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NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

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| Sun | 1st | ALL SAINTS: DEDICATION FESTIVAL Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: The Rt Revd Paul Richardson, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle |
| Mon | 2nd | ALL SOULS Requiem Mass: 7.45am, 12.30pm Sung Requiem: 7.00pm |
| Tue | 3rd | Michael Ramsey Lecture, 5.15pm The Revd Professor Ben Quash |
| Thur | 5th | Holy Hour, 6.15pm |
| Sun | 8th | 3rd SUNDAY before ADVENT: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Bring & Buy after High Mass Faure Requiem, 3.30pm |
| Tue | 10th | Overseas Churches Links Group, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 11th | Autumn/Winter Course(2) Bring & Share Supper, 7pm for 7.40pm |
| Thur | 12th | Deanery Synod, 7.15pm for 7.45pm |
| Sun | 15th | 2ND SUNDAY before ADVENT |
| Mon | 16th | Friends of LSM Committee, 6.45pm |
| Tue | 17th | LSM Emmanuel URC Study Session, 7.30pm |
| Wed | 18th | Healing Ministry, 9.45/10.00am PCC, 7pm |
| Thur | 19th | Catholic Societies Requiem, 8.00pm |
| Sat | 21st | Conclusion of Ely 900 Celebrations <i>(see p 12)</i> |
| Sun | 22nd | SUNDAY before ADVENT: CHRIST the KING Preacher at High Mass, 10.30am: The Revd Canon Michael Hempel, Sub Dean of St Edmundsbury Cathedral |
| Mon | 23rd | Parish Development Centre Group, 8.00pm |
| Wed | 25th | The Truth about Love (Music, Poetry, Prose), 7.30pm |
| Sun | 29th | 1st SUNDAY in ADVENT |
| Mon | 30th | ST ANDREW, Apostle Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7.00pm |

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

Our newsletter editor asked for the deadline for the November edition to be October 18th. This means that copies should be in church on October 25th, so it's worth my while mentioning All Saintstide again. We keep our Dedication Festival on the first Sunday in November, so this year we have a double celebration:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1st: ALL SAINTS DAY AND DEDICATION FESTIVAL

Preacher at 10.30am High Mass

The Rt Revd Paul Richardson, Assistant Bishop of Newcastle

Preacher at 6pm Solemn Evensong and Benediction:

The Vicar

There will be celebratory drinks in the Parish Room after High Mass. On **All Souls Day**, Monday November 2nd, we particularly remember the Guild of All Souls, and join them in praying for the departed, known and unknown, and in renewing our faith in the resurrection of the dead in and through Jesus Christ, and in the communion of saints. Requiem Mass will be said at 7.45am and 12.30pm, and sung at 7pm. May I remind you again to write names of any you would like remembered at one of those services *clearly*, in the appropriate column on the sheet at the west end of the church. November being the 'month of the Holy Souls', there will also be Requiem Mass at 7.45am on Thursday 12th, when we especially remember those who lost their lives in recent wars, at 8pm on Thursday 19th (arranged by the Catholic Societies), and on Friday 27th at 7.45am and 12.30pm. On **Remembrance Sunday**, November 8th, the Parish and Junior Choirs will combine to sing **Faure's Requiem**, at 3.30pm. The day after All Souls' Day, we have our 2009 **Michael Ramsey Lecture**, and are delighted to be welcoming back an old friend in Ben Quash:

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3rd: 2009 MICHAEL RAMSEY LECTURE

5.15pm: refreshments afterwards

The Revd Professor Ben Quash,

Professor of Arts and Christianity at King's College London

'Dappled things: the Search for an English Theology of Beauty'

Parish Centre Development Fund

It was difficult to get through the coffee drinkers to the Bring-and-Buy stalls for the first of the three Sunday sales on October 18th; nevertheless, it was a successful occasion, with over £200 being raised. Thank-you to all who brought and bought! The current figure for the appeal is around £106,490 with a further £13,000 pledged. Forthcoming events are:

'My walk to Santiago de Compostella': Peter Davies presentation on Saturday October 31st at 3pm: Cream Teas: Tickets £5

2nd Bring-and-Buy Sale: after High Mass on November 8th

'The Truth about Love': Music Poetry and Prose on Wednesday November 25th at 7.30pm: Tickets £5

Please support the appeal in whatever way you can!

The Healing Ministry and Holy Hour

The group which meets to pray for the sick and those who care for them now meets just once a month, on a Wednesday at 9.45am (the date is given in the Newsletter each month: this month, it's the 18th); the time of prayer in the Lady Chapel is followed by the 10am Low Mass which on these occasions includes anointing and laying-on of hands with prayer, as a natural extension of our prayer and concern. But we shall in future also have the prayer group's list of names in the Lady Chapel on the *first Thursday of the month* when we have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour at 6.15pm. This time is an opportunity for adoration of Our Lord, present to us in the Sacrament, which is placed in the monstrance above the centre of the altar. For the most part, it's a time of silent prayer, but from time to time the Officiant leads those present in prayers or hymns; some of the prayers will be of intercession, and the names of the sick will be recalled. I emphasize that it is quite in order to enter or leave the chapel at any point during the hour, and do encourage you to make use of this devotional opportunity.

People to be remembered in our prayers this month...

include **Sam Goode** and **Ann Thompson** in bereavement: **Jenny Moseley** and **Mark Ashton** who are seriously ill with cancer: **Gwen Randall** in James Ward at Addenbrooke's: and among the departed: **Fr Ian Thompson** and **John Wade**.

Joyful Christianity

The autumn/winter course continues in November with the second session on Wednesday 11th. I shall be providing the introduction this time, based on the story of the Visit of Mary to Elizabeth. Once again, it's Bring-and-Share supper at 7pm, with the session beginning at 7.40pm.

Advent...

will soon be upon us, Advent Sunday this year being on November 29th. Please note (in your diary now!) that we shall once again have a 'Quiet weekend' a week later; this is to be led by Anna Rowlands, a Roman Catholic laywoman formerly on the staff of Westcott House. We shall have Compline and an address in church at 8pm on Friday December 4th, and then on the Saturday we go over once again to Mill Green House, beyond Linton, for a day which will include two addresses, a Mass and plenty of quiet time. Finally Anna Rowlands will preach at High Mass on Sunday 6th. So after the great celebrations of November's 'kingdom season, beginning with All Saints' Day and concluding with Christ the King, the Sunday next before Advent, have lifted us into the joy of the Communion of Saints, where Jesus Christ is acknowledged as universal Lord and King, we shall move once again into a new Church Year; then we shall reflect again on those 'comings' or 'advents' which both challenge and encourage us, the coming of God's word into the realities of our fallen world, the coming again in judgment and mercy. May both seasons be for us all at LSM an enrichment in our discipleship and in our prayer.

With prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

On Sunday October 11th, we woke up to new parking restrictions in Trumpington Street; 'weekday' regulations preventing parking on the single yellow line alongside the Fitzwilliam Museum between 8.30am and 6.30pm are now to apply on Sundays as well. This affects all of our Sunday services (except 7.30am Morning Prayer!), as the 8am Low Mass doesn't normally finish until just after 8.30am...and presumably all the other City Centre Churches are similarly affected, with parking space being further and further away and more and more at a premium. This raises some interesting questions... to be addressed!



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OAKINGTON IMMIGRATION REMOVAL CENTRE

Opened in 2000 on the site of an old army camp in Longstanton, the Centre is a Home Office facility, run by G4 for the UK Border Agency which is in charge of immigration. Originally used for newly arrived asylum seekers, men, women and children, awaiting leave to remain in Britain, it is now a Removal Centre where immigrants refused asylum await their removal or deportation to their country of origin or a safe transitional country elsewhere in Europe. Around half the detainees cannot be removed as it would either be too dangerous for them or because their parent country will not accept them. There are currently about 400 men, housed in five blocks of 12 dormitories. Women and children are housed at Yarl's Wood near Bedford.

The men come from many different countries, cultures, languages and religions. At the time of writing there are nearly 200 Muslims, 100 Christians, and Sikhs, Hindus, Buddhists. A few come from minority religions; Jehovah's Witness, Rastafarian, and Alevi (a branch of Islam) and some are of no religion.

There are five main categories of detainee

- Those whose visas have expired
- Asylum seekers whose claims have been rejected by the Home Office and it is considered safe to send them home
- About 30% are ex-prisoners who have served their term; anyone who has been in prison for more than six months is likely to be deported to their own country, but may be held for months while their papers are sorted out
- Lorry drops, of whom about 30 arrive each week, directly from the Eastern ports; they come literally beneath lorries, or stowed perilously inside.

Given this enormous mix of nations, religions and cultures and the unique stories of many, it is amazing that there are few fights and little disorder. Most of the officers are very good, caring people, and case workers, legal advisers, medical staff and chaplains from the various



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

- SUN. 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY & DEDICATION FESTIVAL
Mon. 2nd ALL SOULS' DAY: Requiem Mass 7.45am, 12.30pm, 7pm (sung)
Tues. 3rd ANNIVERSARY of DEDICATION: commem. Richard Hooker
2009 Michael Ramsey Lecture 5.15pm
Wed. 4th St Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Thur. 5th Holy Hour 6.15pm
Fri. 6th St Leonard, Hermit
Sat. 7th St Willibrord, Bishop
- Sun. 8th 3rd before ADVENT (22nd after TRINITY): REMEMBRANCE
Bring-and-Buy Sale after High Mass. Faure Requiem 3pm
Mon. 9th commem. Margery Kempe, Mystic
Tues. 10th St Leo, Bishop: Overseas Churches Links Group 7.30pm
Wed. 11th St Martin of Tours, Bishop
Autumn/Winter Course (2) 7pm (Bring & Share Supper) for 7.40pm
Thur. 12th Deanery Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm
Fri. 13th commem. Charles Simeon
Sat. 14th
- SUN. 15th 2nd before ADVENT (23rd after TRINITY)
Mon. 16th St Margaret of Scotland: Friends of LSM Committee 6.45pm
Tues. 17th St Hugh, Bp: LSM/Emmanuel URC Study Session 7.30pm
Wed. 18th St Elizabeth of Hungary: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: PCC 7pm
Thur. 19th St Hilda of Whitby: Catholic Societies Requiem 8pm
Fri. 20th St Edmund, King & Martyr
Sat. 21st Archbishop of York at Ely Cathedral (Ely 900)
- SUN. 22nd CHRIST THE KING: NEXT before ADVENT
Mon. 23rd St Clement, Bishop & Martyr: Parish Centre Group Meeting 8pm
Tues. 24th
Wed. 25th St Catherine, M. The Truth about Love (Music, Poetry, Prose) 7.30pm
Thur. 26th Servers' Dinner
Fri. 27th
Sat. 28th
- SUN. 29th ADVENT SUNDAY
Mon. 30th St ANDREW, Apostle: LM 7.45am SM 7pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for NOVEMBER

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| The Parish: Thanksgiving for All the Saints, and for departed worshippers | | 1st |
| The Departed | | 2nd |
| Vision in the life of our Parish. Our Michael Ramsey Lecturer | | 3rd |
| Clergy training | <i>Stephen Roskill, Alfred Whitham</i> | 4th |
| Addenbrooke's Hospital | <i>Elizabeth Rayner, Dorothy Roberts</i> | 5th |
| Prisoners | | 6th |
| The Old Catholic Church | | 7th |
| The Parish: the Peace of the World | <i>Joyce Wolton, Dick Richardson</i> | 8th |
| Faithfulness in Prayer | | 9th |
| Our overseas links | | 10th |
| Friends of LSM | | 11th |
| South Cambridge Deanery Synod | | 12th |
| The Ministry of Preaching | | 13th |
| The People of Afghanistan | <i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i> | 14th |
| The Parish | <i>Dorothy Marlow</i> | 15th |
| The Medaille Trust | <i>Alan Huskinson</i> | 16th |
| The Faraday Institute | <i>Betty Clough, Dorothy Pickett</i> | 17th |
| The Church's Healing Ministry: PCC | <i>John Byrom, Pr.</i> | 18th |
| The Catholic Societies: their departed members | <i>Lena Amanda Blockley</i> | 19th |
| Bury St Edmunds Cathedral: the Chapter | <i>Joyce Bones</i> | 20th |
| Ely 900: the Archbishop of York | | 21st |
| The Parish | | 22nd |
| Parish Centre Development Project | | 23rd |
| Peterhouse and Pembroke | <i>Stuart Mason</i> | 24th |
| Those who suffer for their faith | <i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley</i> | 25th |
| Our Servers | <i>Val Mendel</i> | 26th |
| The Departed | <i>Freda Jones</i> | 27th |
| Our keeping of Advent | <i>Ronald Fletcher</i> | 28th |
| The Parish | <i>John Clough</i> | 29th |
| The People and Churches of Scotland | <i>Ann Watson, William Thurborn, Harold White, Peter Smith</i> | 30th |

November 18th

*Feast
of
St Elizabeth of Hungary*

*Lord God,
who didst teach Elizabeth of Hungary
to recognise and reverence Christ
in the poor of this world:
by her example strengthen us
to love and serve the affl
icted and needy
and so to honour thy Son, the Servant King,
who liveth and reigneth with thee
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
AMEN*

religions complete the community. There is a Christian chaplain on duty every day, forming an ecumenical team representing Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican, Reformed and Pentecostal traditions. A service is held each day at 10.30am, to which all are invited. The chaplains visit all blocks and spend much time in the Chaplaincy office hearing detainees' stories and giving pastoral counselling. The Christian chaplains work closely with the Muslim, Sikh and Hindu chaplains.

It is a great privilege to work at Oakington and we are humbled by the faith of many of the detainees. It is a small opportunity to "Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it". (Heb. 13)

What can we do? Become a Friend, Visitor, join the Cambridge Bail Circle, www.cambridgebailcircle.moonfruit.com collect men's good second hand clothes, support Camoak – and of course pray. For further information contact me on mp.cressey@btinternet.com

Pamela Cressey

THANK YOU

To all who donated men's clothes to the Oakington Centre during August

Sheila Bennett

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT FUND: In response to bullet points in September newsletter

At Christmas and in the New Year I shall be away from home and so would be very grateful if my friends could be assured of my best wishes for a holy and happy Christmas and be kind enough not to give me a card or anything in December, or at any other time for the next five years, if possible, trusting that after that we shall be able to celebrate in thanksgiving together (not having lost all friends in this life or the next) in the completed parish centre, and in due time without prejudice to a proper keeping of Advent coming at the end of November.

Jane Jackson

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK TO VISIT ELY

Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York is visiting the Diocese on the weekend of November 21st to bring the Ely 900 year of celebrations symbolically to a close and to commission the Diocese as it moves forward in mission. On Saturday, at 1.30pm there will be a service "Moving on in Mission" in Ely Cathedral. The focal points of the afternoon will be three acts of gathered worship, around which opportunities will be created for other aspects of worship. These elements of the celebration will be located in different parts of the Cathedral and will include:

- reflection on the Bible
- prayer for ourselves and others
- the offering of praise through different styles of music
- children's worship
- meditation on our lives of faith and Christian pilgrimage
- the giving and receiving of hospitality

The acts of gathered worship will last approximately 20 minutes. The Archbishop will speak on each occasion. At 2.15 pm, worship will concentrate on the interests of teenagers and young adults and will be conducted in a contemporary style with a praise band; at 3.15 pm there will be focus on children and young families; and at 4.15 pm there will be a final act of worship and of commissioning with hymns and choir. The majority of those attending should expect to stand.

Mission Action Progress reports will be displayed in the Cathedral as part of the "Moving on in Mission" theme. The afternoon has been specially designed so that as many people as possible can join in some part of the celebration. Although Anglicans are used to arriving at the beginning of a service and leaving at the end, on this occasion, everyone will be most welcome to attend whichever part of the afternoon suits them best.

VISIT TO HAMPSTEAD & HIGHGATE

An outing which progressed from the home of a doomed consumptive poet in the morning to a famous cemetery in the afternoon might have seemed an odd choice, but anyone who had been put off joining us might have been surprised at the unusual and unexpected contrasts we experienced. As it was, we were a select group, but given the traffic conditions in congested streets a bigger coach might not have got through.

Initially we lost our way in a temporary diversion and blundered into, and out of, a width-restricted area in very exclusive Church Row, Hampstead – classic Early Georgian – but still arrived a full two minutes ahead of schedule at Keats' house, Keats' Grove, an equally classic Late Georgian, and with the typical Hampstead contrast of busy congested thoroughfare in one direction and remarkably rural heathland in the other.



At noon we progressed to Kenwood, a country seat in London, high on the Northern Heights, with notable Adam interiors, several paintings of international importance, and grounds ranging from herbaceous borders to plunging slopes revealing the snaggle-toothed contemporary skyline of the City. What would Dick Whittington think of it now?

It was probably at this point that timekeeping was not so prompt. The less mobile always had the coach nearby, but a few of us hardy souls walked on to the Cemetery, or Cemeteries, alongside the famous Highgate Ponds. Three of us penetrated the original Victorian Necropolis, others paid homage to Karl Marx *et al* in the Eastern cemetery, while some took refuge in a tea shop the other side of the elegant Waterlow Park.



Gathering these different factions together to arrive not too late at our final destination, Fr Andrew's childhood Church of St Augustine's, was no mean task, but we finally arrived, and after suitable refreshments finished the day with Benediction in a striking inter-war Anglo-Catholic setting – a fitting and fine conclusion.

Thanks are due to Robin Osborne's planning, Bob DeWolf's stewarding and a coach driver with, thankfully, a precise knowledge of the vehicle's width.

Malcolm Munro

FRIDAY CHARITY FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Bhopal 25 Years On... Blind, lame, limbs twisted or missing, deaf-mute, brain-damaged, with hare-lips, cleft palates, webbed fingers, cerebral palsy, tumours where should be eyes, these are Bhopal's children: the living children. The still-born often cannot be recognised as human. They were damaged in the womb by chemicals leaking from the same Union Carbide factory that killed thousands in 1984. Carbide left the plant without cleaning it and its parent Dow Chemical flatly refuse to do so or pay towards a clean-up. (from the website www.Bhopal.org)

Tim Edwards, a researcher, and photographer Andy Moxon, visited Bhopal and talked to researcher N. Ganesh who was looking at the long term genetic effects of exposure to the gas, and had invited them to see some of his work.

Edwards' reports said "He had mapped out diagrams of the family history of each subject.. ..Ganesh pointed out ominous breaks and abnormalities within the material and showed about 30 photos, from 2000 onwards, of young children born within gas-exposed families. The images revealed birth deformities, the majority of them so monstrous, so disturbing that I kept revisiting them in my mind's eye for weeks after. The first pictures presented a sequence of a type of cancer that rages just behind the eye socket, making the eye horrifically swollen, misshapen and bounded with livid tissue. None of the children affected was more than six years old. In some of the photos, with one half of the face being unmarked, there was a jolting bifurcation between monster and ordinary child. In others the deformity wrought by the cancer tugged upon already imperfect features. In one photo a baby months old was hidden behind two of these grotesque afflictions.

Next there were genital distortions, followed by gross limb deformities (one girl held up a foot five times larger than the one on which she stood, another flexed fingers that protruded from her shoulders), and tiny babies with hydrocephalus, whereby the skull swells and bloats, throwing the body out of proportion and squashing down the features. Finally there was a boy with doughy skin, lying in what looked like an incubator, looking past the camera through a large, single, milky eye situated near the middle of his forehead. It was a relief when the photos ended.

SERVICES AT LITTLE ST MARY'S

Sundays

7.30am *Morning Prayer* 8.00am *Low Mass (BCP Lections)*
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 & 6.30pm *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 *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*
1st Thursday of the month: 6.15pm Holy Hour

Friday

7.15am *Morning Prayer* 7.45am & 12.30pm *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Saturday

8.00am *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Weekday Festivals

7.00pm *Sung Mass*
Low Mass as announced

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Friday at Noon Saturday 6.30pm
or 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 12.30pm Mass on Fridays, supporting both home and overseas charities.

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