

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge
NEWSLETTER



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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

Wed 1st Lent Course 4: 7/7.40pm
Sir David Willcocks
Sun 5th **PALMSUNDAY**

Details of all Holy Week and
Easter services are available on page 6

Mon 13th Low Mass 10.00am
Wed 15th Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am
Thur 16th – Sun 19th: visit to Abbaye du Mont des Cats
Sun 19th **2nd SUNDAY of EASTER**
Mon 20th Guild of All Souls, 7.30pm
Tue 21st Prayers for Sick and Carers, 6.15pm
Sat 25th ST MARK, Evangelist: Sung Mass 11.00am
Day of Celebration for Calcutta Relief Service: see pg. 12
Sun 26th **3rd SUNDAY of EASTER**
Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: the Rev'd David Sudron,
Succentor of Durham Cathedral
Mon 27th LSM/Emmanuel Forum, 7.30pm
Tue 28th Annual Parochial Church Meeting, 7.00pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone has noted the change of date for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting; this will be held in the Parish Room on:

TUESDAY APRIL 28th at 7pm

We begin proceedings with the appointment of Churchwardens; nominations should be made in writing before the meeting. Then after formalities such as the presentation of the Report and Accounts for 2008, a report on the Electoral Roll and the election of PCC members, we have a break for coffee. I shall then follow the usual custom of offering a Vicar's Report, which will include statements on our proposed Parish Centre Development (backed up by presentations from two members of our working group) and on the Open Day consultation on worship at LSM which was held in February (with one or two changes to be announced). I'm sure you will agree that these are both matters of great importance for the life of the parish; I think that everyone would agree that the quality and character of our worship are foundational, but I remind you that the Parish Centre development is one of the items in our 'Mission Action Plan', which along with the 'MAPs' from other parishes was presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury in Ely Cathedral at the launch of the Diocese's 900th anniversary celebrations. I hope very much that whatever reservations we may feel about the Parish Centre development, we may come to share a sense of excitement and vision about it; it's not just about making life a little more comfortable for ourselves on Sunday mornings, but about integrating our common life with our concern for the community in which we are set; it's about equipping and sustaining LSM for the years to come. Following the PCC meeting on March 16th, our architect has now been instructed to draw up a planning application; we intend to use the Feast of Pentecost (Friends Festival: May 31st) as a day on which to dedicate ourselves to the project in the power and joy of the Holy Spirit, looking towards a launch of fund-raising on September 20th, when the Bishop of Huntingdon will be with us.

Parochial Church Councils are called to collaborate with the Parish Priest in every aspect of church life (not just the clearing of drains!),

and so we do look for the wholehearted involvement of members in regular worship, in the giving of time and resources and in forwarding the mission of the local church. So I invite you to think and to pray carefully about this year's elections. We shall be looking for seven new members, five to serve for a full three year term (replacing Bob DeWolf, Sally Head, Jane Jackson, Richard Martin and Mary Ward...although Richard is eligible for election again immediately, having served for just one year), one for two years (replacing Clare Jarmy who has resigned following her appointment to a teaching post at Bedales School in Hampshire), one for one year (replacing Lucy McKitterick, who resigned some months ago).

Before we get to the Annual Meeting we shall have participated once more in the great drama of Holy Week and Easter. Every year, I long to find more people sharing liturgically in the experience of those eight days. As I struggle this year to write addresses for each evening from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, I reflect that it might be as well to allow the liturgies of the week to speak for themselves, allowing both the action and the passion of Jesus which is set forth in liturgy to interact with our human experience and to touch our lives in new and deeper ways. But perhaps there will be moments when the spoken word...or a word of counsel in the confessional...will strike a particular chord for us. The important thing is to allow Jesus and his story the best possible chance to attract and challenge and renew us through the days of this great week.

One word about the Easter Vigil: the timing of this, which enables us to begin the First Mass of Easter at dawn (very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb, writes St Mark) is one of the matters which was discussed at the meeting about our worship in February. It is likely that Christian communities in the early centuries kept the Easter Vigil throughout the night, beginning at sunset, and celebrating the Lord's Resurrection at sunrise. Perhaps that's what we should do! But at the moment we follow the compromise of keeping a brief Vigil after Evening Prayer on Holy Saturday, and resuming the Vigil at a time which allows us to sing the Gloria of the First Mass of

Easter at sunrise. The symbolism of this has tremendous power (aside from practicalities such as the ease of parking at 4.30am

as opposed to any time between 7pm and Midnight on a Saturday!); before we return to a debate about how we keep the Vigil at LSM, I do encourage more of you to 'give the dawn Vigil a go!' Rediscover Easter joy in Him who '*as a sun has risen*'.

At the PCC meeting on March 16th I indicated that having reflected on what was said at the consultation on worship there would be one or two adjustments and experiments in the coming weeks; these I shall set out in my report at the APCM and in the May newsletter. Suffice it to say for the moment that these relate to our Thursday evening worship, and to some of the musical arrangements at High Mass. Predictably, there was some debate about matters of taste in relation to visual 'extras', and as to what is appropriate in our particular church building; I'm sure that it's good to air such issues from time to time, but on the day it was clear that there was clear 'majority support' for most of what we do.

The same PCC meeting heard a short report from Ian Douglas on the proposed development of the area bounded by Little St Mary's Lane, Trumpington Street, Silver Street and Granta Place. The proposals are at the very early stages of consultation, but the Council felt that we should make some comments on a project which would affect the geographical parish quite significantly. Again, at the APCM, it should be possible to let you know what the Council corporately had to say.

Now that we have a new consulting architect, with offices in Cambridge, we are being alerted to quite a range of comparatively minor problems: the small area of lead roofing over the 'lobby' between the nave and the Lady Chapel: the loose wooden flooring blocks in the same area: damage to some of the paving stones in the nave. Work should be carried out in the near future. We also hope to have the pair of oak doors (probably part of a late 15th century screen dividing the nave in the days when LSM was both College Chapel and Parish Church) fixed at the top of the stairs to the servers' vestry. Meanwhile, we are very grateful to the people who undertake various maintenance and practical tasks, especially Mark Caddick,

Chris Nevitt and Alan Rayner: to Lucy McKitterick and Fusae Takahashi who stood in as church cleaners while our regular cleaner was off in February when her daughter was in hospital: and to Christian Rutherford and Patricia Davies who have spent many hours re-ordering the Choir Room following the completion of the new cupboards there.

With my prayers and best wishes for Holy Week and Eastertide: Fr Andrew

Congratulations...

- to our Lay Pastoral Assistant, Chris Pickles, on being recommended for training for ordained ministry by the Bishops' Advisory Panel which he attended in February.
- to PCC member Clare Jarmy on securing a teaching post at Bedales School in Hampshire.

People for our Prayers

- Miranda Long and her family as she struggles with cancer and her treatment
 - Sue and Malcolm Munro under the strain of coping with the ill health of both Sue's parents, Margaret and Fred Gatward
- Marian Greany, Fr Andrew's sister-in-law, still very unwell after a severe stroke, and his sister Silvia after a knee operation
- Mary Rayner, home from hospital very soon after surgery
- David Greason and his family, with the pressure of journeys from Wisbech to Addenbrooke's three times a week for dialysis

SPONSORS NEEDED

In the Easter holidays Lucy Banner is planning to swim 3km in the Swimathon sponsored swim in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care at Parkside Pool. She would be most grateful for any offers of sponsorship.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2009

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: times for Confession

The Vicar: Mon.6th 7.45pm, Tues.7th 5.15pm,
Wed.8th 12.05pm, Sat.11th 5.00pm
or by appointment

The Addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday, at 7pm Mass from Monday to Thursday inclusive and on Easter Day will be given by the Vicar. Fr James Gardom, Dean of Pembroke, will give the addresses on Good Friday (Noon-1.20pm)

PALM SUNDAY	8.00am	Low Mass
5th	10.30am	Blessing of Palms (Laundress Green) Procession to LSM, High Mass
	6.00pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction with first Holy Week Address
Monday 6th	7.45am	Low Mass
	12.05pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
Tuesday 7th	7.45am	Low Mass
	7.00pm	Low Mass & Address
Wednesday 8th	10.00am	Low Mass
	7.00pm	Low Mass & Address
<i>The Easter Triduum</i>		
MAUNDY	7.00pm	High Mass of the Lord's Supper
THURSDAY		Address and Footwashing, Procession to the
9th		Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars, Watch of the Passion
GOOD FRIDAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Litany (BCP)
10th	Noon	Preaching of the Passion
	1.30pm	Liturgy of the Day
	5.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross for Children
	9.00pm	Tenebrae
HOLY SATURDAY	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Antecomunion
11th	6.00pm	Evening Prayer and Vigil Prayers
EASTER DAY	4.45am	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter
12th	8.00am	Low Mass

10.30am Procession and High Mass
6.00pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction



Calendar and Intentions

for

APRIL

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 April

Wed.	1st	Lent Course 4: 7/7.40pm
Thurs.	2nd	
Fri.	3rd	
Sat.	4th	
		<i>for full details of Holy Week and Easter Services, see page 6</i>
SUN.	5th	PALM SUNDAY
Mon.	6th	in Holy Week
Tues.	7th	in Holy Week
Wed.	8th	in Holy Week
Thurs.	9th	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri.	10th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat.	11th	HOLY SATURDAY
SUN.	12th	EASTER DAY
Mon.	13th	in Easter Week: Low Mass 10am
Tues.	14th	in Easter Week
Wed.	15th	in Easter Week: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs.	16th	in Easter Week: joint Retreat with Chant d'Oiseau begins
Fri.	17th	in Easter Week
Sat.	18th	in Easter Week
SUN.	19th	2 nd of EASTERTIDE
Mon.	20th	Guild of All Souls 7.30pm
Tues.	21st	St Anselm, Bp. 6.15pm: Prayer for the Sick and Carers
Wed.	22nd	
Thurs.	23rd	St GEORGE, Martyr, Patron Saint of England
Fri.	24th	
Sat.	25th	St MARK: 11am Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service Day
Sun.	26th	3 rd of EASTERTIDE
Mon.	27th	LSM/Emmanuel URC Forum 7.30pm
Tues.	28th	ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 7pm
Wed.	29th	St Catherine of Siena
Thurs.	30 th	

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for April

Church Musicians	<i>Arthur Frederick Murrell, Michael Farmer</i>	1st
Christian Unity		2nd
Holy Week Preachers		3rd
A faithful keeping of the coming Holy Week	<i>Ruth Daniel</i>	4th
The Parish as we keep Holy Week together		5th
Confessors and Spiritual Guides	<i>David Hand, Bp</i>	6th
Prisoners of Conscience	<i>Elsie Duncan-Jones</i>	7th
Jerusalem and the Middle East: Friends of LSM		8th
Christian Unity in worship and service		9th
Thanksgiving for the Cross	<i>Eva Camps</i>	10th
The Departed		11th
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection: The Parish		12th
Our Home Communicants		13th
Community of the Resurrection	<i>Patricia Morris</i>	14th
The Church's Healing Ministry		15th
The joint retreat with Chant d'Oiseau	<i>Sidney Cade, Pr.</i>	16th
Humanitarian work in Zimbabwe	<i>Iris Bushell</i>	17th
Readers and Lay Ministers	<i>Lucy Barlow-Poole</i>	18th
The Parish		19th
Guild of All Souls	<i>Phillip Pare, Pr, Trevor Huddleston Bp, Lydia Siddall</i>	20th
Addenbrooke's Hospital	<i>Angela Waddington, Elizabeth Bagley</i>	21st
Care for the environment		22nd
The government and people of England	<i>Michael Ramsey, Bp</i>	23rd
Biblelands humanitarian work in Gaza	<i>Ruth Mott</i>	24th
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	<i>Leslie Dunkin, Pr.</i>	25th
The Parish		26th
LSM/Emmanuel Forum	<i>Patrick Morris</i>	27th
Our APCM	<i>Richard Love</i>	28th
The European Union		29 th
Parish Centre Development	<i>Alexander Fuller, Frederick Thorley</i>	30th

April 25th
Feast of St Mark
Focus on the
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

Let us pray that
faith, hope and love may be
kindled through the
work of CRS,
in and through
Jesus Christ Our Lord.
AMEN

Two Overseas events in a week!

Within a week of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service Day on the Feast of St Mark (Saturday April 25th: see Clive Brown's article overleaf), we shall have a visit from the Anglican Bishop of Peru, Bill Godfrey, whose work we support through USPG. The Bishop will be with us on the Feast of SS Philip and James, Friday May 1st, for the Sung Mass at 7pm, and to speak with us afterwards over refreshments in the Parish Room.

BOTTLE TOP UPDATE

In February Bill delivered 10 carrier bags full of milk tops to Jeremy in Chesterton. The Devon project is no longer collecting bottle tops due to the decrease in value of plastic, but Jeremy is now co-ordinating a collection of milk tops in aid of a wheelchair for a disabled child in Wisbech. Please keep saving your milk tops for us.

Bill and Julia

ELY AFTER DARK, Saturday April 25th April at 7.00pm

As part of the Ely 900 celebrations the Cathedral is holding a special evening for members of the churches in the Ely Diocese. There will be a guided tour, in small groups, of the medieval/Benedictine past to find out more about the wonderful building. At eight o'clock supper of soup and bread, accompanied by readings from the Rule of St Benedict, will be served in the Lady Chapel. The rule is just as relevant today as was when it was written. The evening will conclude with a candle light procession into Compline. Tickets cost £7.50 and are available from The Cathedral Box office on 01353 660359, in person at the south door desk, or online

MAKING YOUR VOICE HEARD

Have you thought of serving on one of the diocesan committees? Serving on one of these committees gives you a chance to get more involved, provides you with a better understanding of what's happening in the Church and gives you an opportunity to help shape its direction.

The Diocesan Synod elections take place in May. Members serve for three years and attend three Synod meetings a year. Elections to all the Boards and Committees are held in the autumn and members also serve for three years, attending three to five meetings a year depending on the committee they join.

CHRISTIAN GIVING REVIEW

This year's Christian Giving Review had an excellent response. Regular giving has increased substantially, and there were also significant one-off gifts.

Quite a number of time and talent forms were also returned: Janet Nevitt is dealing with these, and if you sent in a form, someone should be in touch with you shortly (if they have not already done so) to take up your offer of help.

Thank you to everyone who responded to this year's review for your generosity and commitment.

Clive Brown

DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR CALCUTTA RELIEF SERVICE

On the 25th April, we are celebrating the work of the Cathedral Relief Service in Calcutta, one of the overseas links we support. Rig David, the Director of CRS will be with us, and we shall also be welcoming a number of other UK supporters of CRS.

It is also St Mark's Day, and so we shall start by celebrating with a Sung Mass. The order of events is:

- 11.00 am Sung Mass
- 12.45 pm Buffet Lunch in the Parish Room
- 2.00 pm Presentation by Rig David and discussion
- 4.00 pm Tea

We have publicised the event widely to Cambridge churches and it is also on the list of parish events published on the diocesan website, so we can expect a number of visitors. It is Rig's first visit to the UK in his capacity as Director of CRS, so we would like to give him and all our other visitors a warm welcome: please do come if you are able to do so.

There will be a list at the back of the church for those who want to come to the lunch, so that we have some idea of numbers.

Clive Brown

Overseas Church Links Group

This year's Summer Festival and Gift Day will include two performances of a play based on the voyage around the world made by Charles Darwin. Darwin's mentor, John Stevens Henslow, was curate at Little Saint Mary's at precisely the time Darwin was on his journey, and as we are in the middle of Darwin's bi-centenary year it seems a good time to play up the connection. The musical is called "The Curate and the Naturalist: A Musical Voyage", and will be based on the regular reports Darwin sent back to Henslow throughout his exciting travels. The action will be split between Cambridge and the Beagle, and will require willing actors to play Darwin and Henslow, as well as a cast of characters to surround them each. There will be a meeting to discuss involvement at a yet to be arranged time in May.

Liz Smith

JOHN STEVENS HENSLOW



The Reverend Professor John Stevens Henslow was born in Rochester in 1796, the son of a solicitor. Educated at St John's College, Cambridge, he graduated in 1818 and accompanied Adam Sedgwick, Woodwardian Professor of Geology on a tour of the Isle of Wight. He also studied chemistry and mineralogy. In 1822 he was appointed Professor of Mineralogy at Cambridge University. He also studied botany and resigned from the Chair of Mineralogy two years after becoming Professor of Botany.

In 1824 Henslow took Holy Orders and was Curate at LSM from 1824 to 1832, when he was appointed vicar of Cholsey-cum-Moulsford in Berkshire. His last appointment was as vicar of Hitcham in Suffolk from 1837 - 61.

Henslow was the founder of the Cambridge Botanic Gardens and mentor to Charles Darwin whom he recognised was a talented young man. It was Henslow who secured a place for Darwin on the Beagle. A blue plaque commemorates Henslow at the Botanic Gardens. He died in 1861.

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The Boards and Committees

The **Bishop's Council** acts as both the Board of Directors of the Ely Diocesan Board of Finance and the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod. It is responsible for both policy and financial matters relating to the diocese and serves as the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee, taking forward mission in the parishes and making sure that there is sufficient provision for the cure of souls in the diocese. Information is available from - jane.logan@office.ely.anglican.org

The **Board for Church in Society** seeks to promote, develop and coordinate responsible social thought and action within the diocese. It advises and supports individuals and groups in projects of social action within their communities. Members usually have an area of special social concern. Information is available from Dr Hilary Lavis bsr@ely.anglican.org

The **Board of Education and Training** supports work with adults, children and young people in schools, colleges and parishes. It works to offer Christian perspective to those involved in education and learning. It has a statutory responsibility for Church Schools in the Diocese, including school organisation, governance, inspection, religious education and property issues. It operates a trading company for some of these activities and provides services to schools through a service level agreement. The work is developed through its Children's Council, Youth Council and Schools Executive and annual development plans are published setting out the detail of the work and its priorities each year. The composition of the Board is prescribed by a Measure of Parliament and includes elected and co-opted members.

More information about the work of the Board is available online at: www.ely.anglican.org/education

The **Houses Sub Committee** ensures that clergy housing is maintained in accordance with the Repair of Benefice Buildings Measure and sets the budget for that maintenance to be carried out. It also ensures that current housing stock meets the needs of the Pastoral Plan. Jon Green will be able to give you more information jon.green@office.ely.anglican.org

Getting elected: If you would like to stand please contact Mrs Doreen Cutchey or Miss Jane Logan at the Diocesan Office (01353 652729) dac@office.ely.anglican.org for a nomination paper which you should complete and return by the due date.

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	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Tuesday			
7.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Wednesday			
9.00am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	10.00am <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Thursday			
7.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am & 6.30pm <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Friday			
7.15am	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	7.45am & 12.30pm <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>
Saturday			
		8.00am <i>Low Mass</i>	6.00pm <i>Evening Prayer</i>

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

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