

*Little St. Mary's, Cambridge*

# NEWSLETTER

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## SERVICES & EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Sun 3rd **11th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Wed 6th **TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD**  
Low Mass: 7.45am High Mass: 7.00pm
- Sat 9th Guild of All Souls, Kettlebaston, 3.00pm
- Sun 10th **12th SUNDAY after TRINITY**  
J. M. Neale Sunday (see p.3/4)  
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: the Revd Andreas Loewe,  
Curate, Great St Mary's Church
- Fri 15th **ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM; PATRONAL FESTIVAL.**  
Low Mass: 12.30pm High Mass: 7.00pm  
Preacher at High Mass: the Rt Rev'd John Flack.
- Sun 17th **13th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
- Tue 19th Finance & Standing Committee, 7.30pm
- Wed 20th Healing Ministry: 9.45am/10.00am
- Thur 21st Healing Ministry: 6.15pm/6.30pm
- Sun 24th **14th SUNDAY after TRINITY: ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle**
- Mon 25th Late Summer Bank Holiday  
Low Mass: 10.00am  
Retreat at Worth Abbey 25th-28th, with friends from Chant d'Oiseau
- Sun 31st **15th SUNDAY after TRINITY:**

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## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

First of all this month, I want to thank the many people who worked hard to make the Summer Fete and Gift Day such a success. It seems impossible to find a weekend when there are not 'other things on', or when significant numbers of people are not away or otherwise occupied, so to see a third of those on the Electoral Roll at some point over the weekend is probably as good as we can hope for! You'll find details of the excellent financial results on page 13. 'The Lambeth Talk' turned into a collaborative effort, with our Director, Rex Walford, crossing the river from Newnham Parish to help us, and Christian importing his brother and a double bass player from elsewhere to form the band with him. It was enormous fun to do, and I'm very grateful to Catherine Osborne first for agreeing to write a script loosely based on 'Me and My Girl', and then for producing something so witty and brilliant. We are only sorry that we weren't able to take the production to the Lambeth Conference.

### *After the General Synod*

That Conference has only just started as I write, and, as it lasts three weeks, will not be over when our Editor finishes her work on this Newsletter. No doubt you will be seeing plenty of comment in the Church and national press. On the other hand, it's now getting on for a fortnight since the General Synod at York, and the vote on the Ordination of Women to the Episcopate. It's important to remember that the 'Code of Conduct' which is to be included in the final measure will not be with us until the next General Synod meeting, in February next year. Some opponents of the introduction of Women Bishops seem to have decided already that the Code will not provide adequate safeguards for them; to me, this seems premature. Personally, I was much encouraged by a letter circulated to Priests Associate of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, from Fr Martin Warner, Master of the Guardians, and Fr Philip North, the current Administrator of the Shrine; the full text can be downloaded from the Shrine's website, but I quote part of it. After setting out the Shrine's position as a place of attentiveness with Mary to God's Word, of welcome to all, yet of painful division over the matter of the Ordination of Women, the letter continues: 'the best in the Synod's debate on Women Bishops indicated the potency of generosity... Now is not the moment for making rash decisions, identifying enemies or seeking scapegoats. It is the moment for patience and listening. The mind of the Synod is not yet clear. The drafting group has much work to do, and the Synod has required that they do it "in consultation with the House of Bishops"'. This is in part to say, as we recognise that many rejoice and others are anxious and dismayed, that we do not yet know what the proposed

'Code of Conduct' will say, nor how people will react to it. I hope that here at LSM, not only in this matter, but in all that we undertake together, we shall be generous and patient with each other under God.

### ***Parish Centre Development***

One 'local' matter over which we need currently to be attentive to one another is the proposed Parish Centre development. The PCC agreed by a substantial majority at its meeting on July 14<sup>th</sup> to apply for a faculty in accordance with Chris Cowper's design which has been on display for some time, first in the Church and then in the Parish Room. Applying for a faculty does not mean that the work will be done... nor, if it is done, that it will be exactly as the present design sets out. Alongside the application, there are several consultations to be held, with the Diocesan Advisory Committee, with our neighbours, with English Heritage, with Local Authority planners and many others. At the same time, we must prepare a 'Case for Support', showing how the Centre might be used, not only by ourselves for educational and social purposes (and by providing a proper and accessible Office and a better kitchen), but also – and most importantly – by the wider community. We have to work also on finance and fund-raising, whom to approach and how to approach them; our worshipping community and occasional visitors will certainly be among those for whose support we ask, but we realise that we must cast the net much wider than that. So there is much for the small working group appointed by the PCC to do; we shall try to keep you properly informed about progress and ideas in this matter which could be enormously important for the future life and witness of LSM.

### ***August Festivals***

We look forward to two major festivals in August, celebrating first on August 6<sup>th</sup> the Transfiguration, the light and glory of God revealed in the person of Jesus as he 'sets his face to go to Jerusalem', on the path of self-giving... and then on Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, in the Feast of the Assumption, the recognition of the humanity of the Mother of Jesus brought to its fulfilment, signalling the promise held out to us all. This second festival we keep as our Patronal Festival; the Preacher will be the former Bishop of Huntingdon and recently retired Administrator of the Anglican Centre in Rome, John Flack, and there will be a Bring-and-Share Supper afterwards. High Mass on both these great days will be at 7pm; please join us and bring your friends from churches where these festivals are not being celebrated! We have another new August celebration this year, a J.M. Neale Sunday. Neale (1818-66) was at Trinity College, Cambridge; he became imbued with High Church ideals and was one of the founders of the Cambridge Camden Society

for the study of ecclesiastical art. He also founded the Sisterhood of St Margaret at East Grinstead, and was a great writer and translator of hymns (he wrote 'O happy band of pilgrims, and translated, among many others, *O quanta qualia*). For some years there has been a J.M. Neale Society here in Cambridge, and Shirley Dex has been its Secretary. With the death of Muriel Brittain, regular meetings of the Society have been discontinued, but Shirley suggested that there should be an annual J.M. Neale commemoration at LSM, on the Sunday nearest to his 'day', which is August 7<sup>th</sup>. So we have our first such Sunday this year, and the preacher at High Mass will be Fr Andreas Loewe, Curate at Great St Mary's.

### ***Worth Abbey Retreat***

Seven people from Chant d'Oiseau will be travelling on Eurostar from Brussels to join fifteen of us from LSM on the August Bank Holiday Monday. We shall be able to join the monks for the Offices, and we shall have an introductory talk (in both French and English) from Fr Stephen Ortiger OSB. Please remember the retreatants in your prayers.

### ***Assistant Organist***

Some weeks ago, Sarah MacDonald approached me because she was beginning to be exhausted by the pressure of her many commitments, and felt that she had to find some way of reducing them. Some of you are aware that she is running the Girls' Choir at Ely Cathedral this year, (something which she is very much enjoying, but which is extremely demanding in terms of time commitment and travel) and that there is a real possibility that she might continue with this when her temporary contract expires at Christmas. This added an element of uncertainty about her future to the present realities of over-commitment. An unpaid sabbatical term in the autumn was a possibility, but after various discussions Sarah and I decided that the wisest course was for her formal association with LSM as Assistant Organist to come to an end on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2008.

I'm aware that in many ways this is a disappointment to all of us, including Sarah herself; but Christian certainly hopes that there will be times when Sarah is able to play the Organ for services at LSM, which she very much enjoys, and so we should still expect to appreciate her skills and enthusiasm in the future!

In the meantime, I would like on behalf of everyone at LSM to thank Sarah for all that she has done for our music, and particularly for her commitment to the Junior Choir. We shall have an opportunity to thank her publicly after High Mass on Sunday September 21<sup>st</sup>, when she will be playing for the service.

### ***Lay Pastoral Assistant***

Alice Thompson was due to go off to Paris soon after bidding us farewell on July 27<sup>th</sup>; next academic year she is embarking on an MPhil, in which we wish her well. Now we look forward to Christopher Pickles' arrival in September; I hope that we shall be able to include a piece about himself in the September newsletter. It has been confirmed that Chris will be sharing a University Accommodation house (off Milton Road) with the two Great St Mary's LPAs. His official starting date is September 21<sup>st</sup>, but he may well be able to move in before that. I hope we shall be able to give him a good welcome as he exchanges the West Riding of Yorkshire for Cambridge.

*with best wishes and prayers: Fr Andrew*

### ***People for our Prayers***

After a fortnight in hospital following a fall at home, **Joyce Day** has now moved into the Cambridge Nursing Home in Chesterton; we pray that she will settle happily there. **Peter Barnard** had another fall recently, which necessitated a couple of days in hospital.

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

Margaret Shaw, who died peacefully at home on June 27<sup>th</sup>, had been worshipping at LSM for the last 5 years; in a sense this was a return for her as she had worshipped here with her family in the 1950s. In recent months she had been receiving Holy Communion at home. For much of her married life she had lived in Thriplow, where her funeral took place; like her husband, she was buried in the churchyard there. She was a notable figure in local government, serving as the Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council. May she, and all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

### ***August dates:***

#### **Prayer for the sick and those who care for them:**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>: 9.45-10am, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 6.15-6.30pm,

With anointing and laying-on of hands at the Low Mass which follows this time of silent prayer

**Compline:** 9.30pm on the Feast of the Transfiguration, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> .

## **THE GUILD OF ALL SOULS**

The Guild of All Souls, a “devotional society praying for the souls of the Faithful Departed, and teaching the Catholic doctrine of the Communion of Saints” is an Anglican devotional society dedicated to prayer for faithful departed Christians.

Founded in March 1873 at St. James’s Church, Hatcham, the Guild was originally called the Guild Burial Society. Fr Arthur Tooth was the first president and the purpose of that Society was:

“to provide furniture for Burial according to the use of the Catholic Church so as to set forth the two great doctrines of the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the Body; and Intercessory prayer for the Dying and for the repose of the souls of the deceased members and all the faithful departed.”

The work of the Guild soon attracted the attention of other churches in England, and from a small parochial group it increased rapidly in membership throughout England.

The stated objectives of the Guild of All Souls are:

- Intercessory prayer for the dying and the faithful departed.
- The celebration of Requiem Masses.
- Promotion of the Communion of Saints and the Resurrection of the Dead.
- Promotion of the The Sacrament of Healing.
- Reservation of the Blessed Sacrament for the sick and the dying.
- Provision of Requiem vestments for parishes that cannot otherwise afford them.

## **Anglican Devotional Societies**

Since the time of the Oxford Movement there have been organisations with the purpose of propagating Catholic faith and practice within the Anglican tradition. The Guild of All Souls is among the most famous of these societies , each of which promotes one aspect of Catholic faith and practice that is not emphasised by the Anglican Churches as a whole. For the Guild of All Souls this is the promotion of the Catholic understanding of death and resurrection and prayer for Christians who have died.



## Calendar and Intentions

for

**AUGUST**

*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 August

Fri.	1st	St Peter's Chains
Sat.	2nd	
SUN.	3rd	11th after TRINITY
Mon.	4th	St John Vianney, Priest
Tues.	5th	St Oswald, King & Martyr
Wed.	6th	TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD: LM 10am, HM 7pm
Thurs.	7th	commem. J.M.Neale, Pr.
Fri.	8th	St Dominic, Pr.
Sat.	9th	3pm: Guild of All Souls at Kettlebaston
SUN.	10th	12th after TRINITY: 'J.M.Neale Sunday'
Mon.	11th	St Clare of Assisi
Tues.	12th	
Wed.	13th	commem. Jeremy Taylor, Bishop
Thurs.	14th	St Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr
Fri.	15th	ASSUMPTION of the BVM (Patronal) LM 12.30pm HM 7pm
Sat.	16th	
SUN.	17th	13th after TRINITY
Mon.	18th	
Tues.	19th	7.30pm Finance and Standing Committee
Wed.	20th	St Bernard, Abbot: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs.	21st	commem. Richard Crashaw, Pr. Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm
Fri.	22nd	
Sat.	23rd	
SUN.	24th	St BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle: 14th after TRINITY
Mon.	25th	Low Mass 10am: retreat at Worth Abbey (to 28th)
Tues.	26th	
Wed.	27th	St Monica
Thurs.	28th	St Augustine of Hippo, Bishop
Fri.	29th	Beheading of St John the Baptist
Sat.	30th	
SUN.	31st	15 <sup>th</sup> after TRINITY

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for August

Prisoners of Conscience		1st
Visitors to Cambridge		2nd
The Parish	<i>Roma Gill</i>	3rd
Parish Priests		4th
Integrity in public life	<i>Geoffrey Lampe, Pr.</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ		6th
Liturgists and Church Musicians	<i>Olive Robinson</i>	7th
The Order of Preachers		8th
Guild of All Souls	<i>Irene Morris</i>	9th
The Parish	<i>Eric Hindley, Pr., Mary Hindley, Norman Clift, Pr</i>	10th
Franciscans	<i>Arthur Benjamin Dex, Pr., Geoffry Smith</i>	11th
Lawyers	<i>Peter Chamier, Pr.</i>	12th
Friends of LSM	<i>Gwen Wolfenden</i>	13th
The Church's Healing Ministry	<i>David Paton, Adrian Martinez</i>	14th
Thanksgiving for the Blessed Virgin Mary		15th
The People of Zimbabwe	<i>Ella Cassell</i>	16th
The Parish	<i>Richard Wardill</i>	17th
Graham Collingridge ( <i>on placement</i> )		18th
Finance & Standing Committee	<i>Blanche Poulter, Eric Loinsworth, Maurice Fretten, Edwin Peter Windeatt</i>	19th
Vocations to the Religious life		20th
The Church's Healing Ministry	<i>Marguerite South</i>	21st
The Departed	<i>John Robinson</i>	22nd
Peacekeeping forces		23rd
The Parish	<i>Margaret Hutchinson, Elizabeth Wyngard</i>	24th
Our Retreat at Worth Abbey		25th
Parish of Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels		26th
Mothers' Union	<i>Thomas Haynes, Bob Bishop</i>	27th
Theologians	<i>Sybil Fleet, Patricia Fleet, Eva Spalding</i>	28th
The People of the Holy Land		29th
Our Servers	<i>Helen Culverwell, Tom Chalmers</i>	30th
The Parish		31st

***August 27th***

***St Monica***

***Mother of St Augustine***

***Faithful God,***

***Who didst strengthen Monica,  
the mother of Augustine, with wisdom,  
and through her patient endurance  
didst encouraged him to  
seek after thee:***

***Give us the will to persist in prayer  
that those who stray from hee  
may be brought to faith in  
thy Son Jesus Christ Our Lord***

***AMEN***

## **LSM OUTING TO CHATSWORTH, Saturday, 11th October**

At the suggestion of the Friends of Little St Mary's this year's autumn outing will be to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire. Built between 1690 and 1710 by the 1st Duke of Devonshire, and extended in the nineteenth century by the 6th Duke, Chatsworth House is both a wonderful monument of English Classical Architecture, and home to the finest baroque ceiling paintings in the country and to a fascinating collection of neo-classical sculpture. Highlights of the house are the so-called 'Painted Hall', whose wall and ceiling paintings reflect on the Glorious Revolution of 1688, in which the 1st Duke had played an important part, by showing scenes from the life, assassination and apotheosis of Julius Caesar, and the chapel, which Pevsner reckons 'the finest room at Chatsworth, with its lime wood carvings, alabaster reredos with flanking statues by Cibber, and wall paintings.

The House has very extensive grounds laid out by the 1st Duke and later modified by Capability Brown. There are water features, including a cascade and a massive, gravity fed, fountain, and a large quantity of sculpture, both copies of classical works and modern works.

There is a fine restaurant in the old stables block and, all in all, more than enough to sustain one during a fascinating day out. A sheet to sign up for the trip will be at the back of the church at LSM from early August (20 names signed up required by early September to make the trip viable), or book by e-mailing Robin Osborne (ro225@cam.ac.uk).



**Sunday 10th August**

**2:30pm**

**Hope in the Open @ Parkers Piece,  
Cambridge**



Last year, on the recommendation of the Social Responsibility Group, LSM made a donation of £500 to the Medaille Trust, a Roman Catholic-led charity which provides support and safe houses for women trafficked into this country, mostly for the sex trade. In doing this LSM joined with a number of Cambridge Churches, including St Columba's URC, St Mark's, the Cambridge Lutheran Church and Our Lady and the English Martyrs, who are supporting the Trust. This work has to be privately funded because what limited government funding there is comes with onerous conditions which would make the work of the Trust very difficult.

The Trust has currently helped about 40 women and their babies. Work has been proceeding in collaboration with a Housing Association to provide "move on" accommodation, and five apartments have been provided under this scheme. There was a hope that accommodation could be offered to 16-18 year olds, but this has not proceeded because of the government preference that people in this age-range should be fostered.

The Roman Catholic religious orders, with which the Medaille Trust mostly works, have offered six houses for the work to be extended. This offer cannot currently be taken up because of shortage of funds to meet the very heavy running costs of these houses. Clearly the work being done hardly touches the very great need, and it is important that it should continue and expand so that more women can be helped, and the great need demonstrated to the government.

The Cambridge churches supporting the Medaille Trust have said that they will try to maintain their support for at least three years. We know that the Trust values this support, the only example they have of a group of churches in a particular locality working together in this way.

*Tim Wheatley*

## MEMORIES OF PROFESSOR HENRY CHADWICK

When Barbara Chamier took a party from LSM to Rome many years ago we stayed at the country residence of the English College in the hills outside Rome. In the adjoining chapel was a photograph of Henry Chadwick, member of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission 1969-81 and 1983-90.

I saw Henry Chadwick at the memorial service for the composer Professor Robin Orr on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2006 in the ante-chapel of St John's College before the service, so I went and told him of this fact. He was delighted by the news. I hope it made his day.

*Richard Barlow-Poole*

## GIFT DAY 2008

Donations	4893.00
"The Lambeth Talk"	463.03
Friends' Golden Collection	80.00
Friends' Stall	16.00
Refreshments	258.36
Books	469.50
Photograph Exhibition	54.00
Cakes	142.52
Tombola	60.00
Total Gross	6436.41
Tax to be recovered	1118.33
Expenses	70.03
<b>Total Net</b>	<b>7484.71</b>

Thanks to all who took part in any way

## THE ITALIAN CHAPEL AT SCAPA FLOW, ORKNEY

Visiting Orkney recently I went to the Italian Chapel on Lamb Holm. Built in the early 1940s by Italian prisoners of war, captured during the North African campaign, it was created from two corrugated iron Nissen huts (part of their accommodation), using only scraps of metal, plasterboard, cement, tin and paint to conceal this, while maintaining the interior appropriately vaulted shape.



The altarpiece, a painting of the Virgin and Child, was copied by a prisoner, Domenico Chiocchetti, from an old card he had treasured throughout the war. The sincerity of his painting is mirrored by the devoted care shown in all the workmanship throughout the chapel, transforming scrap materials into something exquisite and precious, in praise of the Holy Trinity. Every inch of the Nissen hut ceiling, walls, and floor, is beautifully and lovingly patterned, as is the delicate wrought iron rood screen. Coloured glass windows later added brightness to the interior. Outside, concealing the the entrance, is an archway façade with Nissen hut and framing cement pillars and a small belfry. A thorn-crowned head of Christ, modelled in red clay, surrounds the doorway.

In front of the chapel is a memorial statue of St George and the Dragon, set on a plinth containing a list of the prisoners' names. One of those men, now aged 89, according to an article in *The Scotsman*, dated 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008, revisited the chapel recently for the first time and was amazed and delighted to find it still so lovingly treasured.



The imagination, ingenuity, dedication and Christian ardour involved in this creation are astonishing and very touching, when we remember the wartime circumstances in which it was conceived and fabricated. Whenever I look at my photos of this holy shrine, so aptly remembered as “the Miracle of Camp 60”, I am moved to tears of gladness and gratitude for the spirit of love and reconciliation that makes it a place where, in T. S. Eliot’s words, “Prayer has been valid” – for truly, much love and prayer went into the very making of it.

*Catherine Beesley*

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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](mailto:LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### LSM website

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

Deadline for **September** Newsletter : **Sunday 24th August**