME of JESUS
Sung Mass 10.30am
- Sat 5th LSM Choirs sing Evensong at Ely Cathedral 5.30pm
Flower Arrangers Meeting: Garden Working Party. 10.15am
- Sun 6th EPIPHANY of OUR LORD
- Sun 13th BAPTISM of OUR LORD: Christian Giving Renewal
Epiphany Carol Service 6.00pm: Epiphany Party
- Wed 16th Healing Ministry 9.45/10.00am followed by Low Mass
- Thurs 17th Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm followed by Low Mass
Charity Supper & more! 7.15pm
- Fri 18th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Launch of HOPE 08: GSM, 7.30pm
- Sat 19th Garden Working Party from 10.15am
- Sun 20th 3rd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY: SEPTUAGESIMA
Evening Prayer & Exposition 5.30pm
Unity Week Service, Wesley Methodist Church 6.30pm
- Mon 21st Meditation 1-1.30pm
- Wed 23rd PCC, 7.00pm
- Fri 25th CONVERSION of ST PAUL
Low Mass 12.30pm, Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Sun 27th 4th SUNDAY of EPIPHANY: SEXAGESIMA
- Thu 31st Deanery Synod 7.15pm for 7.45pm

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Dear Friends,

This newsletter should be ready before Christmas, and so I begin with some reminders and some new information which takes us from Christmas week to the looming approach of Lent. With Easter Day falling on March 23rd 2008 we shall find ourselves beginning Lent just four days after Candlemas.

THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

Low Mass at 10am daily from December 26th-29th inclusive

Monday December 31st:

Party from 11pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.50pm

Tuesday January 1st: 10.30am: Sung Mass, followed by refreshments

EPIPHANY 2008

Sunday January 6th: Feast of the Epiphany

10.30am: Blessing of the Holy House and High Mass

Preacher: Fr Philip Barnes, Shrine Priest at Walsingham

Sunday January 13th: Baptism of Our Lord

10.30am: Christian Giving Review Sermon *see also page please note that envelopes should be returned on Sundays January 20th, 27th and February 3rd (before Lent!)*

6pm: Epiphany Carol Service, and Epiphany Party

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2008

Friday 18th- Friday 25th January

Sunday January 20th:

10.30am: High Mass: *Preacher: Dr Janet Soskice (RC)*

6.30pm: Ecumenical Service at Wesley Methodist Church

Evening Prayer will be said at LSM at 5.30pm, and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with prayer for unity

CHANT d'OISEAU LINK

Monday 25-Thursday 28 August 2008

*A three-day joint retreat at **Worth Abbey, Sussex***

The idea of a shared devotional time together came up on my recent brief visit to Chant d'Oiseau (via Eurostar and St Pancras!) For details, please **let me know of your interest SOON!** Another idea is for us, assisted perhaps by other local congregations, to receive a group of their young people, probably in 2009.

FRIDAY CHARITY LUNCH

From Friday January 4th: following recent price increases, particularly of bread and butter, we shall be asking a minimum of **£2.50** for the Friday lunches, which continue to give extremely good value, and which raised over £1855 for six different charities during 2007.

For the next seven months our Lay Pastoral Assistant, **Alice Thompson**, will be responsible for finding the providers of the Friday lunch. There is a list for you to sign at the west end of the Church if you would like to help. The Charity for January and February is Whitworth House (*see page 9*)

LENT 2008

On **Wednesdays February 13th, 20th, 27th, March 5th, 12th**, we shall be running a Lent Course entitled '**Strangers recognized**'; this is based on the story of the Prodigal's Return, in St Luke's Gospel. You might like to look at the prayer printed on page 8 (*Father of all, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home...*), since this provides the theme for the course. Once again we shall begin with a Bring-and-Share Supper at 7pm, and our 'Sharing in God's Mission team' will be assisting me in running the course. The team, incidentally, are also offering 'hospitality with St Luke's Gospel' on the evening of **Thursday January 17th**; you will be receiving invitation cards for this from Epiphany, January 6th; but do book the date now! This is also a 'Friday Lunch evening': i.e. a further opportunity to raise money for Whitworth House.

PARISH ROOM EXTENSION?

The Open Meeting on December 10th heard a very helpful presentation from the architect, Chris Cowper, and he dealt patiently with a wide range of questions and comments. The general feeling of the meeting was positive, and the PCC will be asked to decide at its January meeting whether there is a real sense of enthusiastic commitment to this project. If there is, we would move to financial considerations at the March meeting. I'm not sure whether the disappointing attendance at the Open Meeting is to be attributed to tacit approval, lack of interest, or the darkness of a December evening; but it does seem to me to be crucial that, if we are going to proceed, the prevailing view has to be not just: 'well, it would be nice to have a bit more space in the Parish Room', but: 'this is a project which, under God, will genuinely further the life and mission of Little St Mary's for years to come' (or something like that!) Please make this a matter for your interest and your prayers.

with prayers and best wishes for Epiphany and for 2008: Fr Andrew

OTHER DATES IN JANUARY

The Ministry of Healing:

Silent prayer for the sick and carers: **Wednesday January 16th 9.45am**

anointing and laying on of hands at the 10am Mass

Thursday January 17th 6.15pm

anointing and laying on of hands at the 6.30pm Mass

***Monday Meditation: 21st: 1-1.30pm**

***Compline will be sung at 8.30pm on the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, Friday January 25th**

***Garden Working Parties: Saturdays Jan 5th & 19th from 10.15am**

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Michael Farmer had to go back in Addenbrooke's early in December; he was experiencing a lot of pain as well as difficulty in eating and drinking. Although **Margaret Rowett** has been home for some time, she is still worried about pain in her back, and hasn't been able to come to church for some weeks. Her granddaughter **Elizabeth Carr** (*née Osborne*) has been suffering for some time from a mysterious virus, and was in Addenbrooke's for a few days with a very high temperature. There now seems to be a slow improvement. **Margaret Shaw** is now very frail, and disappointed not to be able to get out very much; but she retains her sense of humour! We offer our sympathy to **Marcus Tomalin** and **Sarah MacDonald** on the death of Marcus' father Malcolm and pray that all the departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

ANY VIEWS?

Sunday Communicant figures at LSM on the majority of Sundays in October, November and December 2007 were significantly down compared with the same months in 2006 (on one Sunday nearly 25%). One factor seems to be that even in a church of Anglican Catholic tradition such as LSM the sense of 'Sunday obligation', being at Mass every Sunday, is fading. Another issue might relate to the question of where, with a City Centre Parish which has a very small residential population, we go to find new members. Perhaps if you have some quiet moments between Christmas and Epiphany you might like to reflect on these things and put your thoughts on a postcard for the Vicar!

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION

Bill and I are collecting plastic bottle tops in aid of Leicester General Hospital special care baby unit. If you would like to recycle in a good cause, please bring your bottle tops to church and we will pass them to Derek in Manea. Many thanks for your support.

Julia Norman



Calendar and Intentions

for

JANUARY

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 January

- Tues. 1st MOST HOLY NAME of JESUS: SM 10.30am
Wed. 2nd St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen
Thurs. 3rd
- Fri. 4th
Sat. 5th LSM Choirs sing Evensong at Ely Cathedral 5.30pm
Flower Arrangers Meeting: Garden Working Party
- SUN. 6th EPIPHANY of OUR LORD
Mon. 7th
Tues. 8th
Wed. 9th
Thurs. 10th commem. William Laud, Archbishop
Fri. 11th
Sat. 12th St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
- SUN. 13th BAPTISM of OUR LORD: Christian Giving Renewal
Epiphany Carol Service 6pm: Epiphany Party
Mon. 14th
Tues. 15th
Wed. 16th Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: *also* Thursday 17th 6.15/6.30pm
Thurs. 17th St Anthony of Egypt: Charity Supper & More! 7.15pm
Fri. 18th Confession of St Peter: Week of Prayer for Unity begins
Sat. 19th St Wulfstan, Bishop: launch of HOPE 08: GSM 7.30pm
- SUN. 20th 3rd of EPIPHANY: Evening Prayer & Exposition 5.30pm
Unity Week Service at Wesley Methodist Church 6.30pm
Mon. 21st St Agnes, Martyr: Meditation 1-1.30pm
Tues. 22nd St Vincent, Martyr
Wed. 23rd PCC 7pm
Thurs. 24th St Francis de Sales, Bishop
Fri. 25th CONVERSION of St PAUL: LM 12.30pm, SM 7pm
Sat. 26th SS Timothy & Titus
- SUN. 27th 4th of EPIPHANY: SEXAGESIMA
Mon. 28th St Thomas Aquinas, Teacher
Tues. 29th
Wed. 30th Charles, King & Martyr
Thurs. 31st St John Bosco, Priest: Deanery Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for January

Trust in the Name of Jesus	<i>Dorothy Ogden, Derek Williams</i>	1st
Theologians of the Orthodox Churches		2nd
The Peoples of Afghanistan and Pakistan		3rd
	<i>Edward Maycock, Pr., Lena Wheatley, Arthur Clough, Celia Scott-Townsend</i>	
Cambridgeshire County Council	<i>Marjorie Robson</i>	4th
Our Choirs.		5th
The Parish: thanksgiving for the Epiphany	<i>Maggie Hulyer</i>	6th
Mission at home and overseas		7th
South Cambridge Deanery Chapter	<i>Ellen Smith</i>	8th
Friends of Little St Mary's		9th
Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury		10th
Whitworth House (<i>Friday Lunch Charity</i>)	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Our Christian Giving Renewal		12th
Renewal of our baptismal commitment		13th
Fulbourn Hospital	<i>Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
The Departed	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
The Church's Ministry of Healing		16th
Discerning Use of the Bible		17th
The Roman Catholic Church		18th
Methodist and Lutheran Churches	<i>Daphne Clavey</i>	19th
The Anglican Communion	<i>Donald Harris, Pr., Pauline Martindale</i>	20th
Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge		
United Reformed and Presbyterian Churches	<i>Athelstane Furley</i>	21st
Baptist and Pentecostal Churches		22nd
Orthodox Churches		23rd
Society of Friends: the Salvation Army	<i>Robert Garrett, Pr., Peggy Hall</i>	24th
		25th
Our Bishops: wise appointment of a new Bishop of Huntingdon		26th
The Parish	<i>Sebastian Hawkes, Elsie Perrin</i>	27th
Theologians		28th
The People of Iraq	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
Integrity in public life	<i>Mary Hammond</i>	30th
Cambridge South Deanery Synod		31st

JANUARY

The Hospitality of God

***Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us
home;
dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have
set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live
to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord
AMEN***

FRIENDS OF WHITWORTH HOUSE (*Charity Lunch*)

Whitworth House provides a home for 13 young women aged between 16 and 25 who are, or are in danger of becoming, homeless, most being under 20. On Chesterton Road, the house opened about seven years ago and each person has a self contained bed-sit with cooking facilities. Each floor has a bath and shower rooms and a communal lounge.

Residents are referred to Whitworth House by Social Services Leaving Care team, the City Council and other agencies dealing with young people. There are also some self-referrals. The aim of the project is to help the young women out of welfare into work or education and each girl has a care plan and appropriate counselling to help build confidence. The project, initiated by Ann Whitworth of YWCA and supported financially by churches, trusts and individual donations, is now managed by Orwell Housing Association which provides staffing and resources.

The Friends of Whitworth House raise funds for the project to provide extra activities, social events and grants to individuals to help with education and training. Committee members support the Manager and one member recently helped introduce an in-house counselling service. Friends have also helped residents purchase books and equipment to help with college courses and to go on study trips. Other help includes refurbishment of the lounge and the purchase of a television and DVD player.

Recent success stories are that one resident is now on a university course, another has her own flat, and a third has passed all her GCSEs and is now at Sixth Form College and would like to become a forensic scientist.

Elaine Wheatley

LSM DIARY & BOOKINGS

There are a number of changes to the diary and bookings system with the aims of better coordination and reliability. The diary, at present in the Parish Room, will be relocated in the Church Office. This will enable more timely and reliable inclusion of all LSM events and consistency with the Newsletter and Pew Sheets. The Porch Diary will be reduced to two weeks to minimise revisions and made larger to improve readability. Please check the diary before organising an event. This can be done via email: diary@lsm.org.uk or by telephoning the Office on Mondays or Thursdays between 10.30am and 2.30pm or by letter to the Office marked 'Diary'. External bookings may be made via the same contacts using the booking application form. A revised scale of charges also applies.

EXPLORING THE BODY OF CHRIST

In November and December we had a series of 5 evenings "Exploring The Body of Christ" from different angles. It is a rich metaphor and as we went along we realized just how much more there was to explore.

Many thanks to all who attended, contributed and brought food to share at the beginning of each of these evenings. Thank-you also to those who gave us an indication of what we might think about further in putting together a more substantial course in conjunction with All Saints' Margaret Street and with St. Mary Magdalen's, Oxford.

A final thank-you also to those who helped with putting together or presenting material, particularly Catherine Pickstock, Jeremy Morris, John Hughes, Matthew Bullimore and Gemma Burnett-Chetwynd.

Deacon Neaum

CELEBRATION DINNER, Emmanuel URC Sat, 12th Jan, 6.30pm

Dress up and enjoy pre-dinner drinks, a 3 course meal with wine and fruit juice, and homespun entertainment. Tickets £15 (children £3) *Book soon to be sure of a place.*

Janet Nicholls, Community Development Director C. 351174

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you..

Giving is an important part of our Christian discipleship, and it is therefore appropriate for each of us regularly to review what we give, and to renew our undertaking for the forthcoming year.

On Sunday, 13th January, envelopes will be handed out at services containing information about Christian Giving, and forms which you will be asked to complete and return over the following three weeks. Any remaining envelopes will be posted out the following week.

We ask you to consider what you should give financially and also ways in which you can use your time and talents to contribute to the life of the Church.

Financial giving forms will be returned directly to the Treasurer, Julia Wheatcroft, who is the only person who knows who gives what. Everyone should return a completed financial giving form, even if they are not making any changes to their giving: completing the form, and returning it, is in itself a response.

Stewardship Group (Clive Brown, Janet Nevitt, David Goode, and Lucy McKitterick)

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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. £2.50, 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 February Newsletter : **Sunday 20th January**