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**NEWSLETTER**  
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**Visiting Preachers at High Mass this month:**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> (Harvest Thanksgiving):**

*The Rt. Revd. Dr David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury.*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>:**

*The Ven. Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon & Wisbech*

**Weekday Festivals:**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Luke, Evangelist (transferred from 18<sup>th</sup>)*

*Low Mass 7.45 am. Sung Mass 7 pm*

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>**

*St. Simon & St. Jude*

*Low Mass 10am Sung Mass 7 pm*

**Special Events**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>**

*7.30 pm Harvest Supper (profit to St. Cyprian's, Sharpeville)*

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>**

*7 for 7.30 pm Churches Together meeting*

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>**

*12.30 pm Society of Mary to Ely Cathedral Walsingham Cell*

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Outing to Hampstead and Highgate*

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

*after High Mass: Parish Development Fund Bring-and-Buy*

*Sale*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>**

*7 for 7.40 pm Autumn/Winter Course (1)*

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>**

*3 pm 'To Santiago de Compostela': cream teas:*

*for Parish Development Fund*

**In the Vicar's letter:**

*Mass on weekday evenings*

*Mission Statement and Objectives 2009-10*

**Read also about:**

*Autumn/Winter Course,*

*Parish Development Fund programme,*

*MU appeal for Kenya*

Dear Friends,

For many years (certainly more than sixteen, I know) there has been an evening Mass on Thursdays at 6.30pm. Attendance has nearly always been very small, and there do seem to be various 'rival' commitments such as Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary services, and, in university term, special services in College chapels. A few months ago, we tried a change of time, to 6.45pm, but that has made little difference, nor have members of the Prayer Group responded to the designating of Thursday evening once a month as a time for prayer for the sick and carers, with anointing and laying-on of hands at the Mass which follows (as an alternative to Wednesday morning). But I feel that it's a pity not to be offering at least one evening mass during the week; at 'Mary Mags' in Oxford, Mass is celebrated every weekday evening. So from October 6<sup>th</sup> until Christmas I propose that there should be a 6.30pm Mass on **TUESDAYS** (the Tuesday morning Mass at 7.45 will be retained). On **Thursdays**, there will just be the 7.45am Mass, and on the **first** Thursday of the month there will be **Holy Hour** (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration and intercession) at 6.15pm. The prayer group's list of the sick will be available in the Lady Chapel during Holy Hour, and members of the group are encouraged to be present; this will be the only designated alternative to the monthly Wednesday prayer time for the group.

I seem to be getting more and more 'senior moments', and had forgotten that the **Bishop of Salisbury, Dr David Stancliffe**, who had agreed to come and preach at LSM on October 18<sup>th</sup> (as in our calendar) had since changed the date of his visit to **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Perhaps it's something of an excuse for me that he had *originally* said that he would come in May! Anyway, it means that we have an episcopal preacher for **Harvest Thanksgiving**. I had been intending to do a 'dialogue sermon' with **Rig David**, director of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service, as he will be with us that day; but this dialogue will now take place at Evensong, before the Harvest Supper, which Rig

will be attending. So on October 4<sup>th</sup> we shall be embracing several concerns: thanksgiving for the harvest and prayer for just sharing of the world's resources: the work of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service: the 'Little St Mary's' Sunday School building at St Cyprian's Sharpeville (to which Harvest Supper profit will be given). It's also likely to be a day on which some newcomers find their way to LSM, and I shall be inviting them (and others to show them way!) to drinks at the Vicarage. In my sermon on September 13<sup>th</sup>, I quoted from John Milbank: 'the Eucharist...assimilates us to the food we eat, so that we, in turn, must exhaust ourselves as nourishment for others'. Becoming Christ's body, that body cannot be contained, but must be shared. So if that those concerns and events which I've listed feel 'exhausting', we have to see them as aspects of our sharing ourselves, being 'spent' as the Body of Christ. The round of daily prayer, and the prayer of those unable to be *physically* involved in 'activity', are most surely both an aspect of this 'exhaustion', and its essential foundation.

Opportunity for study is also part of how we express ourselves as the Body of Christ. This year we're not running a continuous 5 week course, but, as you will see on page 13, we are spreading our five sessions over the autumn and winter months. We are using Dr Cally Hammond's book 'Joyful Christianity' as the basis for the meetings, and I'm delighted that she herself has agreed to introduce the first session on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Once again, we shall begin with 'Bring-and-Share' Supper for those who would like this, at 7pm, and I hope that we shall get off to a really good start! The other dates will be found on page 13.

One of the reasons for spreading our autumn and winter course in this way is to avoid too much 'overload' as we begin a programme of events relating to the Parish Centre Appeal. Page 11 is where you will find a list of what has been arranged so far. The importance of these events is that they should give *everyone* a chance of being involved in the fundraising, even those who feel unable to make a personal donation.

Whatever views individuals may have about the project, now that formal decisions have been made I do hope that we will be united in our commitment to what is born of a vision for the future life of Little St Mary's. I'm very grateful to Christine Tipple and those assisting her for the energy which has already been put into building a programme of events; I'm sure that she would welcome more ideas. Incidentally, don't forget Sheila Duffy's 'holiday offers' mentioned in the September newsletter...just £200 for a week, all to the fund!

The regular pattern of meetings continues, Pastoral Visitors (October 5<sup>th</sup>), Churches Together (October 8<sup>th</sup>), Society of Mary, whose members will be joining the cell of Our Lady of Walsingham at Ely Cathedral (October 10<sup>th</sup>), Social Responsibility Group (October 13<sup>th</sup>)...and the 'red-letter days' **St Luke**, transferred to Monday

October 19<sup>th</sup>, when we shall have a collection for the clergy retirement Homes of St Barnabas at Lingfield (now that St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy has closed), and **St Simon and St Jude** on October 28<sup>th</sup>. In the BCP calendar Simon and Jude brought up the rear, so to speak, with only All Saints Day to follow among the feasts with their own epistle and gospel, before the annual round and a new church year began again with St Andrew on November 30<sup>th</sup>. In this sense, Simon and Jude are a splendid *hors d'oeuvre* for All Saints, and the Collect for their festival, printed on page 10, is a portrayal in words of how the church of the apostles is built upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. Regular use of that prayer this month will prepare us well for our keeping of **All Saintstide** and our **Dedication Festival**, to be kept together this year on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>. Please also note now that the usual list asking for names of the departed to be remembered at the altar on **All Souls Day**, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be in church from October 18<sup>th</sup>; I do ask that the names are written clearly! Professor Ben Quash's Michael Ramsey Lecture for this year will be delivered on Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 5.15pm.

Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>, the PCC agreed on our mission objectives for 2009-10. The underlying Mission Statement remains the same:

**The foundation and heart of our mission as the people of God at LSM is our eucharistic and sacramental life, in which we are built up as a community in Jesus Christ, seeking to worship God in the beauty of holiness, and to serve Him in daily life.**

*And these are our objectives:*

**(1) Parish Centre** (*also in the Mission Action Plan*)

To move with confidence into the fundraising programme for the Parish Centre following the launch on September 20<sup>th</sup> 2009, and to stimulate further thinking about the potential of our proposed development.

**(2) Work with children and young people**

To formulate an agreed statement of our shared vision for work with children, young people and students, and to communicate it effectively within our community.

**(3) Corporate Prayer** (*also in the Mission Action Plan*)

To encourage further development of groups saying the Office at home, and to reflect on the pattern of daily prayer and worship in church and on how it may be better supported.

To make a start on **(2)** I shall be inviting a small group of people to meet with me. One important thing about this objective is that we want to see work with children and young people as an integral part of our church life, not something which is gratefully left to a few people who 'do the work'. As for **(3)**, it was good to hear at the PCC that there are possibilities of a 're-start' in the Gwydir Street area, probably with a Midday rather than an evening office, of a continuation in the Milton Road neighbourhood, and of a 'rural' opportunity out at Wimpole...Compline in the summer perhaps? Look out for more information in due course.

*With my prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew*

### *People for our Prayers*

**Doreen Dye**, sister of one of our Home Communicants, Joyce Day, has lung cancer. She lives in Canada, and has been coming over to visit Joyce regularly for many years, and it will be sad for Joyce if she isn't able to come again. It's been good to see **Ann Gustard** back with us, and she is hoping to feel well enough to sing with the Choir again soon. Catherine Osborne's mother **Margaret Rowett** hasn't been feeling well lately, and doesn't feel up to the journey to LSM at the moment. The Dean of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, **Fr Neil Collings**, who has been suffering for some time from a brain tumour, has decided to retire. Sadly, he decided that he would not be well enough to attend a farewell service in the Cathedral on Michaelmas Day. We offer our sympathy to **Clive Brown** on the death of his mother **Moya**, and to Sally Richardson on the death of her son-in-law **Murray Brush**, and pray that they with all the departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Two old friends* are back with us after experience in curacies. We've already soon a good deal of **Fr John Hughes**, the new Chaplain of Jesus College, over the summer, and **Fr Robert Mackley** has just arrived to assist the Dean of Emmanuel. Both are going to introduce one of the sessions in our autumn/winter course, and are willing to be involved liturgically at LSM, along with a number of other college clergy, particularly **Fr Christopher Woods**, **Fr Jeremy Caddick** (most Fridays at 7.45am) and **Fr John Munns**. Other priests who help us to sustain the Daily Mass are **Fr Allen Brent**, **Fr Brian Mastin** and **Fr Gareth Beresford-Jones**; we are grateful to them all.

### *Thank-you...*

- to all who participated in the sponsored 'Ride-and-Stride' for the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust.
- and to all our sponsors...we hope to have all the money in soon!
- and to those who welcomed visitors to LSM that day

## 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*

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## Calendar for October

Thurs.	1st	St Teresa of Lisieux: Holy Hour 6.15pm:
Fri.	2nd	Holy Guardian Angels
Sat.	3rd	
SUN.	4th	17th after TRINITY: HARVEST THANKSGIVING and Supper
Mon.	5th	Pastoral Visitors Meeting 7.30pm
Tues.	6th	St Faith, Martyr: Parish Centre Group Meeting 8pm
Wed.	7th	
Thurs.	8th	Churches Together Meeting 7 for 7.30pm
Fri.	9th	St Denys, Martyr
Sat.	10th	St Paulinus, Bishop: Society of Mary to Ely Cathedral
SUN	11th	18th after TRINITY
Mon.	12th	St Wilfred of Ripon, Bp: Finance and Standing Committee 7.45pm
Tues.	13th	St Edward the Confessor: Social Responsibility Group 7.30pm
Wed.	14th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10am PCC 7pm
Thurs.	15th	St Teresa of Avila
Fri.	16th	
Sat.	17th	St Ignatius of Antioch, Bp., M. Outing to Hampstead and Highgate
SUN.	18th	19th after TRINITY: Bring-and-Buy sale after HM
Mon.	19th	St LUKE, Ev. transf.. LM 7.45am, SM 7pm: LSM/Emmanuel Forum
Tues.	20th	
Wed.	21st <sup>t</sup>	Autumn/Winter Course (1) 7pm (Bring & Share Supper) for 7.40pm
Thurs.	22nd	
Fri.	23rd	commem. Lancelot Andrewes, Bp
Sat.	24th	Diocesan Synod
SUN.	25th	20th after TRINITY
Mon.	26th	St Cedd
Tues.	27th	
Wed.	28th	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles: LM 10am, SM 7pm
Thurs.	29th	
Fri.	30th	
Sat.	31st	'My Walk to Compostela', Cream Teas: 3pm

**Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for October**

Faithfulness in prayer *David Walser Pr., Lester ellanoweth, Audrey Gulland* 1st  
Children's Group leaders and helpers 2nd  
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service: Rig David 3rd  
The Parish: thanksgiving for Harvest: St Cyprian's Sharpeville *Magda Phillips*  
4th  
Our pastoral visitors 5th  
Parish Centre project *Elizabeth Knight* 6th  
Local Schools *Irene Findlow, Peter Le Hurray, Derek Hulyer* 7th  
Christian Unity 8th  
Persecuted Christians 9th  
The Province of York 10th  
The Parish 11th  
The Anglican Communion *Geraldine Adams* 12th  
Integrity in public life 13th  
Friends of LSM *Eric Horne* 14th  
Spiritual Guides *Isabel Furley* 15th  
The Church's Healing Ministry 16th  
Today's outing *Bertie Clough* 17th  
The Parish *Fred Linsey* 18th  
Doctors 19th  
Peterhouse and Pembroke *Percy Poulter, Alice Royston* 20th  
Cambridge South Deanery *Norman Cruttwell, Pr.* 21st  
The Departed *Winifred Staples* 22nd  
Our Bishops *Frederick Waring* 23rd  
Diocesan Synod *Meredith Dewey, Pr., Robert Wolverson* 24th  
  
The Parish *Freddie Webber, Patricia Nutbrown* 25th  
Our ecumenical links: Emmanuel URC, Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels 26th  
The Medaille Trust *Margot Fynes-Clinton, Michael Jackson, Pr.* 27th  
College of the Resurrection, Mirfield *Patricia Chopourian* 28th  
The People of Afghanistan *Beatrice Bicheno* 29th  
Cambridge City Council *Edith Lock* 30th  
Preparation for All Saintstide *Richard Crowden, Charles Holland* 31st

*October 28th*  
**Feast**  
*of*  
**SS SIMON and JUDE**

*O Almighty God,  
who hast built thy Church  
upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,  
Jesus Christ himself  
being the head cornerstone:  
grant us so to be joined together  
in unity of spirit by their doctrine,  
that we may be made an holy temple  
acceptable unto thee.  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

**AMEN**

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**LITTLE ST MARY'S  
PARISH DEVELOPMENT  
APPEAL**

**PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

**Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Bring-and-Buy Sale after High Mass*

**Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup>: 3pm**

*'My walk to Santiago de Compostela':  
presentation by Peter Granville Davis, followed by Cream Teas*

**Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup>:** *Bring-and-Buy Sale after High Mass*

**Wednesday November 25<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm**

*'The Truth about Love': prose, poetry and music,  
with Stephen Siddall and Mary Ward*

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>:** *Bring-and-Buy Sale after High Mass*

**Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2010: 7.30pm, in Emmanuel URC:**

*Ceilidh, with the Red Rock Ceilidh Band*

**Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2010: 7.30pm**

*Winetasting with the Archdeacon of Cambridge*

*This varied programme offers us excellent opportunities  
to be involved with the Parish Centre Appeal*

**ELY 900**

*The celebrations of the 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary year  
of the Diocese of Ely  
will conclude with a visit by the  
**Archbishop of York**  
on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>*

*There will be a special act of worship  
in the Cathedral on Saturday November 21<sup>st</sup>:  
look out for details in next month's newsletter.*

*Along with other parishes,  
we shall be sending in an account of our progress with our  
**MISSION ACTION PLAN**  
(see the Vicar's letter on page 5, as two of our objectives for 2009-2010  
relate to that plan)*

**ELY 900 and CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY 800**

*LSM was due to play a small part in the joint celebrations  
on September 27<sup>th</sup>, when the Bishop of Ely walked from Ely  
to Cambridge, making the last part of the journey by punt  
and disembarking in our parish to walk to Peterhouse.  
The Vicar and Churchwardens were to walk with him, though  
sadly there wouldn't be time to go into the church which served  
for over 300 years as the College Chapel!*

LITTLE ST MARY'S AUTUMN/WINTER COURSE 2009/10  
in the Parish Room at Little St Mary's, Trumpington Street

The evenings will be based on the book 'Joyful Christianity' by the  
Revd Dr Cally Hammond, Dean of Gonville and Caius,  
who will herself introduce the first and last of our five sessions.

*The book leads us to examine the events  
before, during and after Jesus' birth,  
recalling the five 'joyful mysteries' of the rosary.  
It centres on the story of the incarnation,  
and helps us to see the hand of God at work  
in the everyday moments of our lives.*

*It is desirable, but not necessary, for those taking part  
to read the relevant chapter of the book before each meeting.  
There are copies on sale in church at the special price of £7.50.*

**Wednesday evenings from 7.45-9pm:**  
*Bring-and-Share Supper beforehand at 7pm*

**October 21<sup>st</sup>: The Annunciation: the Revd Dr Cally Hammond**

**November 11<sup>th</sup>: The Visitation: Fr Andrew Greany**

**December 9<sup>th</sup>: The Nativity: Fr Robert Mackley**

**January 13<sup>th</sup>: The Presentation in the Temple: Fr John Hughes**

**February 10<sup>th</sup>: The Finding in the Temple:**  
the Revd Dr Cally Hammond  
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### **HELP! THE HARVEST HAS FAILED**

Millions of families in starvation and  
urgently need food relief and water aid,  
and help to address long-term food  
security issues Kenya are facing.



A national crisis was flagged up in January by the Church World Service. 2008's rainy season had failed to materialize and the people had eaten all the food they had by January. The harvest couldn't grow and thousands of families, who were already desperate and going hungry daily, suddenly found themselves facing long-term hunger – which, if unalleviated, can only lead to malnutrition, its related diseases, collapse and starvation.

Bondo Diocese wrote to the Mothers' Union, *"The drought has resulted in severe famine and diseases of which many people have lost lives. People have been preparing their farms for the long rains season and have planted at least three times awaiting for rains to come, but in vain."*

This is one of sixteen dioceses across Kenya which appealed to the Mothers' Union for help. An estimated 10 million people are now living with serious food shortage. In one of the biggest Relief Fund outlays ever sent by the Mothers' Union, over £74,000 has already been sent. But Salome Leipa, Mothers' Union Provincial Co-ordinator for Kenya, has urgent appeals for over £190,000 to fulfil, and numbers leaving their land and travelling to find help are growing. She writes that the Government of Kenya has been trying to provide relief food, but they do not have nearly enough. Other agencies are spending time interviewing people to find out what the needs are, but on the ground relief is totally inadequate.

**THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THIS APPEAL  
AFTER ALL SERVICES  
ON SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

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## **SERVICES AT LITTLE ST MARY'S**

### **Sundays**

7.30am Morning Prayer      8am Low Mass (BCP Lections)  
10.30am High Mass      6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction  
*Coffee after High Mass*

### **Weekdays**

#### **Monday**

7.15am Morning Prayer      7.45am Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer

#### **Tuesday**

7.15am Morning Prayer      7.45am, 6.30pm Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer

#### **Wednesday**

9am Morning Prayer      10am Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer  
*Coffee after 10am Mass*

#### **Thursday**

7.15am Morning Prayer      7.45am Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer  
*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month: Holy Hour 6.15pm*

#### **Friday**

7.15am Morning Prayer      7.45am, 12.30pm Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer  
*Lunch for a Charity (£2.50 minimum) after 12.30pm Mass*

#### **Saturday**

8am Low Mass      6pm Evening Prayer

### **Weekday Festivals**

7pm Sung Mass  
*Low Mass as announced*

### **The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Friday: Noon      Saturday: 6.30pm  
*or by appointment*

#### **LSM Social Group/ mailing list:**

**to join:** <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMsocial/>

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