

Little St Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER



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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Tue 2nd Guild of All Souls, St Ives, 8.00pm
Thur 4th Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 6.15pm
Sat 6th Organ Recital by Sarah MacDonald, 1.00pm
Sun 7th TRINITY SUNDAY
Thur 11th CORPUS CHRISTI Low Mass: 7.45am
 High Mass, Procession & Benediction: 7.00pm
Fri 12th ST BARNABAS, Apostle Low Mass: 7.45am & 12.30pm
Sun 14th 1st SUNDAY after TRINITY
 Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: the Rev'd Richard Carter,
 Assistant Priest, St Martin in the Fields
Tue 16th Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, 8.00pm
Wed 17th Healing Ministry, 9.45/10.00am
Thur 18th Healing Ministry, 6.20/6.45pm
 Cambridge Voices, 8.00pm
Fri 19th SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 Low Mass: 7.45am & 12.30pm with hymns
Sun 21st 2nd SUNDAY after TRINITY
Mon 22nd Pastoral Visitors' Meeting, **7.30pm**
Wed 24th Birth of ST JOHN the BAPTIST
 Low Mass: 10.00am Sung Mass: 7.00pm
Sun 28th 3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY
Mon 29th ST PETER, Apostle Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00pm

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The half-term holiday means that our newsletter deadline is a week earlier than expected, and so I have to write this while June still seems to be a good way off; and in the meantime we've got Ascension Day and a first look at 'The Curate and the Naturalist' (for the Summer Festival), Sunday drinks at the Vicarage on May 24th and then the Feast of Pentecost with the Friends of LSM Lunch and AGM, together with our Act of Dedication to the Parish Centre project. But June does of course have its own glories! I'm delighted that we shall be welcoming **Sarah MacDonald** back for our second Saturday Organ Recital (June 6th at 1pm), and then in the following week we celebrate **Corpus Christi**, Thursday 11th. As the late John Macquarrie once wrote: *our presence to one another in the Eucharist, the so-called horizontal dimension, is made possible only through Christ already being present and communing with us...that presence (of Christ), whether in the Eucharist itself or in some of the devotions that have grown out of it, is perhaps the most precious source of Christian spirituality.* This presence is what we shall be celebrating at the Feast of Corpus Christi, the real and personal presence of our Saviour. As usual, there will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction after the 7pm High Mass. A week later, the Octave of Corpus Christi, at 8pm, Ian de Massini's **Cambridge Voices** will give a concert performance of Fauré's *Messe Basse*, followed by Benediction with special settings for *O Salutaris Hostia* and *Tantum ergo* (pp. 5, 6 & 11). On Saturday June 27th, **Stephen Anderson**, known to us at LSM for many years, will be ordained priest at the Ordination service in Ely Cathedral. Stephen is serving his title as a Non-Stipendiary Curate at Great Shelford, but has assisted us as liturgical deacon on a number of occasions since last July. On July 2nd, when we keep the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he will be the celebrant at the evening High Mass.

The series of study sessions, in which we join with people from Emmanuel URC to look at other faiths, continues on Monday June 1st at 7.30pm, when the topic is **Judaism**. The following evening, members of the **Guild of All Souls** journey to All Saints, St Ives

for their Office and Benediction at 8pm. I take this opportunity of reminding you all that every month (except in Advent, Lent and Eastertide), there is a weekday **Requiem Mass** (noted in the monthly Calendar in this Newsletter) when we pray for those who have died in recent weeks, and that those whose names are recorded in our anniversary book are remembered on the appropriate day as well as on the Sunday before that. Prayers, laying-on of hands and anointing for **healing and wholeness** will be offered on Wednesday morning, June 17th (9.45 and 10am), and on Thursday evening June 18th at 6.20 and 6.45pm (please remember the adjusted Thursday evening times); finally, our **Pastoral Visitors** meet again on Monday June 22nd to review the progress of the scheme.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting came too late in April for the list of PCC members to be included in the May Newsletter. Paul Huskinson and Christine Tipple were re-elected as Churchwardens, and Synod members continue to serve *ex officio*: these are: Peter Harland (General), Sheila Bennett and Shirley Dex (Diocesan) and Richard Morgan, Sue Munro and Jo Wibberley (Deanery). Elected members are: Susan Coote, Cris Galletly, Chris Nevitt, Andrew Wardill, James Yardley (until APCM 2010), Clive Brown, Ian Douglas, Robin Osborne, Liz Smith, Olivia Will (until APCM 2011), Rob Francis, Nick Jackson, Richard Martin, Janet Nevitt, Julia Wheatcroft (until APCM 2012). Members are called to co-operate with the Parish Priest in every aspect of our church life; so please don't hesitate to communicate with them! I'm very grateful to everyone (and they're not all PCC members) who serve on our many sub-committees and working groups: Finance and Standing, Overseas Mission Links, Social Responsibility, Social, the Friends of LSM, Music Fund, Buildings, IT (including the website), Christian Giving Review.

Earlier in this letter I mentioned the Parish Centre project and our Act of Dedication to it on the Feast of Pentecost. The project, as I hope many of you will remember (and as I reminded the PCC at its May meeting), is one of the three items in our **Mission Action Plan**. Every parish in the Diocese of Ely has been encouraged to

produce one of these plans, seeing this as one aspect of involvement in the 900th anniversary celebrations. We have made good progress with one of our other objectives, the setting up of the Pastoral Visiting Scheme. Less encouraging, it seems to me, is the situation with the encouragement of 'praying with the Church' at home; most Sundays; very few of the prayer cards which are intended to accompany the 'simple office' for use at home are taken away, and we haven't yet managed to re-establish a group for the saying of an Office occasionally in someone's home. Chris Pickles and I are trying to think of ways of working at this, and we would welcome your views!

People for our Prayers

Miranda Long is still in the Arthur Rank Hospice, where both the general atmosphere and ethos have been helpful to her and her family. At the moment consideration is being given to a care plan which might make it possible for her to go home, or to Gillian's house. **David Greason** has been suffering further complications, including difficulty with breathing, which was necessitating tests at Papworth Hospital, while his visits to Addenbrooke's for dialysis three times a week continue. Jeremy Musson and his family are having to explore options for terminal care for his mother **Elizabeth Wylie** who is critically ill, having suffered a stroke following surgery for a brain tumour. **Eileen Barnard** has recently gone home after several weeks in Brookfields Hospital; she and Stephen have carers coming in each day. **Margaret** and **Fred Gatward**, Sue Munro's parents, are investigating respite care in a home in Ware. They continue to need a great deal of support.

THANK YOU

A very big thank-you to Cris Galletly and James Yardley for producing the Newsletter last month, especially for the heroic efforts with the extremely slow copier in church!

I understand that a number of you found that copy easier to read so I've tried making the print darker on this edition. Let me know what you think - comments are always welcome, especially for any improvements! *Ed.*

WORLD PREMIÈRE OF MUSIC BY FAURÉ 17th June, 8.00pm
On Wednesday June 17th at 8.00pm, Little St Mary's is to host the world première of a beautifully poignant setting of the Mass for unaccompanied choir by Gabriel Fauré, reconstructed from the composer's various keyboard sketches by Ian de Massini, world-class musical arranger and a former organist at LSM. Cambridge Voices, one of this city's most innovative and dynamic choral ensembles, will bring this mellifluous work to life.

Ian de Massini writes:

As a choral scholar in the choir of King's College Chapel I had the profound privilege of recording one of the most beguiling pieces of 20th-century choral music; Duruflé's Requiem. I was so moved by the occasion that I felt impelled to make my way to the composer's home in central Paris in the hope of learning more about this man and his music. In my conversations, principally through his wife, Marie-Madeleine Duruflé-Chevalier, it was made clear to me that one of the composer's dying wishes (for he had been mortally injured in a recent car crash) was to hear a choir once more sing the traditional Mass in his nearby beloved church, St-Étienne-du-Mont in the Place du Panthéon where he and his wife had been joint-organists for most of the 20th-century.

Immediately upon my return to England I set about forming a choir built from choral colleagues of various Cambridge college chapel choirs alongside past and present members of other venerable institutions such as the Bach Choir and Monteverdi Choir. By kind invitation of the Duruflés and the clergy and congregation of St- Étienne-du-Mont, the choir made its debut there on August 15th, the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in 1987. Ever since, the choir - Cambridge Voices - has been invited to return to that hallowed place on that same day of the year, to give thanks for the music of Duruflé and to commission and perform new Marian motets from leading composers across France, Britain, Spain and Switzerland, all expressly created for performance in that glorious building, with its ancient stone *jubé*, (choir screen) on top of which Cambridge Voices always perform, so enhancing the spirit of the Assumption of Christ's mother.

This year, the choir's 22nd annual visit, the choir are to perform music by Fauré, the composer whose music Duruflé did so much to promote, under the direction of Nadia Boulanger, in the first half of the twentieth century. Sadly, Fauré published no music for unaccompanied choir, that medium perfectly suited to the English choir. However, it seems clear to me that various sacred works by Fauré, originally scored for upper voices accompanied by piano, harmonium or organ, sit perfectly within the vocal range of the traditional English choir. Indeed, Fauré's finely-wrought contra-puntal lines, always so idiomatically vocal in shape of phrase, which make up his sacred musical gems cry out for unaccompanied vocalisation, I thought! And so I have constructed a setting of the Mass - Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus, and Agnus Dei - from the scores of Fauré's *Messe Basse* and his motet *Maria, mater gratiae*, one which Cambridge Voices will sing liturgically for the first time in St-Étienne-du-Mont this coming August 15th, incorporated within the 11.00am Mass there.

The choir and I are honoured to be allowed to present this new music in Little St Mary's, in a concert performance that pre-empts its French première by several months, when the work will come to life for the very first time in public. Little St Mary's Church holds such a special place in my heart, and is the ideal medium in which to sing music in honour of Mary. And since the concert falls within the Octave of Corpus Christi, the choir will première another work expressly for this concert, namely Fauré's setting of *Tantum ergo sacramentum*, similarly arranged for unaccompanied choir by de Massini.

For this special concert, the individual movements of Fauré's new mass setting will alternate with stunning motets in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many of them exclusive to Cambridge Voices' unrivalled choral repertoire. These will include "contrafactum" settings of works by Gesualdo, replete with ravishing harmonic sequences and Gabrieli's sonic "*cori spezzati*" (music for two spatially-separated choirs) plus Mouton's mesmeric 8-voice motet *Nesciens mater*, a rare example of French Renaissance choral music for double choir, two of William Byrd's 5-voice motets for the Assumption from his *Gradualia* publication of 1605, a virtuosic reworking of the traditional Basque carol *The Angel Gabriel* created [continued page 11]

Calendar and Intentions

for

JUNE

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 JUNE

Mon. 1st St Justin, Martyr
Tues. 2nd Guild of All Souls, at St Ives: 8pm
Wed. 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs
Thurs. 4th Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.15pm
Fri. 5th St Boniface, Martyr
Sat. 6th Organ Recital 1pm

SUN. 7th TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon. 8th Thomas Ken, Bishop
Tues. 9th St Columba, Abbot
Wed. 10th
Thurs. 11th CORPUS CHRISTI: LM 7.45am, HM and Procession 7pm
Fri. 12th St BARNABAS *transf.*: LM 7.45am & 12.30pm (Hymns)
Sat. 13th St Anthony of Padua

SUN. 14th 1st after TRINITY
Mon. 15th
Tues. 16th St Richard, Bp: Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm
Wed. 17th Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs. 18th Healing Ministry 6.20/6.45pm: Cambridge Voices 8pm
Fri. 19th SACRED HEART OF JESUS LM 7.45am and 12.30pm
Sat. 20th

Sun. 21st 2nd after TRINITY
Mon. 22nd St Alban, Martyr: Pastoral Visitors' Meeting 7.30pm
Tues. 23rd St Etheldreda of Ely
Wed. 24th
Thurs. 25th
Fri. 26th
Sat. 27th

SUN. 28th 3rd after TRINITY
Mon. 29th St PETER, Apostle LM 7.45am, HM 7pm
Tues. 30th

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for JUNE

Persecuted Christians	<i>Robert Loinsworth</i>	1st
Guild of All Souls	<i>Elizabeth Roskill</i>	2nd
The Churches and Peoples of Africa		
3rd		
Those standing for election today		
4th		
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	<i>Martyn Price Thomas</i>	5th
Church Musicians	<i>John Coales</i>	6th
The Parish: thanksgiving for the Holy Trinity	<i>Molly Wiles</i>	7th
Integrity in public life	<i>Derek Bowen</i>	8th
The Iona Community		
9th		
Friends of LSM	<i>Stephen Branch, Johan Procopé</i>	10th
Thanksgiving for the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament		
11th		
Generosity in Christian Giving	<i>Geoffrey Styler, Pr.</i>	12th
Franciscans	<i>Dorothy Otley</i>	13th
The Parish		
14th		
The Departed	<i>Elsie Watchorn, Maurice Latey</i>	
15th		
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament		
16th		
The Church's Ministry of Healing		
17th		
The Middle East: Palestinians and Israelis		
18th		
Thanksgiving for the Divine Compassion		
19th		
Ely Cathedral: Dean and Chapter	<i>Amy Clark</i>	20th
The Parish	<i>Philip Betts, James Walter Duffy, Pr.</i>	21st
Our Pastoral Visitors	<i>Hilda Rayner</i>	22nd
Diocese of Ely: 900th anniversary celebrations		23rd
Those being ordained this Petertide		24th
Christian Unity		
25th		
Bishops, Priests and Deacons	<i>Leonard Bones, Bernard Challis</i>	26th
The People of Afghanistan	<i>Margaret Shaw, Rumina Djelebova</i>	
27th		
The Parish		
28th		
Peterhouse	<i>Edward Roberts, Bp</i>	29th The
Children's Society	<i>Theresa Taylor</i>	30th

June 29th

The Feast of St Peter

Petertide Ordinations

***Lord our God,
who hast chosen ministers
to serve thee in thy Church,
and hast given them a
perfect example
in the person of thy Son;
pour thy blessing upon thy
servants,
that by word and deed
they may proclaim thy saving love,
and so enable all thy people
to grow up into Christ,
who is our Lord and
Head for ever and ever
AMEN***

for the Swingle Singers, de Massini's own setting of *Assumpta est Maria* for two soloists representing Mary both in heaven and on earth, accompanied by distant choir, as well as festal anthems by two of this year's anniversary composers, Handel and Mendelssohn. As I approach my fiftieth birthday I can think of few greater pleasures than returning once more to LSM and giving thanks to God through the gift of music.

This concert, to be given by Cambridge Voices under the direction of their founder Ian de Massini, will begin at 8.00pm on Wednesday June 17th. Admission is free, and it will last approximately sixty minutes without an interval. The event will then conclude with Benediction, it being the Octave Day of Corpus Christi and the Eve of the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

BOOKSTALL IN THE CHURCHYARD

We have been making the most of the recent sunny weather and running a number of bookstalls. The total raised for LSM currently stands at £2,650.00. Whilst this in itself is excellent, I think that our presence in the churchyard encourages many extra visitors to the church and garden and brings the church alive for those who might not normally attend services. We also provide a great service for lost tourists!

We will, of course, be running a bookstall on Gift Day, 11th July, but would be more than happy to receive books at any time. We aim to achieve a good but fair price and any books not sold on that day will be sold at later sales.

As many of you have noticed, we have recently had a small box of soft toys and ladies' scarves at the gate. These sell very well, so if you are having a clearout at home we would be glad to recycle items for you. Many thanks for all who have supported the bookstall to date.

Mandy Ray, C.264094

CALCUTTA CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICE

During their visit to Calcutta in November some of the Friends of CRS met Jenny Lunn who came to the celebration of the work of CRS 25th April. Jenny spent considerable time in Calcutta studying faith-based organisations there, and has identified the Cathedral Relief Service as one of the best.

Jenny's reflections on the work of CRS

As part of my PhD research into faith-based organisations in Calcutta, I studied three, one Hindu, one Muslim and one Christian. Rig David requested some support in the CRS office but suggested I spend most of my time in GB Lane helping at the school. Once a week, between 2008 and January 2009, I tried to explain, in a fun way, to Class 3 and 4 the finer points of English grammar. I certainly had fun... and I think they did too!

CRS is one of many organisations from all backgrounds supporting poorer communities in Calcutta and surrounding villages with projects such as primary schools, health centres and women's empowerment groups. All the projects are similar, but following my time with CRS I noted three factors making it stand out from the rest.

Firstly, responsiveness to the needs of local communities; CRS works with local partners, such as slum or village committees, who direct the work which is identified by local people and presented to CRS. It is vital that communities have a sense of ownership in the process.

In Basanti Devi, a resettlement scheme on the outskirts of Calcutta, the government rehoused city slum dwellers in a purpose-built 'colony' with lanes, electricity and water, believing they had solved the problem of overcrowded slums and that the people would be better off. However, they are now far from the city with no jobs, markets, schools or hospitals. The local committee identified some specific needs to which CRS has responded. Many women work away from the colony all day employed as domestic servants in the city and need childcare. CRS now supports a crèche. They also supported some to obtain small loans to establish stalls and there is now a thriving market selling fruit, vegetables, meat and other goods, thus providing locals with an income.

Secondly, the target of self-sufficiency; continual support from charities means that recipients become reliant on aid, which is known as the 'welfare approach'. In contrast, CRS assists communities to become self-reliant and able to solve their own problems, making a small charge for people to use services, such as monthly school fees, breaking the cycle of reliance on aid. CRS aims to make every project eventually self-sustaining, managed by the local community.

Thirdly, the professionalism of CRS is impressive; a dozen paid staff working professionally and with great commitment. Other organisations that I came across in Calcutta, either run by volunteers or paid staff, are run with commitment and a lot of goodwill, but lack a professional approach. Funders and supporters of CRS can be confident that the organisation is run efficiently, effectively and professionally and achieves excellent results with its financial and human resources. Having experienced CRS from the inside I have seen that it really makes a difference in people's lives, in local communities and in the city of Calcutta. Their responsiveness to people's needs, targeting of community self-sufficiency, and professionalism, all mark CRS out as an effective and inspiring organisation.

Jenny Lunn, April 2009

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
FOR ROMSEY MILL'S
J-TEAM
HOLIDAY CLUB**

to help with primary
school children at
St Stephen's Church,
20th-24th July. Further
details on 01223 213162
or
admin@romseymill.org.uk

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ASCENSION DAY

*Staring
Wide-eyed, speechless at the
Cloud
Above and beyond them
Into
Which their Master
disappeared
From view
But not from longing.
Lifted
Faces, hearts and hopes
Towards Heaven:
Waiting
For the great day of Return
And everlasting Belonging.
Woody Caan*

WALKING WITH RICHARD

*I have walked with you many times
In sunshine warm and the coolness of rain,
And on this last occasion,
With Spring again
Surrounding us,
Her joyful colours brightly
Potent reminder of our rebirth;
Undeniable assurance that another
Time awaits when we will walk together
Reunited then in time and place.*

*Your gentleness and care
Accompanied these last few steps.
Your smile went with us
As we said our last goodbyes,
Remembering your trueness
Of heart and mind;
Your smile encouraging
In the least exchange,
At times unspoken
But always sure.*

*We hold you with us still
In places familiar
Where we no longer see
You with our eyes,
But hold you in our hearts
And memories,
Thankful of all we shared
And learned
In knowing you
And calling you Friend.*

Anon. Written as a tribute to Richard Barlow Poole and no doubt expressing the thoughts of many. (This was intended for last month – sorry! Ed.)

For contact details please see
www.lsm.org.uk/about/whoswho.html

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 **July** Newsletter: **Sun 21st June**