

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Sat 6th Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, Ely, 3.00pm
Sun 7th **16th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: the Rev'd Jeremy Morris,
Dean of Trinity Hall
- Mon 8th **NATIVITY OF THE BVM**
Low Mass: 7.45am n.b. No Sung Mass
- Sun 14th **17th SUNDAY after TRINITY:**
THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS
- Mon 15th Parish Centre Planning Group, 8.00pm
Wed 17th Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am
PCC meets 7.00pm
- Thur 18th Healing Ministry 6.15pm/6.30pm
Sun 21st **18th SUNDAY after TRINITY:**
ST MATTHEW, Apostle
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: the Rev'd Simon Jones,
Chaplain of Merton College, Oxford
(Additional Curates Society sermon).
- Tue 23rd Overseas Churches Link Group, 7.30pm
Fri 26th Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary, Haverhill
Sun 28th **19th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon 29th **ST MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS**
Low Mass: 7.45am High Mass 7.00pm
Harvest Supper after High Mass

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

September 2008, like the householder in the gospels, brings out of its treasures at LSM 'what is new and what is old'. ***What is new?***

- *An experiment with the Friday Lunch rota.* Instead of hoping that volunteers will sign up on a blank list of dates, our nine 'providers' are presented with a date and the responsibility of finding a substitute if they can't manage 'their' date. Our continued thanks to them...would you consider joining this band? Incidentally, the Friday Lunch Charity for September and October is the Prisoners' Fellowship; we still ask a minimum contribution towards lunch of just £2.50 (more always welcome!)
- *The provision of a card setting out a simple order for Morning and Evening Prayer to be used at home or in a neighbourhood group.* An enclosure in the Sunday pewsheets will set out for each day of the week a morning and an evening Psalm, an Old Testament reading for the morning and a New Testament Reading for the evening, as well as the Collect for the week and some suggestions for intercession. I hope that many of you will find this helpful.
- *A new Lay Pastoral Assistant.* Christopher Pickles will arrive in the week beginning September 14th, ready to start with us on St Matthew's Day, Sunday September 21st...which we're keeping as our Additional Curates Society Sunday; Fr Simon Jones is the preacher and there'll be a collection for ACS.

And what is old?

- *A Harvest Supper...*although there hasn't been one at LSM for many years, so far as I'm aware. It will be after 7pm High Mass on **Michaelmas Day**, Monday September 29th. Tickets (£5 and £3 for under 16s) will be available from September 14th and profit will go to the Sunday School building project at St Cyprian's Sharpeville, South Africa. The evenings will have closed in by then, so if you are hesitating about coming out in the evening, *please get in touch with one of the Churchwardens about arranging a lift.*
- *The feast of the 'Exaltation of the Cross' (Holy Cross Day) on September 14th;*
This was the date of the commemoration kept in Jerusalem of the dedication in 335 of the basilica built by the Emperor Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre. This year we have the opportunity to celebrate this feast and to reflect on the significance of the Cross of Christ on a Sunday.

Towards the end of September and in early October we may expect to find newly arrived ordinands and perhaps other students among us as they 'try out' the various City Centre Churches. There will always be some who appreciate the opportunity to worship, at least occasionally, in a parish church rather than in their college chapel...or perhaps to join a parish congregation for Mass and go to Evensong in their college chapel. I hope that we shall be welcoming and appreciative of those who come among us. Inevitably there tends to be a fairly rapid 'turnover' in a place like Cambridge, which makes it hard for the regular core of worshippers to get to know the 'short-term' member, or even to know their names; but it really does make a positive difference if some of us manage to do these things! Speaking of 'turnover', we have just said our farewells to **Helen Smith** who is moving to Stow on the Wold where her mother lives. Until a couple of years ago she was in the parish choir; she has also been a member of the PCC, and has served the Friends of LSM as Membership Secretary and our Ward of the Society of Mary as Treasurer. We are very grateful for her cheerful involvement in these aspects of our life, and wish her well in her new job and home. **Helen Gibson** is to take over as Membership Secretary of the Friends, but we are still looking for a new Treasurer of our Society of Mary branch. Both of those groups, incidentally, would be glad of new members; so far as the Friends of LSM are concerned, it would be good if we all keep an eye out for members of the congregation who are moving away; they are the sort of people whom it would be good to enrol in the Friends.

Some of you (and certainly those who participated in the Retreat at Worth Abbey) will have met **Graham Collingridge** during August; he is from Ridley Hall, and is on placement with us. He's doing this in two blocks, the second being from September 14th-28th. He is keen to talk to us about the Anglican Catholic tradition, and our understanding of the church and its mission; perhaps you might invite him for a cup of tea during his September fortnight with us.

It was a great joy to celebrate an adult baptism on August 24th; **Sook May** is from Singapore and is studying at Homerton. She has experienced quite a variety of Christian traditions, and came to feel that worshipping with us at LSM had helped to bring her to the moment for a decision to turn to Christ in baptism. I hope that we might be able to present her for Confirmation at St Martin's, Suez Road on Friday September 26th

With my prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

A note about Sunday September 21st...

This is the day of the Chariots of Fire Charity Relay Race, which starts from Queens' Green. To find a parking place that day in order at Mass at 10.30am (and don't forget that it's St Matthew's Day, ACS Sunday, welcome to Chris Pickles and farewell to Sarah MacDonald!), you really do need to be **early!!** Please note that there will be a presentation to Sarah after the High Mass, for which she will be playing.

People for our Prayers

We offer our sympathy to **Alan Norman** on the death of his mother Mary: to **Cherry Dainty** on the death of her son Paul: to **Sally Coney** (daughter of the late Theresa Taylor) and her husband Nicholas on the death of their son Hugh; and we pray for all who have died in recent days, including the victims of the tragic plane crash in Madrid. **Peter Barnard** is in Addenbrooke's again; he is finding it more and more difficult to cope at home, and in addition to picking up various infections has fallen several times. **Miranda Long** and **David Greason** continue with courses of chemotherapy. **Derek Hulyer** is back in church with us following an operation in Addenbrooke's.

September dates:

Prayer for the sick and those who care for them:

Wednesday 17th: 9.45-10am, Thursday 18th 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 Wednesday 24th .

OUR NEW LAY PASTORAL ASSISTANT

My name is Chris Pickles; I am 23 and come from a little village on the outskirts of Huddersfield, West Yorkshire and will be taking up the post of Lay Pastoral Assistant at Little St Mary's from 21st September.

Graduating last year from the University of Huddersfield with a degree in Politics, I have spent the past year engaged in the discernment and application process for ordained ministry, and I shall be attending a Bishops' Advisory Panel early next year.

Over the last few years I have had the opportunity at my church to be involved in a wide range of children's and young people's activities and look forward to being involved in this particular ministry at Little St Mary's, and to learning more about it. Also I feel that I am fortunate to be joining a church where the rhythm of the Daily Office and Daily Mass is observed and look forward to being increasingly fed and strengthened spiritually by the Anglican Catholic tradition of the church.

Finally, I am a keen cyclist and hope to clock up plenty of mileage in and around Cambridge! I am thoroughly looking forward to my time at Little St Mary's, to getting to know you all, and to being of service in your lively, eclectic church.

SPONSORING A CHILD IN ZAMBIA

LSM has been supporting the St Nicholas Orphanage at Makeni in Lusaka, Zambia for a number of years. It is a wonderfully well-run Centre but one which lives from hand to mouth. Many of the children have no relatives whom they see, so sponsoring a child would give them a personal link with the outside world as well as financial help.

There are 36 children in the Orphanage, some of whom are sponsored already. We are hoping to increase this number by sponsoring a child/children. The cost for each child is £40 per month which covers food, school fees and uniform.

£40 per month is a lot of money for most of us each month so we are hoping that a group may share in the sponsorship of one child with whom they would be in regular contact. Once we have the promise of a total of £40, these people will form part of a group helping a child. If enough people are interested we may be able to create a number of such groups. If you would like to help, you can get the appropriate Standing Order Form from our Treasurer, Julia Wheatcroft or from the back of the Church. Even £3 or £4 a month would help if enough people feel inclined to give. Details of the

child you will sponsor will be given to you later, and you will receive letters from your particular child, so that you will know how he/she *is* getting on.

We are assured by Wenda Dil, co-founder of the Orphanage at Makeni, that this is the best way we can continue to help the children. She would like to stress that just because some children are sponsored does not mean that others miss out on anything available at the Orphanage. Your sponsorship would therefore help all the children indirectly.

Barbara Topley

LSM – A FAIRTRADE PARISH?

At a meeting of the Social Responsibility Group on 28th July I was asked if I would prepare some information on the subject of Fairtrade as it was announced at the June Diocesan Synod that in celebration of the 900th anniversary of the Ely Diocese in 2009 it would seek to become a Fairtrade Diocese in order to promote justice and freedom.. A number of partner churches have already become Fairtrade Groups, e.g. the Eastern Synod of the URC and the East Anglian District of the Methodist Church. The Diocesan Synod has therefore challenged all parish churches to address the issue.

To be recognised as a Fairtrade Diocese at least half of the parish churches have themselves to become Fairtrade churches. This is achieved by supporting and promoting Fairtrade, encouraging the use and sale of Fairtrade products and serving only Fairtrade coffee and tea at all functions. The church must also advertise the fact that it is a Fairtrade Parish and must promote Fairtrade Fortnight each March. To register, a form must be completed, and the SR Group asked that it may be presented at an early meeting of the PCC for consideration.

What is Fairtrade?

It is about better wages, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. By requiring companies to pay sustainable prices (which must never fall lower than the market price), Fairtrade addresses the injustices of conventional trade which traditionally discriminates against the poorest, weakest producers. It enables such people to improve their position and to have more control over their lives.

The movement goes way beyond tea and coffee; at present The Fairtrade Foundation has licensed over 3,000 certified products for sale through retail *cont'd on page 11*



Calendar and Intentions

for

SEPTEMBER

The list of Thanksgivings and Intercessions offers a focus for our daily prayer, both at the Offices and Mass, and in our personal times of prayer.

The Vicar would be glad of suggestions for additions to the list of daily intentions.

Calendar for September

Mon	1st	St Giles, Hermit
Tues	2nd	Martyrs of Papua New Guinea
Wed	3rd	St Gregory the Great, Bishop
Thurs	4th	
Fri	5th	
Sat	6th	Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary at Ely Cathedral: 3pm
SUN.	7th	16th after TRINITY
Mon.	8th	Nativity of the BVM: LM 7.45am: nb NO SUNG MASS
Tues.	9th	
Wed.	10th	
Thurs.	11th	
Fri.	12th	
Sat.	13th	St John Chrysostom, Bishop
SUN.	14th	TRIUMPH of the CROSS: 17th after TRINITY
Mon.	15th	St Cyprian, Martyr: Parish Centre Planning Group 8pm
Tues.	16th	St Ninian, Bishop
Wed.	17th	St: Hildegard of Bingen: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs.	18th	Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm
Fri.	19th	
Sat.	20th	Martyrs of Korea and the Pacific
SUN.	21st	St MATTHEW, Apostle: 18th after TRINITY: ACS Sunday
Mon.	22nd	
Tues.	23rd	7.30pm: Overseas Churches Link Group
Wed.	24th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Thurs.	25th	commem. Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop
Fri.	26th	Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary at Haverhill
Sat.	27th	St Vincent de Paul
SUN.	28th	19th after TRINITY
Mon.	29th	St MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS: LM 7.45am, HM 7pm: Harvest Supper after High Mass
Tues.	30th	St Jerome

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for September

St Giles Church, Cambridge		1st
The Church in Papua New Guinea		2nd
The Roman Catholic Church	<i>Ernest Harry Cherry</i>	3rd
Those starting school this week		4th
Our overseas links.		5th
Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary		6th
The Parish	<i>Ian Ledsham</i>	7th
Thanksgiving for the Blessed Virgin Mary		8th
Israelis and Palestinians	<i>Helen Kinnier Wilson, Ivan Buchanan</i>	9th
Friends of LSM		10th
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Christine Stevenson, Joyce Bird</i>	11th
Cambridge City Council		12th
The Ministry of Preaching		13th
The Parish: thanksgiving for the Holy Cross	<i>Lilian Fletcher, Doris White</i>	14th
Vision for the Parish Centre development		15th
Christopher Pickles (new LPA)		16th
The Church's Healing Ministry: PCC	<i>Leslie Norman, Edith Butcher</i>	17th
Christian Unity		18th
Prisoners	<i>Rose Linsey-Bird, Hannah Dennett</i>	19th
All who suffer for their faith	<i>Lily Wythe</i>	20th
The Parish: Additional Curates Society .		21st
The Departed		22nd
Peacekeeping forces	<i>Michael Rowett</i>	23rd
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>Ena Matheson, Nellie Harnwell</i>	24th
Faithfulness in daily prayer	<i>Joan Wardill</i>	25th
Darfur	<i>Richard Bainbridge</i>	26th
Social Responsibility		27th
The Parish: thanksgiving for Harvest		28th
Thanksgiving for the Angels:	<i>Derek Gibbons</i>	29th
St Cyprian's Sharpeville		
Biblical Scholars		30th

September 21st
Feast of St Matthew
and our
Additional Curates Society Sunday

*Almighty God,
Look mercifully upon the world,
Redeemed by the blood of thy dear Son,
And incline the hearts of many
To offer themselves for the sacred
ministry of thy Church,
So that thy light may shine in the
darkness
And thy people be guided
into the way of peace
through thy Son
Jesus Christ Our Lord
AMEN*

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and catering outlets in the UK. In 2007 the estimated retail value of the Fairtrade market has risen to £493 million pounds. Around 20% of roast and ground coffee and 20% of the bananas sold in the UK are now Fairtrade.

You can purchase many different Fairtrade products either from our neighbours at Emmanuel URC or in your favourite supermarket. If they are not stocking a Fairtrade product you wish to buy ask to speak to the manager and ask why not and that they consider doing so. Try it, it actually works! For many more further details visit www.fairtrade.org.uk
The Revd Alan Ashton

BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION

Thank you to all who contributed to the plastic bottle top collection in aid of Leicester General Hospital premature baby care unit. We had a magnificent response from the congregation: 21 carrier bags delivered to Manea since the collection began in January – plus 10 more in store as, unfortunately, the unit ceased collecting them in July.

However, thanks to James Yardley, we have made contact with someone in Chesterton who collects plastic bottletops to raise money for disabled people. The collection continues apace and we look forward to your support for another worthwhile charity.

Julia Norman & Bill de Quick

CARPET CLEANING

Our very grateful thanks to Pierre and his colleague from **The Art of Clean** who cleaned the sanctuary and Lady Chapel carpets without charge as a part of their service to the community. A practical way of thanking them is to recommend them.

Contact them on 0800 0516 252 or email info@cambridgecleaning.co.uk or look at their website on www.cambridgecleaning.co.uk for further details. I will be happy to provide further information.

Jo Wibberley

CHRISTIAN AID: RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES

This is the title of a talk to be given by John Davison in the Parish Room at 7.15pm on Sunday, 5th October, after Evensong.

John Davison is Head of Media at Christian Aid. He previously worked for The Independent on the news, comment and foreign desks, and was defence correspondent. He has also worked for The Sunday Times and as a freelance magazine writer.

While at Christian Aid, John has reported from the Middle East, Afghanistan, Iraq, India and Sudan. He is involved on behalf of Christian Aid with the work of the Disasters Emergency Committee, an umbrella organisation which co-ordinates the response of 13 organisations, including Christian Aid, to disasters.

John Davison will talk about the work of Christian Aid in responding to emergencies, such as the tsunami, the Asian earthquake and the cyclone in Burma, where relief work continues. He will describe how Christian Aid tackles disaster emergency relief and some of the challenges it faces. All are welcome, so please invite anyone you think will be interested.

Clive Brown

Countries in need of urgent aid

Ethiopia: Failure of seasonal rains has left millions without food.

Combined with a poor July harvest, around 11 million people face extreme hunger.

Somalia: After years of conflict, 2.6 million people – 35% of the population – need humanitarian assistance.

Kenya: Food insecurity widespread. 1.2 million people need food assistance and whole population is affected by rising food prices.

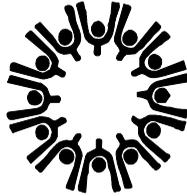
Burkina Faso: World's 2nd poorest, least developed country, cannot cope with rise in global food prices. 39% experiencing chronic malnutrition and 19% acute malnutrition.

Democratic

Republic of Congo: One of the poorest countries in the world, whole population faces food insecurity. Rising food costs have caused the prices of staples to double since December.

Malawi: Almost two-thirds of population live on less than \$2 a day. Large numbers likely to need food aid. Assessments are taking place.

CAMBRIDGE COUNCIL FOR
VOLUNTARY SERVICE



CAN YOU HELP?

Cambridge CVS is an independent registered charity, set up by local organisations in 1980s as an infrastructure and network organisation to help and protect community and voluntary groups in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire.

CCVS acts as a voice for voluntary groups in the area, contributing to all the major committees and partnerships that meet to determine public policy and action. It brings groups together, provides the communication support for themed and geographical networks, and provides training and one-to-one development sessions to enable community and voluntary groups to become stronger and more sustainable.

Could you help us to provide advice on fundraising, running a group, keeping records and much more besides?

We need people who have experience of working with or in a voluntary or community organisation or who have a particular skill, to help local groups in areas such as management, training, counselling, finance and other fields.

1. Could you deliver seminars or training to small groups?
2. Could you help CCVS to give information and training to member charities to help them improve their work practices, represent their users or to raise funds?

If you feel that you could help, or would like to know more about CCVS please contact Ruth at CCVS on ruth@cambridgecvs.org.uk or phone 01223 464696. All offers of help in either a voluntary or paid role will be considered.

THE GUILD OF THE SERVANTS OF THE SANCTUARY

The Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary is a Guild of Altar Servers which seeks to deepen the spiritual life of its members and to help them to become more worthy of their high office. It is entirely a society of lay people but welcomes Bishops, Priests and Deacons as Associate Members.

Altar Servers from many parishes meet at their Chapter and Festivals for Worship and Fellowship, often providing support for servers who may be the solitary server at their church. There are Chapters throughout England, Wales and overseas. The objectives of the Guild are:

1. To raise the spiritual tone of Altar Servers
2. To promote a conscientious performance of the duties of Altar Servers
3. To encourage more frequent attendance at the Holy Eucharist in addition to times of duty

Membership is open to any server who unreservedly accepts Traditional Catholic Faith and Practice, and is engaged about the Altar in any permanent capacity. Candidates serve a probation of one year before being admitted to full membership. In the mean time they are presented with a manual and are expected to attend Chapter meetings regularly, where such exist Members ceasing active duty may retain their connection with the Guild as Associates, and Life Membership is open to Full Members.

Guild members are expected to say the Guild Collect on all Sundays and Red Letter Days, and to say the appointed Offices before and after serving, except at Churches where another Office is in use.

Local Chapters are expected to meet at least 4 times a year to say or sing the Office, to discuss the affairs of the Guild, and to admit Candidates. An active Chapter will meet once a month, with perhaps the exception of the holiday months, visiting each Church from which the members are drawn, as far as possible in rotation. They also organise Retreats, Festivals etc. and the Guild hopes that every member will undertake some other work for the Church to show that their work does not end in ceremonial but is the inspiration of social enthusiasm and missionary zeal.

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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 **October** Newsletter : **Sunday 22nd September**