

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 Masses 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.

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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

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| Thur | 1st | THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
High Mass 10.30am |
| Sun | 4th | 2nd SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS |
| Tue | 6th | EPIPHANY of the LORD
Low Mass 7.45am Procession & High Mass: 7.00pm |
| Sun | 11th | BAPTISM of OUR LORD
Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: Fr Jonathan Ewer, SSM
6.00pm Epiphany Carol Service & Benediction |
| Wed | 14th | Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am |
| Thur | 15th | Healing Ministry 6.15pm/6.30pm |
| | 18th - 25th | Week of Prayer for Christian Unity |
| Sun | 18th | 2nd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY
7.15pm Presentation on Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service |
| Tue | 20th | 12.30pm Unity Service & Lunch, St Bene't's
9.00pm Iona Healing Service, St Bene't's |
| Wed | 21st | 11.00am Presentation on Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service
7.00pm PCC meets |
| Sat | 24th | Launch of ELY 900 in the Cathedral |
| Sun | 25th | 3rd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY: CONVERSION OF ST PAUL
Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: The Revd Alan Ashton,
Methodist Minister
7.00pm Christian Unity Taize Service, Emmanuel URC |
| Tue | 27th | Developing a Pastoral Visiting Team, 7.30pm |

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

We move into the New Year with, it seems, an ever-expanding list of troubles and concerns...the ramifications and effects of the global economic crisis, deep concerns about the safety of children in our society (and about the *causes* of threats to them), the desperate situations in Zimbabwe and in the Congo, continuing conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Darfur and elsewhere. Lasting peace between Israel and Palestinians seems as far away as ever. To many the words 'Happy New Year' must ring hollow. In the first of the three addresses with which we began the Advent Quiet Weekend, Fr Bill Scott suggested that when we are reflecting on our own lives and circumstances, it's important to recognise and acknowledge the 'deserts' and the 'wilderness' of our inner space, and not to suppose that the technology and the 'quick fix' which might be appropriate to outer space will help us. It is the work of God, he suggested, to bring forth the green shoots in the dry places in His own way and His own time; and perhaps we have to accept that this will also be the way in the wider deserts of our often unhappy world. We may enjoy a New Year party, but this won't 'fix' the brokenness of individuals or of the world. Somehow, our New Year prayer must enable us to place a deeper trust in Him who makes the wilderness blossom. Some of you will read this before the New Year comes, and so I hope that you might be able either to join others in those few minutes which we spend before the Blessed Sacrament, from 11.50pm on **New Year's Eve**, or to come to Mass at 10.30am on **New Year's Day**, the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus... 'you will call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins'; he will be our refreshment in the wilderness, and our light in darkness.

We shall sustain our attentiveness to his light as the Epiphany season unfolds; we celebrate the coming of the Wise Men of their day to kneel in adoration before the Christ child, with Procession and High Mass on Tuesday January 6th at 7pm: we commemorate the Lord's Baptism, the revelation of the 'beloved Son' who identifies himself with fallen humanity on Sunday 11th: at the Epiphany Carol Service that evening we reflect on the ordinariness of water transformed into the wine of the Spirit, and pray that there may be transformation

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MONEY WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE AWAY THIS YEAR

Additional Curates Society	300.00
Addenbrooke's Bereavement Care Service	80.00
Biblelands	248.00
Bishop's Lent Appeal	557.00
Borneo Mission	600.00
Cambridge Cyrenians	461.00
Cambridge Mencap	302.00
Cambridge Samaritans	190.00
CAMFED	256.00
Children's Society	461.00
Christian Aid	883.00
CLIC Sargent	450.00
Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	1500.00
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	50.00
Friends of Whitworth House	363.00
Makeni Ecumenical Centre - orphanage	1500.00
Makeni Ecumenical Centre - orphans	120.00
Medaille Trust	1100.00
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	295.00
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership	1677.00
St Cyprian's, Sharpeville	1030.00
St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy	50.00
The Prison Fellowship	244.00
USPG	1500.00

Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way.

CHRISTIAN GIVING

Christian Giving Sunday is 1st of February. Fr Mark Bishop will be preaching on the theme at High Mass, and envelopes will be handed out with a letter, and the familiar forms, inviting you to review and renew your commitment to the Church. We hope that everyone will respond thoughtfully and prayerfully.

Martyn Saunders, Chairman of the Diocesan Stewardship Support Group, will be coming to the next PCC meeting in January to lead a discussion intended to enable members of the Council to re-visit the principles of Christian Giving, and to express their own thoughts.

Christian Giving Group: Clive Brown, Janet Nevitt, David Goode, Lucy McKitterick

in our lives. This series of Our Lord's 'epiphanies' are also commemorated in the Mass lections on the Sundays after Epiphany. The other important feature of our worship and public prayer in January is the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**, which runs this year from Sunday 18th to Sunday 25th January. Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge mark this with two services, the first at St Bene't's on Tuesday January 20th; this will be at 12.30pm, and lunch will be available. The second will be at Emmanuel United Reformed Church, on Sunday January 25th at 7pm; this will be a Taize service. As it begins at 7pm, we shall have Evensong and Benediction as usual at LSM at 6pm, but there will be no sermon. The other ecumenical feature of our week is that the preacher at High Mass on Sunday January 25th will be the retired Methodist Minister, the Revd Alan Ashton, already known to many of us at LSM as worshipper, flower-arranger, coffee-maker and Friday lunch provider!

2009 is the 900th anniversary of our Diocese of Ely. The celebrations are to be launched on Saturday January 24th with a special service in the Cathedral, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach. We still await details of any seat allocation for parishes. One of the intentions of the organizers of the year's events is that parishes should see 'Ely 900' as an opportunity both to celebrate locally and to commit themselves to mission in their own locality. You may recall that the PCC agreed some months ago to three 'objectives' in mission: first, the encouragement of the 'simple daily office at home': second, the establishment of a Pastoral Visiting Team: third, the continued exploration of the possibility of developing the Parish Room into a 'Parish Centre', with our eye on the mission of LSM over many years to come. The 'Mission Action Plan' which I'm sending to Archdeacon Hugh McCurdy sets out these three objectives, and has added the intention to work further on our status as a 'Fairtrade Parish'. Along with the plans from other parishes in the diocese, ours will be presented to the Archbishop at the service on January 24th. So far as progress with our first three objectives is concerned, I have had two or three (literally!) positive comments about the simple daily office and the weekly sheet to accompany it; what would be very encouraging would be the establishment of a small home-based 'neighbourhood' group to say the office together perhaps once a

January

The Epiphany Season

*Almighty God,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
is the light of the world:
grant that thy people,
illumined by thy word and
sacraments,
may shine with the
radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped
and obeyed to the ends of the earth,
who liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN*



Calendar and Intentions

for

JANUARY

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

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

Calendar for January

Thurs.	1st	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS: HM 10.30am
Fri.	2nd	SS Basil and Gregory Nazianzen
Sat.	3rd	
SUN.	4th	CHRISTMAS 2
Mon.	5th	
Tues.	6th	EPIPHANY of the LORD: LM 7.45am HM 7pm
Wed.	7th	
Thurs.	8th	
Fri.	9th	
Sat.	10th	commem. William Laud, Bishop
SUN.	11th	BAPTISM of OUR LORD
Mon.	12th	St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot
Tues.	13th	St Hilary, Bishop
Wed.	14th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs.	15th	Healing Ministry 6.15/6.30pm
Fri.	16th	
Sat.	17th	St Antony of Egypt
		<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th-25th: see page 3</i>
SUN.	18th	2nd of EPIPHANY: 7.15pm: presentation on Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service
Mon.	19th	St Wulfstan, Bishop
Tues.	20th	SS Fabian & Sebastian: Unity Service, St Bene't's 12.30pm
Wed.	21st	St Agnes, Martyr: 11am: Calcutta CRS presentation
Thurs.	22nd	St Vincent, Martyr
Fri.	23rd	
Sat.	24th	St Francis de Sales: launch of Ely 900 in the Cathedral
SUN.	25th	3 rd of EPIPHANY: CONVERSION of St PAUL
Mon.	26th	SS Timothy and Titus
Tues.	27th	
Wed.	28th	St Thomas Aquinas
Thurs.	29th	
Fri.	30th	St Charles, KM
Sat.	31st	St John Bosco

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for January

Faithfulness to the Name of Jesus	<i>Dorothy Ogden, Derek Williams</i>	1st
Society of St Alban and St Sergius		2nd
Zimbabwe	<i>Edward Maycock, Pr., Lena Wheatley, Arthur Clough</i>	3rd
	<i>Celia Scott-Townsend</i>	
The Parish	<i>Marjorie Robson</i>	4th
Afghanistan	<i>Jennifer Williams</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for Our Lord, light of the world	<i>Maggie Hulyer</i>	6th
Ely Cathedral		7th
Our Overseas Church links	<i>Ellen Smith</i>	8th
Sue Ryder Homes		9th
Our Choirs and Servers		10th
The Parish	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Vocations to the religious life		12th
Local Schools and Colleges		13th
Friends of LSM	<i>Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
The Ministry of Healing	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
The Departed		16th
Spiritual Guides		17th
The Parish: the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		18th
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service		
The Roman Catholic Church	<i>Daphne Clavey</i>	19th
The Orthodox Churches	<i>Donald Harris, Pr.</i>	20th
The Free Churches in England	<i>Athelstane Furley</i>	21st
The Salvation Army and the Society of Friends		22nd
Unity of all Christians		23rd
Ely 900 Celebrations	<i>Robert Garrett, Pr., Peggy Hall</i>	24th
The Parish: Emmanuel United Reformed Church		25th
Our Bishops		26th
Israelis and Palestinians	<i>Sebastian Hawkes, Elsie Perrin</i>	27th
Theologians		28th
Cambridge South Deanery Synod	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
Integrity in public life	<i>Mary Ann Hammond</i>	30th
The Church's work with young people		31st

week. On December 10th we had a very hopeful meeting about the possibility of a parish Pastoral Visiting Team; it looks as if as many as 10 people might be interested in participating, and a further meeting has been arranged for Tuesday January 27th at 7.30pm in the Parish Room; we expect to have someone from outside the parish with us to offer some advice and training. On the Parish Centre Development project, we continue to hear reasonably encouraging noises, in particular from the Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Architect following his recent meeting with English Heritage and City Conservation representatives. I am due to meet the DAC's adviser on archaeology and churchyards soon as we would have to have a scheme for dealing with any graves and human remains which might be affected by the proposed building. The PCC's working group on the Parish Centre Development will be presenting some initial ideas on fund-raising, publicity and timing to the meeting on January 21st. All in all, there is much to interest and excite us, and to feed our prayers, in all three of these 2009 Mission objectives.

The LSM Calendar for 2009 is now available at £2.50; thanks again to David Stone for producing it, and to Diana Galletly for the photograph on the front cover. Inevitably, some events are planned after it has 'gone to press', and from time to time something has to be changed; nevertheless, it is a helpful guide to our year, and I hope that many of you will buy a copy, and put key dates (such as the launch of the Christian Giving Renewal campaign on February 1st, the Friends' Festival on May 31st, the Feast of Pentecost, the Gift Day on July 11th and the first Sunday visit to us of the new Bishop of Huntingdon on September 20th). The Calendar is a good companion to the rhythm of the liturgical year, which is the foundation of our life in Christ.

With prayers and good wishes: Fr Andrew

People for our Prayers

Jean Byrom recently spent two days in Addenbrooke's for minor surgery; convalescence is going well. It is good to hear that Miranda Long's latest scan was 'all clear'. Margaret Gatward is making slow progress after breaking her arm, so life is getting a little easier for Sue Munro, her daughter, and Malcolm.

We offer our condolences to Peter Harland on the death of his aunt Vera Grinham. May she and all the departed rest in peace and rise in glory.

From time to time the Vicar is asked to include the name of friends and acquaintances of members of the congregation on the prayer list which we use at Mass on Sundays and weekdays; he is happy to do this, but asks that he might be updated from time to time on the condition of those for whom we are asked to pray. Please remember also that names of the sick and troubled for whom you would welcome prayer may be given to Patricia Davies (01223-234791: pedavies@tesco.net) for inclusion on the list which is given to the Prayer Group; members of this group who can manage it meet for silent prayer twice a month, on a Wednesday at 9.45am and on a Thursday at 6.15pm, before Low Mass, at which there is laying-on of hands and anointing. The dates for January are Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th.

CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICE

As you know, Barbara Topley and I joined a group of the Friends of CRS on a trip to Calcutta in November. It was an unforgettable adventure for both of us, and we want to tell you about the marvellous things we saw and heard, and to show you some holiday pictures with a difference.

We have arranged to do this after Evensong and Benediction on Sunday, 18th January, and to repeat it after Low Mass on the morning of Wednesday, 21st January. Provided that Barbara can find sufficient willing helpers, there will be a curry supper on the Sunday evening.

As I write this, a Friends of CRS newsletter is being sent out and I shall put copies at the back of the church for anyone who is interested. It contains accounts of the visit to Calcutta by those of us who went, and some interesting photographs (including one of Barbara gingerly making her way down a rickety gangplank to a waiting sampan at the bottom).

A future date for the diary is Saturday, 25th April, when we shall be acting as hosts at Little St Mary's to a Gathering of the Friends of CRS. The Director of CRS in Calcutta, Rig David, will be with us, and it is possible that the new Bishop of Calcutta will be coming as well.

Clive Brown

FRIDAY LUNCH CHARITY

The charity for January and February is Sue Ryder Homes which cares for people who are seriously ill, helping them to get the best from life. They help people living with cancer, multiple sclerosis and brain injury, by which approximately 11 million people are affected in the UK, with 1 in 3 people being affected by cancer at some stage in their life. (*see Dec issue for details*)