

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sat 4th GSS National Festival, Bury St Edmunds
Sun 5th **20th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: the Rev'd Adrian Chatfield,
Director of the Simeon Centre for Prayer and Spirituality.
7.15pm Christian Aid talk (see p.12)
- Mon 6th Music Fund Group, 8.00pm
Tue 7th Society of Mary AGM, St Peter's, Ely
Sat 11th Parish & Friends outing to Chatsworth
Sun 12th **21st SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Wed 15th Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am
Finance & Standing Committee, 8.00pm
Thur 16th Healing Ministry, 6.15pm/6.30pm
Sat 18th ST LUKE, Evangelist Sung Mass 10.00am
Sun 19th **22nd SUNDAY after TRINITY:**
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: the Rev'd John Pridmore,
Church Times columnist, & formerly Rector of Hackney.
- Mon 20th Emmanuel URC/LSM Forum, 7.30pm
Wed 22nd Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge AGM
Sat 25th **CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR**
Sun 26th **23rd SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Tue 28th **SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles**
Low Mass: 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00pm
Wed 29th Parish Centre Development Group, 8.00pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

'It's been a busy little group from the sound of it'. This was the comment of a PCC member at the meeting on September 17th following the report of the working group charged with taking forward the project for the possible development of a 'Parish Centre'. Members of the group have indeed been well occupied with the necessary work, and I thought that it would be helpful to give an outline of our progress so far.

- As I write this, on September 19th, the Diocesan Advisory Committee is meeting to discuss our plans and to give an initial response. We would expect within two or three weeks of the meeting to receive their advice, which will help us to decide whether to proceed with application for the necessary Faculty, and whether there are adjustments to be made to the plans before making the application

- Informal and constructive consultations have been held with the Master and the Dean of Peterhouse, our neighbours and Patron of the living. The Master has asked that a letter requesting the general support of the Governing Body for our project be sent in time for their first meeting of the new academic year

- An 'on-site' meeting was held in August between representatives of English Heritage and of the City Planning and Conservation Department, Chris Cowper the architect and myself. Comments have now been received from English Heritage and the Conservation Officer and were forwarded to the Diocesan Advisory Committee in time for their meeting on September 19th. On the whole, these comments were quite favourable, suggesting, as the architect puts it, that we are 'generally on course'. Interestingly, the Conservation Officer seems to have been impressed by our 'Statement of Need'

- Faculty and Planning applications could be made in the course of the next few weeks, provided that there is encouraging advice from the DAC

- On the question of detailed costings, the architect did obtain figures from a Quantity Surveyor some months ago; these

would have to be worked on in the light of any adjustments to the plans which might be required

- So far as our own fundraising is concerned, the working group decided that it would be appropriate to await the DAC's response before drawing up a 'plan of campaign' and making a full 'Case for Support'. It has, however, already been agreed that £75,000 should be allocated to the project from the Vicar and Churchwardens Fund

- Provisionally, the working group (which is to meet again on October 29th) agreed to arrange a 'Social Evening', to be held on Monday November 24th, and to which local residents as well as members of the congregation would be invited. There would be opportunity to hear about progress with the plans and to talk fully about the project.

In the meantime, we do have other important improvements under consideration, particularly the lighting of the Choir area, and the state of the decoration in the Lady Chapel. More immediately, work should soon be under way on improved cupboards and storage space for the Choir Room, which was much affected by the fact that part of the new organ was built in the room.

Sarah MacDonald, whose last 'official' Sunday as our Assistant Organist was to be September 21st, has agreed to accept the title of 'Honorary Associate Organist', and we hope that we shall indeed hear her playing at services occasionally in the future. We have our eye on a possible successor at the moment, but there is no definite news as yet about this, nor about the organ and singing bursaries agreed by the Music Fund Group.

A very important date for us in October is Sunday 5th, when we welcome John Davison from Christian Aid to speak after Evensong and Benediction. Do please come along if you can; Clive Brown writes about this event on page 12. Looking further ahead, there are plans for a course of sermons in November, with weekday meetings relating to them. I hope that the preachers will supply us with notes! The general theme will be 'the Kingdom of God', explored in relation to

- our life and worship at LSM (Sunday November 2nd – Dedication Festival - and Wednesday 5th)
- our Social Responsibility (Sunday 9th, Wednesday 12th)
- our Overseas Links (Sunday 16th, Wednesday 19th)
- Christ the King (Sunday 23rd, Wednesday 26th)

Please make a note of the Wednesday evening dates! The meetings will begin with a Bring-and-Share supper at 7pm, and the idea is that we shall have notes from the Sunday sermons to lead us into our discussion. Another important November date is Tuesday 4th, when we shall hear our 2008 Michael Ramsey Lecture. This is to be delivered at 5.15pm by the Revd Dr Robin Ward, Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford, entitled *'Flying Bishops' and Impaired Communion: a view from Patristic Antioch*.

We are looking forward to our visit to Chatsworth on Saturday October 11th. As I write, it looks as if we are just one short of filling a 29-seater coach...but reserve names are welcome, as there often seem to be last minute cancellations!

On page 6 you'll find some interesting reflections by Fr Christopher Woods, Chaplain of Christ's, on the time spent at Worth Abbey with some of our friends from Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels. Alain Coppieters, from Chant d'Oiseau, is looking into possible venues near Lille in Northern France for a similar event next year. I'm also asking our new Lay Pastoral Assistant, Chris Pickles, to see if there would be any interest among 17-30 year olds for a trip to Brussels after Christmas for the large Taize gathering which is to be held there; friends in Chant d'Oiseau would be prepared to give accommodation to participants from Little St Mary's.

With my prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

People for our Prayers

After about a month in hospital Peter Barnard was due to go home on September 18th; he will have four visits a day from carers; Joyce Day is back at the Cambridge Nursing Home after a short spell in Addenbrooke's. Audrey Gulland has been in hospital after a slight stroke, and Margaret Rowett has broken her arm in a fall. It is hoped Miranda Long will be able to have a break from chemotherapy, while Emma Chopourian has been given the 'all-clear' following treatment for cancer.

R.I.P.

We offer our sympathy to Graham Ward and his family on the death of Graham's brother Neil.

Richard Barlow-Poole died suddenly while attending a lunch in Peterhouse on September 4th. Although he was 88, Richard had seemed to remain extremely fit; he had just returned from the Retreat at Worth Abbey, and was about to go on a pilgrimage taking in some of the Benedictine Houses on the route to Santiago de Compostella. In November he was to have joined in the Overseas Links Group visit to the Cathedral Centre in Calcutta, and he was also planning to go to the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010, when he would have been 90! So his death was a shock to us all. After education at Marlborough College and Christ's here in Cambridge, Richard saw army service from 1940-46; he then spent 21 years with the Colonial Administration Service in Nigeria, retiring in 1968. From 1968-87 he worked as an administrator for Cambridge University. He married Lucie at OLEM in 1949, and nine years ago they celebrated their golden wedding with a lunch at Christ's. He looked after Lucie most devotedly until her death in 2005.

Richard, son of an Anglican priest, had been introduced to LSM in his undergraduate days, and became a regular worshipper here on his return to Cambridge. He was the first Chairman of the Friends of Little St Mary's when it was formed in the late 1980s, and was always to the fore in suggesting venues for pilgrimages and visits. At Annual Parochial Church Meetings, he was renowned for bringing up questions about the Peck Trust (Arthur Peck having been a Fellow of his beloved Christ's); but he was interested in all aspects of life at the church, and in members of the congregation, young and old, long-established or newcomers. Many will have been grateful over the years for lifts in his car to church services and events. Married as he was to a Roman Catholic, one of his deep concerns was for understanding between Christians of different traditions (indeed, for love and peace among all), and for inter-communion between Anglicans and Roman Catholics. Predictably, he was disappointed that on our recent visit to Worth Abbey, the Anglicans had to abide by current Roman Catholic discipline on this matter; but he embodied that approach which sees the sharing of Holy Communion not as a goal, but as a means of expressing the fellowship which Christians already share in their devotion to Jesus Christ. In his tolerance, courtesy and gentleness, Richard demonstrated how much the loving way of Jesus Christ had permeated his being. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

REFLECTIONS ON A RECENT RETREAT TO WORTH ABBEY

When I had the pleasure of preaching for the first time at Little St Mary's a few weeks ago, I referred to the Rule of St Benedict: a monastic guide first penned by Benedict of Nursia in the sixth century, to which many religious communities adhere in their daily lives. I quoted the following portions:

' Persevere and do not weaken in prayer...let us rouse ourselves from lethargy...let us open our eyes to the light that can change us into the likeness of God...Give help and support to the poor; clothe the naked, visit the sick and bury the dead...Avoid all pride and self-importance...The greatest care should be taken to give a warm reception to the poor and pilgrims, because it is in them above all others that Christ is welcomed.'

The Benedictine Handbook, (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2003)

What gave me 'fodder' for the sermon, was that I had just joined with some of you and your friends from your 'link' parish in Chant d'Oiseau, for 4 days of 'retreat' to Worth Abbey in Sussex.

Retreats and 'quiet' gatherings are vital to renew and reinvigorate our relationships, both with God and with each other. Rather than focus on the many benefits which I received, I thought I would share what I observed about the relationship between Little St Mary's and Chant d'Oiseau.

Firstly, how time passes and how people change. One remark which many people made was how we notice that each of us gets slightly older as time goes by. These remarks are somewhat obvious to make, but they do show how important memory is to us and how short and intense phases of time spent together can stay in our minds for a long period. Such time together changes us and forms us and from these intense periods we are given strength and energy. A week together of constant prayer, interaction and social gathering creates a snapshot and when we next meet with the same or similar group of people, this snapshot of memory comes flooding back. With it comes mixed emotions, naturally. Jubilation but also sadness: there was sadness at the death of some from Belgium whom we had met before and at the absence of friends who were unable to come.

Secondly, how language may be both a barrier and a bridge. In our discussion sessions and Bible studies together (not to mention the monastic worship itself), Fr Andrew gave us some very challenging and pertinent issues to think about, in respect of ecumenism, obedience (very much based on the monastic paradoxes of the word) and cultural difference. The language of English was the major tool of communication with some minor translations here and there from various members of the group who could find the turn of phrase in the other tongue to convey some depth of



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

Wed	1st	St Teresa of Lisieux
Thurs	2nd	Holy Guardian Angels
Fri	3rd	Licensing of new priest at St James, Wulfstan Way
Sat	4th	St Francis of Assisi: GSS National Festival, Bury St Edmunds
SUN	5th	20th after TRINITY: 7.15pm Christian Aid Talk
Mon	6th	St Faith, Martyr 8pm Music Fund Group
Tues	7th	Society of Mary: Office & Benediction, at St Peter's Ely
Wed	8th	7.15 for 7.45pm Deanery Synod at Cherry Hinton
Thurs	9th	St Denys, Martyr
Fri	10th	St Paulinus, Bishop
Sat	11th	Visit to Chatsworth
SUN	12th	21st after TRINITY
Mon	13th	St Edward the Confessor
Tues	14th	
Wed	15th	St Teresa of Avila: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: F&S 7.30pm
Thurs	16th	Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm
Fri	17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Sat	18th	St LUKE, Evangelist: SM 10am
SUN	19th	22nd after TRINITY
Mon	20th	Emmanuel URC/LSM Forum 7.30pm
Tues	21st	
Wed	22nd	Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge AGM
Thurs	23rd	
Fri	24th	
Sat	25th	SS Crispin and Crispinian, MM
SUN	26th	23rd after TRINITY
Mon	27th	
Tues	28th	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles: LM 7.45am SM 7pm
Wed	29th	Parish Centre Development Group Meeting 8pm
Thurs	30th	
Fri	31st	

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for October

Faithfulness in prayer	<i>David Walser, Pr., Lester Vellanoweth</i>	1st
Christian nurture of children and young people		2nd
St James Wulfstan Way	<i>Marjorie Clark</i>	3rd
Franciscans	<i>Magda Phillips</i>	4th
The Parish		5th
Music at LSM	<i>Elizabeth Knight</i>	6th
Society of Mary	<i>Irina Findlow, Peter Le Huray</i>	7th
Friends of LSM: Deanery Synod		8th
Prisoners of Conscience		9th
Province of York: Archbishop John Sentamu		10th
Our visit to Chatsworth		11th
The Parish	<i>Geraldine Adams</i>	12th
The Ministry of Preaching		
South Cambridge Deanery Chapter	<i>Eric Horne</i>	14th
Finance & Standing Committee members	<i>Isabel Furley</i>	15th
The Church's Healing Ministry		16th
The Middle East	<i>Bertie Clough</i>	17th
St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy	<i>Fred Linsey</i>	18th
The Parish		19th
Emmanuel URC/LSM Forum	<i>Percy Poulter, Alice Royston</i>	20th
The Departed	<i>Norman Cruttwell, Pr.</i>	21st
Churches Together	<i>Winifred Staples</i>	22nd
Christian Unity	<i>Frederick Waring</i>	23rd
Prisoners' Fellowship	<i>Robert Wolverson, Freddie Webber, Patricia Nutbrown</i>	24th
Vocations to the religious life		25th
The Parish		26th
Afghanistan	<i>Margot Fynes-Clinton, Michael Jackson, Pr.</i>	27th
College of the Resurrection, Mirfield	<i>Patricia Chopourian</i>	28th
Vision in the life of our parish	<i>Beatrice Bicheno</i>	29th
The Church's Mission at home and overseas	<i>Edith Lock</i>	30th
Our keeping of All Saintstide	<i>Richard Crowden, Charles Holland</i>	31st

October 4th

Feast of St Francis

O God,
who dost ever delight to reveal thyself
to the child-like and lowly of heart:
Grant that following the example
of Blessed Francis,
we may count the wisdom of this world
as foolishness
and know only Jesus Christ
and him crucified,
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
AMEN

meaning. In this regard, language may have been a barrier and some gaps of misunderstanding may have occurred.

However, where there are some minor linguistic challenges, the relationship is not diminished, because we have to find other ways of communication and social interaction. A friendly gesture, a smile, a helping hand where needed, a walk to a nearby Anglo-Saxon church together or a sharing of the peace during the Mass, without a doubt secures and cements the relationship in Christ which is enjoyed by LSM and Chant d'Oiseau.

From an outsider's perspective (by that I mean as a very recent friend of the parish), then such a relationship is worth pursuing and continuing at all costs. After all, hospitality and relationship are key to the 'light which comes from God' and central to the call of the follower of Christ.

Christopher Woods, Chaplain of Christ's College

DONATIONS OF GIFTS & FOOD to **JIMMY'S NIGHT SHELTER**

A box is available in the parish room for suitable donations.

The following items are suggested:

Instant drinking chocolate, tea, coffee, sugar,
tinned fruit, vegetables, rice pudding, milk, topping, cream,
table salt and pepper, cooking salt,
salad cream, tomato sauce, brown sauce, vinegar,
cereals, biscuits, crisps, cooking oil, flour, matches,
jam, Marmite, peanut butter, marmalade
custard powder, gravy granules, Oxo, Bovril.

Toiletries:

Disposable razors, shaving foam, spray deodorant, toothpaste,
toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes,
nail clippers, hair scrunchies, shower gel, toiletry bags,
flannels, cotton buds, talcum powder
small packs of tissues, sanitary items

Clothing:

Socks, new underwear, hats, boots, shoes, gloves, scarves,
jumpers, coats.

New packs of cards



WALK TO ELY

Saturday 25th October 2008

We start from Magdalene College Chapel at 9.00am with pilgrim prayers and plan to arrive at Ely Cathedral for Evensong at 5.30pm. Further details from Bill de Quick, C.313658

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. He is Head of Media at Christian Aid and 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 to disasters.

John 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 they tackle disaster emergency relief and some of the challenges they face. All welcome.

Clive Brown

Countries in need of urgent aid

Ethiopia: Failure of seasonal rains left millions without food. Combined with poor July harvest, around 11 million people face extreme hunger.

Somalia: 2.6 million people, 35% of the population need humanitarian aid.

Kenya: Food insecurity widespread. 1.2 million people need food aid. Whole population 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: Among the poorest countries, whole population faces food insecurity. Prices of staples doubled since December.

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

OBERAMMERGAU, 2010

There has been a number of enquiries about the possibility of an LSM visit to the Passion Play in 2010. No LSM group has, so far, been organized, but the Rev'd Canon Dr Nicholas Thistlethwaite, now Sub Dean of Guildford Cathedral, but from 1990-1999 Vicar of Trumpington and a good friend of LSM, is leading a group from the cathedral and would welcome people from LSM. The visit is to take place from Monday 13th to Monday 20th September 2010 and begins with a five day holiday based in Merano in northern Italy then move to Oberammergau for two nights and, as did the LSM party in 2000, will attend the Play on the Sunday, leaving on the Monday for Munich airport and the flight back to London.

The basic price is £1,169, but there is (of course!) the inevitable single supplement of £112 and lunches aren't included. The holiday/pilgrimage is with Pax Travel, who are experienced in organising such journeys.

I have three sets of booking forms with accompanying information and more may be had from Pax Travel, (tell them it's for that trip) 152-156 Kentish Town Road, NW1 9QB, tel: 020 7485 3003, or from info@paxtravel.co.uk Fr Nicholas' address is 3 Cathedral Close, Guildford, GU2 7TL

Shirley Dex

BOOKSTALL IN THE CHURCHYARD

Many thanks to all who have supported the bookstall this year; we have raised over £1,750 as a result of your kind donations. We plan to continue whilst the weather is fine. If you have books or maps to donate, please leave them in the Parish Room or we can arrange to collect them.

On Saturday October 11th we are having a sale of more specialist books – classics, modern languages, music, history and English literature.

Mandy, Adrian and Polly Ray (01223 264094)



WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER/PAPUA NEW GUINEA

On Friday 7th November a day conference will be held at the Wesley Centre in preparation for the annual service on 6th March. This has been prepared by the women of Papua New Guinea, one of our mission links and so the day conference would be of interest to members of LSM.

There will be background information on the country plus slides presented by the members of the National Committee. The meeting begins at 10.00am for 10.15am and finishes at 3.00pm. The cost is £3.00 which includes coffee and tea.

Further details are available from Joan Waton on C.840760

THE SOCIETY OF MARY

The Society of Mary formed from two similar societies, the Confraternity of Our Lady (founded 1880) and the League of Our Lady (founded 1901), in 1931. It has members all over the world and is not confined to Anglicans alone. The Society promotes the love and honour of Mary, the spread of devotion to her in reparation for past neglect and misunderstanding and in the cause of Christian Unity. Members take Mary as a model in purity, personal relationships and family life.

The Society is dedicated to the glory of God and in honour of the Holy Incarnation, under the invocation of Our Lady, Help of Christians. Members keep a Rule of Life, which includes such special devotions as the Angelus, the Rosary, the Litany and Anthems of Our Lady. They pray for departed members of the Society and offer Mass for them. They take part in the Mass on the principal Feasts of Our Lady and they engage in apostolic and pastoral work, according to opportunity, under the guidance of the local Ward Officers and the General Council.

Members of a local Ward, with a priest as Superior and an elected Secretary can organise regular services, meetings and other activities. The Society publishes its magazine AVE three times a year with details of pilgrimages, retreats, festival services, etc. It is free to all members and is the effective link between the various Regions.

CORRECTION

Joan Waton has pointed out the mis-spelling of the Coni family's name in last month's Newsletter and we are indebted to her for that.

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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:

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LSM website

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