

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge
NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

Fri	1 st	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS: High Mass 10.30am
Sun	3 rd	2nd SUNDAY of CHRISTMAS
Tue	5 th	Parish Centre Group: 8pm
Wed	6 th	EPIPHANY of OUR LORD Low Mass 10am High Mass 7pm
Thur	7 th	Holy Hour 6.15pm Social Responsibility Group, 7.30pm
Sat	9 th	Garden Working Party from 10.00am
Sun	10 th	BAPTISM of OUR LORD Epiphany Carol Service 6pm
Mon	11 th	Pastoral Visitors meeting 7.30pm
Tue	12 th	Overseas Churches Link Group 7.30pm
Wed	13 th	Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry at 10am Low Mass Autumn/Winter Course 4, 7/7.40pm: The Presentation
Sat	16 th	Ceilidh at Emmanuel URC
Sun	17 th	2nd SUNDAY in EPIPHANY: Launch of Christian Giving Renewal
Mon	18 th	Faraday Institute session, Emmanuel URC, 7.30pm
	18 th – 25 th	<i>Week of prayer for Christian Unity</i>
Tue	19 th	PCC 7.30pm
Sat	23 rd	Farewell to Bp Anthony at Ely Cathedral, 3.30pm
Sun	24 th	3rd SUNDAY in EPIPHANY
Mon	25 th	CONVERSION of St PAUL Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7pm
Sun	31 st	4th SUNDAY in EPIPHANY

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

One of the Sunday gospel readings in Epiphanytide is the story of the wedding at Cana; 'you have kept the good wine until now', says the governor of the feast to Jesus after tasting the water that was made wine. It is good that we are able to keep some of our best celebrations at this time of year until many of those who have been away for Christmas return to Cambridge. I think particularly of the Feast of the Epiphany, for which we wait until the traditional date of January 6th, (when there will be High Mass and Blessing of the Holy House at 7pm) rather than moving it to an earlier Sunday as some do nowadays: and of our Epiphany Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday January 10th, when we shall have celebrated the Feast of Our Lord's Baptism in the morning. There will be an Epiphany Supper after the Carol Service.

Then comes our boldest venture so far in the Parish Centre Development fundraising programme: the Ceilidh and Supper to be held in Emmanuel United Reformed Church on Saturday January 16th. We are very grateful to the Elders at Emmanuel for offering a substantial reduction to the booking charge. You will find that page 9 has full details of the Ceilidh. Thereafter, the programme arranged so far is as follows:

- Saturday February 6th at 7.30pm in the Parish Room: wine-tasting with the Archdeacon of Cambridge
- Saturday March 13th at 7.30pm in the Parish Room: Auction of Promises
- Saturday May 15th at 7.30pm in Church: 'More of the Truth about Love'

It has been very encouraging to have a steady flow of generous personal donations coming in during early December, alongside the enthusiastic involvement of many people in the 'Bring-and-Buys' and other events...although as 2010 begins we still have a long way to go. We expect that the architect will have the necessary detailed specifications to enable us to go out to tender by the end of January. Please pray for progress with the project and all the work associated with it.

The New Year brings no lessening in tensions within the Anglican Communion (and in questioning as to what the retaining of 'Anglican patrimony' in the proposed Ordinariate within the Roman Catholic Church would actually mean...see Fr Stephen Trott's article in the Church

Times of December 11th); all the more reason for us to take seriously the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which, as usual, runs from 18th-25th January. As you will see from the Intentions for Prayer on the centre pages, we pray for different Christian communities each day of that week; and the Anglican Communion and its relationships both internally and with other Christian churches must be a focus for our regular prayer. Once again we have a preacher from another denomination on the Sunday morning during the Week of Prayer (January 24th), this time, the Revd Philip Luscombe, Principal of the Methodist theological college here in Cambridge; and that evening, we shall have Evening Prayer and Devotions at 5.30pm in LSM, to enable us to go to the ecumenical service at St Mark's, Newnham, at 6.30pm. An important ecumenical concern for us during 2010 will be the visit of friends from Chant d'Oiseau in Brussels from Thursday 16th until Monday 20th September. Our small working group formed to make plans for this will no doubt soon be asking for offers of hospitality!

If at LSM we are to continue to play our part in the life of the Church of England and the Diocese of Ely, our regular giving is vital, even as we pray for the furtherance of the exciting Parish Centre Development project, and put much energy into it. January 17th will see the launch of our annual Christian Giving Review, with the distribution of the necessary papers and forms. There has been a slight fall in the level of giving during 2009 compared with 2008 (largely explicable by removals and deaths), so we must not be complacent, despite the 'cushion' of the Peck Trust income. The maintenance of the church's ministry and worship, along with day-to-day care of the building (like the household bills!) and commitment to 'outside' giving provide the foundation for everything else.

On Saturday January 23rd the Diocese of Ely corporately bids farewell to Bishop Anthony as he goes into retirement. There is to be a special service in the Cathedral at 3.30pm. While his own expertise and interest is in rural life and parishes, I know that he has always been appreciative of the particular tradition of Little St Mary's, and grateful that many people are able to find a 'spiritual home' there. We offer our prayers and good wishes to him and to Mrs Russell for their retirement.

As one year closes and another begins, I would like to thank Sue Munro for editing our Newsletter and being willing to carry on with this task!

Christmas always means that the January Newsletter appears very early; so I can mention that we shall again be holding a social gathering in the Parish Room from 11pm on New Year's Eve, and moving into church at ten minutes before midnight for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We don't expect crowds, but it's not a bad way to move from one year to the next; let me know if you'd like to come! On New Year's Day, now the Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, there'll be High Mass at 10.30am, and some refreshments afterwards.

I hope that many of you will be purchasing the LSM Calendar for 2010 (£2.50). Inevitably there are addenda after it has been printed; those that I heard about before December 12th are on a supplementary card! My thanks to David Stone for his work on the intricacies of the calendar, and to Cris Galletly for the photograph on the front. I said of the late Effie Hunter that her 'text' seemed to be 'thank-you so much'; it's an appropriate one at New Year...and indeed for every day if we are a Eucharistic people: *it is very meet, right and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ thine only Son our Lord.*

With my prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

Choir CD

Congratulations to Christian Rutherford and the Parish and Junior Choirs on the production of their CD of 'The Passion of the Christ' by Somervell. The CDs cost £6 and are obtainable from Christian or from Patricia Davies.

People for our Prayers

At the time of Betty Barnard's death, her youngest brother Stephen had to go into Addenbrooke's for a variety of tests; along with his wife Eileen he is now in need of care at home. We pray for both of them and for **Peter** who is confined to bed in the house which he used to share with Betty. Fr Andrew's sister **Silvia Skeil** has been diagnosed with cancer, and is awaiting a decision on possible treatment. Sue Munro's mother **Margaret Gatward** has torn the ligaments in her back and is unable to move unaided. She is very down and in pain although there are some very slight signs of improvement just beginning to show. Sue and Malcolm are staying with them again.



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

Fri.	1st	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS: HM 10.30am
Sat.	2nd	St Basil & St Gregory Nazianzen
Sun.	3rd	2nd of CHRISTMAS
Mon.	4th	
Tues.	5th	Parish Centre Group: 8pm
Wed.	6th	EPIPHANY of OUR LORD: LM 10am HM 7pm
Thurs.	7th	Holy Hour 6.15pm Social Responsibility Group 7.30pm
Fri.	8th	
Sat.	9th	Churchyard Garden working party from 10am
SUN.	10th	BAPTISM of OUR LORD: Epiphany Carol Service 6pm
Mon.	11th	Pastoral Visitors meeting 7.30pm
Tues.	12th	Overseas Churches Link Group 7.30pm
Wed.	13th	St Hilary, Bp: Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry: 10am LM Autumn/Winter Course (4) 7/740pm: the Presentation
Thurs.	14th	
Fri.	15th	
Sat.	16th	Ceilidh in Emmanuel URC: 7.30pm
SUN.	17th	2 nd of EPIPHANY: launch of Christian Giving Renewal
Mon.	18th	Faraday Institute session at Emmanuel URC 7.30pm <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25th)</i>
Tues.	19th	St Wulfstan, Bp. PCC 7pm
Wed.	20th	SS Fabian and Sebastian
Thurs.	21st	St Agnes, Martyr
Fri.	22nd	St Vincent, Martyr
Sat.	23rd	Farewell to Bp Anthony at Ely Cathedral 3.30pm
SUN.	24th	3 rd of EPIPHANY
Mon.	25th	CONVERSION of St PAUL: LM 7.45am SM 7pm
Tues.	26th	SS Timothy and Titus
Wed.	27th	
Thurs.	28th	St Thomas Aquinas
Fri.	29th	
Sat.	30th	Charles, King & Martyr
SUN.	31st	4 th of EPIPHANY

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for January

Faithfulness to the name of Jesus	<i>Dorothy Ogden, Derek Williams</i>	1st
Our Bishops		2nd
The Parish	<i>Edward Maycock, Pr., Lena Wheatley, Arthur Clough, Celia Scott-Townsend</i>	3rd
The people of Afghanistan		4th
Parish Centre Development project	<i>Jennifer Williams</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for the Epiphany	<i>Maggie Hulyer</i>	6th
Our Social Responsibility Group		7th
Sue Ryder Care Homes (<i>Friday lunch charity</i>)		8th
Those working in local government		9th
The Parish: renewal of our baptismal commitment		10th
Our Pastoral Visitors	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Our overseas links		12th
Friends of LSM: the Church's healing ministry		13th
The people of the Holy Land	<i>Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
Anglia Ruskin University	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
Our Social Committee	<i>Marjorie Galletly</i>	16th
The Parish: Christian Giving Renewal		17th
The Roman Catholic Church		18th
The United Reformed Church	<i>Daphne Clavey</i>	19th
Salvation Army: Society of Friends	<i>Donald Harris, Pr., Pauline Martindale</i>	20th
The Orthodox Churches	<i>Athelstane Furley</i>	21st
Baptist and Pentecostal Churches		22nd
Methodist and Lutheran Churches		23rd
The Parish: the Anglican Communion	<i>Robert Garrett, Pr., Peggy Hall</i>	24th
The Unity of Christians		25th
Our Bishops		26th
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership	<i>Sebastian Hawkes, Elsie Perrin</i>	27th
Theologians		28th
Grantchester Parish (newly in our Deanery)	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
Integrity in public life	<i>Mary Hammond</i>	30th
The Parish		31st

January 10th

*Feast
of the
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD*

*The springs of water were made holy
when Christ appeared on earth.
Let us draw water from the wells of salvation;
for by his baptism, Christ our God
has made the whole creation one.*

*Almighty God,
who didst anoint Jesus at his Baptism with
the Holy Spirit
and reveal Him as thy beloved Son:
give to us who are born of water and the Spirit
the will to surrender ourselves to thy service,
that we may rejoice to be called thy children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

AMEN



Little St Mary's Development Fund Appeal

CEILIDH

with the

RED ROCK CEILIDH BAND

Saturday 16th January

7.30 pm

Emmanuel URC Hall

Trumpington Street

Tickets £ 12.50

Available from:

k.g.mcneil@dunelm.org.uk

Tel. 01223 350657

or from church

**supper
raffle**

Reg. Charity No. 1130017

Raffle prizes welcome

Below is a list of the money we have given away in the last 12 months. Thanks to everyone who has contributed in any way. Some of the money comes from the Friday lunches, some from special collections; some comes from the 6% of our ordinary income that we like to give away.

Additional Curates Society	450.00
Addenbrooke's Charities	53.89
Biblelands	200.00
Borneo Mission Association	400.00
Cambridge Cyrenians	495.00
Cambridge Mencap	220.00
Cambridge Samaritans	186.00
Christian Aid - Gaza	264.00
Christian Aid - Week	380.00
College of St Barnabas	60.00
Community of the Resurrection	80.00
Ely New Churches Fund	200.00
Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service	1552.00
Makeni Ecumenical Centre orphanage	1100.00
Makeni Ecumenical Centre orphans	960.00
Mothers' Union Kenya Appeal	176.00
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme	225.00
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership	1235.00
Prison Fellowship	211.00
Royal British Legion	61.00
South Sudan Women's Organisation	140.00
St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham	61.00
St Cyprian, Sharpeville	819.00
Sue Ryder Care	342.00
The Children's Society	495.00
The Medaille Trust	1000.00
USPG	1100.00
USPG AZ Appeal	250.00
USPG Lent Boxes	186.00
Zimbabwe Feeding Scheme	320.00
TOTAL	13221.89

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.

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 February Newsletter: Sun 24th January