

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sat 1st ALL SAINTS DAY High Mass: 10.00am
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Dean of St Paul's
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Tue 4th Michael Ramsey Lecture, 5.15pm
Wed 5th Course: The Kingdom of God (1)
*Bring- & Share Supper 7.00pm: Meeting 7.40-9pm *Compline 9pm*
Sun 9th 3rd SUNDAY before ADVENT: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Wed 12th Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am
Course: The Kingdom of God (2)*
Thur 13th Healing Ministry, 6.15pm/6.30pm
Fri 14th Requiem for War Dead, 7.45am & 12.30pm
Sun 16th 2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT
10.30am High Mass, Preacher: Carl Melville (Zimbabwe)
Tue 18th PCC, 7.00pm
Wed 19th Course: The Kingdom of God (3)*
Thur 20th Catholic Societies Requiem, 8.00pm
Sat 22nd 'Three Churches Group' at St Paul's Cathedral
Sun 23rd SUNDAY before ADVENT: CHRIST THE KING
Lunch following High Mass
Wed 26th Course: The Kingdom of God (4)*
Sun 30th ADVENT SUNDAY

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I sometimes hear people talk about 'programme churches'; I think that this means that a course such as 'Alpha', or regular home or other group meetings with a clear programme for study and discussion are major characteristics of a church's life. Often the courses and programmes will be seen as the basis for 'church growth'; the other day I heard a parish priest talking about his church's purpose as to 'grow disciples who make disciples' (and perhaps no Christian should disagree with that, although they might well differ over the means to this end). On the whole, I suspect, people at LSM might feel slightly uneasy with the vocabulary of programmes and courses, let alone Mission Action Plans (although we do have one!) It is a fact that our 'courses' over the years have been short-term (four or five weeks in the autumn or in Lent), and it's also true that while they may have encouraged people in their own discipleship, they have seldom drawn in others from outside our own worshipping community. Furthermore, the number of people involved in them has generally remained steadily between twenty and thirty, with many feeling, I suspect, that such activities are not for them. I wonder whether any of us have thoughts about this? These days, many people put their responses to such a question on a 'blog'...but I wouldn't mind an e-mail or even a conversation on the subject!

All Saintside and Dedication Festival

However, this would probably be too late to make a great deal of difference to plans for this November, which does offer quite a varied 'programme'! Part of this, I have to say, is what the Church's calendar provides for us without any planning on our part. The month begins with **All Saints Day**, a festival of enormous encouragement to all of us as we 'feebly struggle', but are reminded of the faithfulness and courage of countless men and women of every age and culture, of that living Communion which transcends our divisions and renews our confidence under God. This will be celebrated on **Saturday November 1st** with a High Mass at 10am. The following day comes our own particular LSM thanksgiving...for the **dedication** of a parish church where people have gathered and worshipped and prayed and sought the kingdom of God for centuries: thanksgiving that we have entered into their inheritance. We are delighted to be welcoming the Dean of St Paul's, the Rt Revd Graeme Knowles (formerly Bishop of Sodor and Man) as our Dedication Festival preacher for the High Mass on **Sunday November 2nd**. The following day, the mood shifts as we face the reality of death and bereavement, praying on **All Souls Day** for those whom we love but see

no longer...and, I suspect, feel overwhelmed by the painful sense that so many die through violence, disaster, suddenly, alone, and sometimes with no one to remember them. 'Out of the deep' we call to God that day; there will be Requiem Mass at 7.45am, 10am and (sung) at 7pm. This cluster of events concludes with our 2008 Michael Ramsey Lecture. This annual lecture is designed to perpetuate Ramsey's gift for making theological issues of the day accessible to a wide range of people. On Tuesday November 4th, at 5.15pm, we shall hear the Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford, the Revd Dr Robin Ward, addressing a topical concern from a patristic perspective; his title is 'Flying Bishops: a perspective from patristic Antioch'.

The Kingdom of God

All Saintstide, however, provides only one part of our November programme. The Sunday morning sermons on November 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd have the general title of 'The Kingdom of God' (a major theme of the gospels), and on the Wednesdays which follow each Sunday (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th) we shall be holding meetings which look further into this theme as it relates to our local church, our concerns for social responsibility and for links with churches overseas. The Feast of Christ the King on November 23rd offers us the opportunity to bring the series to a conclusion with a reflection on the nature of Our Lord's 'kingship' over all creation. The Wednesday evening meetings will begin with 'Bring-and-Share' Supper at 7pm, the discussion will start at 7.40pm, and we shall finish the evenings with Compline at 9pm (this means that there will be no separate Compline during November). I'm already grateful for the help which ordinands on attachment from Ridley Hall and Westcott House, representatives of our Social Responsibility and Overseas Links Groups and Chris Pickles have offered with the planning of this course, and look forward to your participation!

Three Churches at St Paul's Cathedral...

On Saturday November 22nd we have the opportunity to participate, together with people from St Mary Magdalen Oxford (and, we hope, All Saints Margaret Street) in a day at St Paul's Cathedral. Canon Martin Warner (formerly Administrator of the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, and now Master of the Guardians) will be leading us in reflections on 'St Paul's Cathedral: Catholic and Reformed', using the building and its artefacts to explore this theme. He will be with us from 2.30pm, and we shall stay for Evensong at the Cathedral. I shall be putting a list in church to help us discover how many people would be interested in coming, and we shall then decide on the best means of travelling to London, and whether we would like to be together for lunch beforehand.

Also in November...

Another 'extra' in November is a second showing of the excellent (30-minute) film about the **Diocese of Port Moresby** in Papua New Guinea, which some of you saw after Evensong on August 31st. This will be at the usual 'coffee-time' after the 10am Mass on Wednesday November 5th.

On **Remembrance Sunday**, November 9th, we shall keep two minutes silence at the appropriate time in the course of the sermon at High Mass. There will be an additional Mass at 10am on Tuesday November 11th, when South Cambridge Deanery Chapter welcome the new Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Revd David Thomson, for a day's visit to our parishes. The regular **healing ministry** services, preceded by silent prayer for the sick and those who care for them, will be on Wednesday 12th (9.45/10am) and Thursday 13th (6.15/6.30pm) November.

It is likely, finally, that on **Monday 24th November** we shall have a social evening during which neighbours and parishioners will be able to look at the **Parish Centre Development** plans and ask questions; a decision about this will be made by our planning group which meets at the end of October.

Assistant Organist

With the agreement of the Churchwardens and of the Organist and Choir Director, I have appointed **Joseph (Joe) Fort** as Assistant Organist and Choir Director. Some of you will have heard his very accomplished accompaniment at High Mass on October 5th; he is currently running the Choir at Emmanuel College, and was previously Organ Scholar at All Saints, Margaret Street. He will be involved in Choir Practices, and will play for High Mass on two Sunday mornings a month; he will also be available for some festivals, and the occasional Evensong out of term. We welcome him, and look forward to his involvement in our musical life over the coming months.

And finally...

Work is in progress on improved storage and hanging cupboards for the Choir Room, and the PCC will be considering proposals for better and more economical lighting arrangements for the Choir and Sanctuary at the meeting on November 18th.

I hope that this letter keeps you sufficiently up-to-date and informed, whether you decide that LSM is or is not a 'programme church'; we certainly want for it to remain a place of prayer and seeking for God and His Kingdom.

Fr Andrew

R.I.P.

Audrey Gulland (Mary Ward's aunt and godmother) joined us at LSM three or four years ago after worshipping for many years at St Bene't's. She died in hospital on October 1st after a short illness. One of that group of graduate women who had to wait years to receive her degree 'officially' from Cambridge University, she always read widely; indeed her daughter, in her appreciation of Audrey at her Requiem, described the range of books which she was currently reading at the time of her death, spirituality, biography, novels, Welsh grammar to name a few! Many years of her married life were spent in Rome, where she greatly enjoyed the art and architecture, and was an excellent hostess. She retained an inquiring, critical and humorous attitude to life (including church life!) to the end. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Derek Hulyer was found dead at home on October 7th; he had been facing several health problems in recent months, not only the prospect of major surgery on the hip which had caused him so much pain and difficulty over the years, but also eye, heart and skin troubles. Life had not been easy for him since Maggie's death so soon after their move from Ely to a new house off Milton Road. It was through Maggie that Derek came to LSM and was confirmed. A service of prayer and thanksgiving for their marriage was held in the church, and Derek attended faithfully, taking great pride in Maggie's involvement in the Choir, and himself serving on the PCC and as a Deanery Synod representative. In his earlier days Derek was a keen sportsman, excelling especially at the long jump. He was a good draughtsman, and also turned his hand to sculpture classes and model aircraft construction. We shall miss his quiet but faithful presence among us, and pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory.

**150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF
THE UNIVERSITIES' MISSION TO CENTRAL AFRICA**

It was on November 1st 1858 that representatives from Oxford and Cambridge met in Cambridge to form the Oxford and Cambridge Mission to Central Africa. On Sunday November 2nd at 4pm in the Michaelhouse Centre there will be a gathering concerned with looking at Central Africa then and now. If you're interested in going along, please e-mail susanw@uspg.org.uk

ALL SAINTS TIDE & DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Saturday November 1st

ALL SAINTS DAY

High Mass 10.00am

Evening Prayer and preparation for Dedication Festival: 6.00pm

Sunday November 2nd

DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Little St Mary's was dedicated on November 3rd 1352

Low Mass 8.00am

High Mass 10.30am

Preacher: the Rt Revd Graeme Knowles, Dean of St Paul's

Evensong and Benediction 6.00pm

Preacher: The Vicar

Monday November 3rd

ALL SOULS DAY (*transferred*)

Requiem Mass 7.45am and 10.00am

Sung Requiem 7.00pm

Tuesday November 4th:

2008 MICHAEL RAMSEY LECTURE

5.15pm

'Flying Bishops: a view from Patristic Antioch'

The Revd Dr Robin Ward,

Principal of St Stephen's House, Oxford



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

Sat	1st	ALL SAINTS DAY: HM 10.30am
SUN	2nd	DEDICATION FESTIVAL 4th before ADVENT:
Mon	3rd	ALL SOULS DAY (transf) Requiem 7.45, 10am, 7pm Sung
Tues	4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bp: Michael Ramsey Lecture 5.15pm
Wed	5th	Papua New Guinea Film after 10am Low Mass: Course 7pm
Thurs	6th	St Leonard, Hermit
Fri	7th	St Willibrord, Bp
Sat	8th	Saints & Martyrs of England
SUN	9th	3 rd before ADVENT, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Mon	10th	St Leo, Bishop
Tues	11th	St Martin of Tours, Bishop: Bp David visits our Deanery
Wed	12th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: Course 7pm
Thurs	13th	commem. Charles Simeon: Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm
Fri	14th	Requiem for War Dead 7.45am and 12.30pm
Sat	15th	
SUN	16th	2 nd before ADVENT
Mon	17th	St Hugh of Lincoln, Bishop
Tues	18th	St Elizabeth of Hungary: PCC 7pm
Wed	19th	St Hilda of Whitby: Course 7pm
Thurs	20th	St Edmund, King & Martyr: Catholic Societies' Requiem 8pm
Fri	21st	
Sat	22nd	St Cecilia, Martyr: 'Three Churches Group' at St Paul's
SUN	23rd	CHRIST the KING, NEXT before ADVENT
Mon	24th	Parish Centre planning: social and information event 7.30pm
Tues	25th	St Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr
Wed	26th	Course 7pm
Thurs	27th	
Fri	28th	
Sat	29th	
SUN	30th	ADVENT SUNDAY

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for November

Thanksgiving for All the Saints	1st
The Parish: thanksgiving on this Dedication Festival	2nd
The Departed	3rd
Fr Robin Ward, Michael Ramsey Lecturer	
<i>Stephen Roskill, Alfred Whitham</i>	4th
The Church in Papua New Guinea.	
<i>Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Rayner</i>	5th
Prisoners	6th
Old Catholic Church	7th
Our Politicians	<i>Joyce Wolton, Dick Richardson</i> 8th
The Parish those who died in the Great Wars	9th
Theologians	10th
The Bishop of Huntingdon: World Peace	11th
Friends of LSM	12th
The Church's Healing Ministry	13th
War Dead	<i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i> 14th
Care for the environment	<i>Dorothy Marlow</i> 15th
The Parish	<i>Alan Huskinson</i> 16th
Council for Christians and Jews	<i>Betty Clough, Dorothy Pickett</i> 17th
PCC	<i>John Byrom, Pr.</i> 18th
Vocations to the Religious Life	<i>Lena Amanda Blockley</i> 19th
The Catholic Societies: departed members	<i>Joyce Bones</i> 20th
Feeding Scheme in Masvingo Diocese	21st
Church Musicians	22nd
The Parish	23rd
Parish Centre development plans	<i>Stuart Mason</i> 24th
Persecuted Christians	<i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley</i> 25th
Afghanistan	<i>Val Mendel</i> 26th
The Departed	<i>Freda Jones</i> 27th
Spiritual Guides	<i>Ronald Fletcher</i> 28th
Our keeping of Advent	<i>John Clough</i> 29th
The Parish	<i>Ann Watson, William Thurnborn, Harold White, Peter Smith</i> 30th

November 17th

*Feast of St Hugh
of Lincoln*

*Almighty God,
who gave to thy servant Hugh
many excellent gifts of thy Spirit,
and made him a
loving shepherd of thy people:
Grant that the Bishops and Pastors
of thy Church may follow his example,
in holy living and in love of souls;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord:*

AMEN

THE KINGDOM OF GOD
A Course for the Kingdom Season 2008

Wednesdays: November 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Bring-and-Share Supper 7.00pm: Meeting 7.40-9pm
Compline at 9pm

*The discussions on these Wednesdays will be based
on the sermons on the preceding Sunday mornings*

*What are the resources for the people who pray
'Thy Kingdom come' ?*

How should we use them for the building of that Kingdom?

What is this Kingdom?



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd
St Paul's Cathedral: Catholic and Reformed?

An afternoon at St Paul's with
Canon Martin Warner
*and members of the congregations of
St Mary Magdalen Oxford and All Saints Margaret Street*

It is hoped that we might be together for lunch
*before meeting with Fr Warner at 2.30pm,
and we shall finish the day with Evensong
in the Cathedral*

Look out for further details in Church

REFLECTIONS ON THE 2008 LAMBETH CONFERENCE

Clustered on a hill on the outskirts of Canterbury, the buildings of the University of Kent enjoy a splendid view over Canterbury Cathedral, the mother church of the Anglican Communion, as it rises above the rest of the city. For four hot weeks this summer the view in the other direction, from the city up towards the University, was marked by the presence of a huge blue tent. Dominating the skyline, this tent was to shelter under its canvas almost seven hundred bishops and their accompanying spouses for the fourteenth Lambeth Conference. A week before Conference began, fifty or so young people aged between 18 and 35 from countries across the entire Anglican Communion arrived in Canterbury just as this big blue tent was being built. I was lucky enough to be among their number, and together we were there to serve as a team of Stewards for both the Lambeth Conference and the Spouses' Conference. The experiences I shared with the diverse collection of people who came together in Canterbury to make the Conference happen are too rich and too numerous to relate in great detail here, but I hope to give a brief taste of how the 2008 Lambeth Conference was from inside the tent.

Working alongside the many Conference organisers, translators, musicians, and others, as Stewards we were responsible for guiding the bishops and their spouses and helping to ensure that the Conferences' daily patterns of worship, meetings, addresses, and other sessions ran smoothly. Living alongside the delegates in University accommodation, we were there to deal with any queries, problems, or emergencies. We worked long days, rising early to be on duty at the Eucharist before breakfast each morning and not going to bed until after our final evening briefing and a drink with fellow Stewards and bishops in one of the campus bars.

One of the many privileges we experienced as Stewards was being present at the daily worship. Each day the Eucharist and Evening Prayer were led by different Provinces of the Communion, and so during the three weeks of the Conference many wonderfully different languages, songs, and traditions were brought into the big blue tent from every corner of creation. Incorporated into the liturgy each evening was the screening of a short film showing something of the life of that particular Province. Under the stifling canvas on a hot July afternoon, we watched a terrible and moving film about the Province of Myanmar (Burma) which revealed the everyday struggles of ordinary people simply to stay alive. Post-cyclone footage from one village showed surviving residents who could do nothing but watch as their church 12

collapsed into a river filled with drifting corpses. Two of our fellow Stewards were from Myanmar and one of the many humbling moments for me was hearing about their journey to Canterbury. Daniel had walked for nine days to get to the bus which then took almost a week to reach the airport before he could board a plane.

It was on this particular evening that the Archbishop of Canterbury, in a plenary address, pleaded with all the bishops that they should listen to each other with true Christian generosity on the divisive issue of homosexuality so that the Anglican Communion might remain intact. Whether by design or by chance, the juxtaposition of this appeal with the footage from Myanmar highlighted for me the real importance of the Communion. It is for people like those dying in Myanmar and in other desperately damaged places of the world that the Anglican Communion serves a life-saving purpose in the institutional and spiritual power and wealth it provides and represents. To divide irreparably over other issues, albeit important ones, is to neglect our Christian responsibility for these most vulnerable members of God's creation.

In the days immediately after the delegates had departed, we Stewards watched the blue tent being taken down as life at the University of Kent returned to normality. We hoped that as they returned to their homes around the globe, the bishops would remember that they too are called to serve as stewards in their episcopal ministry, being ever-ready to respond to the needs, hopes, and fears of their people as they guide them towards the Kingdom of God in this earthly life and beyond.

The official Conference Reflections document, full texts of sermons and all the plenary addresses, as well as other official Conference materials and photographs can be found online www.lambethconference.org

Lucy Razzall

CONGRATULATIONS

To Shirley Dex, who has been appointed Chairman of the Association of Lancastrians in London. More details about the Association are available on www.lancastriansinlondon.org.uk

To the Lesser Spotted Marmosets (LSM for short) who once again were the winning team at the Balsham Church Quiz

FRIDAY CHARITY LUNCH: Feeding Scheme in the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe

The Friday Lunch will be supporting the Feeding Scheme in Masvingo during November and December and on Sunday 16th November we shall have a preacher from Zimbabwe at the 10.30am High Mass. The needs of the people of Masvingo are many but the most immediate need is the Feeding Scheme which enables children to stay awake and alert in their lessons as well as keeping them healthy.

The province of Masvingo covers 56,566 square kilometres and in 2002 had a population of approximately 1.3 million. Masvingo is the oldest colonial settlement in Zimbabwe, and grew up around the encampment established in 1890 by the Pioneer Column en route to their eventual destination, Salisbury.

The rainfall in Masvingo is minimal and uncertain and a large part of the southern area of the province is drought prone making most parts generally unfit for agriculture, apart from cattle ranching. As an indication of how important to them this is, a man's status is assessed by the number of cows he possesses and a man without any cattle is not considered a man. Despite the aridity of the area the people are very proud of the crops they do manage to produce.

However due to a particularly bad drought and to the political situation people are going hungry and the diocese of Masvingo has started a feeding scheme. There are 14 schools in the diocese and in six of them these feeding schemes are already running. Children are coming to school hungry and falling asleep in class due to the malnourishment. The headteachers of the other schools have also asked for supplementary feeding.

Fortunately this is only a short term requirement as the next year's crops will start being harvested in February, but until then the need is extremely urgent and any support is greatly welcomed.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER/PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Day Conference, Friday, 7th November, Wesley Centre from 10.00am - 3.00pm. Cost: £3.00 (includes tea and coffee.) *Joan Waton*

ADVENT MISCELLANY

On Saturday 29th November at 7.30pm Emmanuel URC are holding an evening of readings, music, etc. All welcome. Refreshments available. Anyone welcome to do a "turn"!

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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

www.lsm.org.uk

Deadline for December Newsletter : Sunday 23rd November