

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

Mon 1 st	Social Responsibility Group, 7.30pm
Tue 2 nd	PRESENTATION of the LORD Low Mass 7.45am, High Mass with Ceremonies, 7.00pm
Wed 3 rd	Cambridge South Deanery Synod, 7.15pm
Thur 4 th	Holy Hour 6.15pm
Sat 6 th	Wine Tasting Evening, 7.30pm (p10)
Sun 7 th	2nd before LENT: SEXAGESIMA Bring-&-Buy Sale after 10.30am High Mass
Mon 8 th	Finance & Standing Committee, 7.45pm
Tue 9 th	Society of Mary Office & Benediction, 7.30pm
Wed 10 th	Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry at 10am Low Mass, Autumn/Winter Course 5, 7/7.40pm: The Finding in the Temple
Fri 12 th	Children's Group helpers, 4.45pm
Sat 13 th	Musical Event for Medaille Trust, 3.30pm (p4)
Sun 14 th	SUNDAY before LENT: QUINQUAGESIMA Evening visit of Bishop Bill Godfrey of Peru (with illustrated talk and refreshment)
Mon 15 th	Parish Centre Group,, 8.00pm
Tue 16 th	Shrove Tuesday: Sacrament of Reconciliation, 5.15pm Pancake Supper, 7.00pm (p9)
Wed 17 th	ASH WEDNESDAY Low mass 10.00am Sung Mass 7.00pm
Sun 21 st	1st SUNDAY of LENT
Mon 22 nd	Lent course 1, St Paul's Hills Road, 7.30pm
Tue 23 rd	Lent course 1, St Bene't's, 1.45pm
Wed 24 th	Lent course 1, LSM, 7.30pm
Sun 28 th	2nd SUNDAY in LENT

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VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

A brief look back to January before I go on to our Lent programme! Particular highlights were the **Epiphany Carol Service** (January 10th) which brought to the 80 or so adults and children who attended the colour and beauty of 'Christ revealed', at a time when many of us were feeling that we'd had enough of wintry weather... and then the **Ceilidh** on January 16th, which attracted over 100 people (aged from 10 weeks to not far short of 90!) and raised over £1,100 for the Parish Centre Development Fund. Thanks to Christian and the Choirs for the music at the Carol Service, to Mark and those who assist him for the Epiphany House and the flowers...and then, for the Ceilidh, thanks to Christine Tipple and Kyle for their feats in publicity and their organisational skills, to Robin and his assistants in the kitchen for the excellent supper, to our 'bartenders', Paul Huskinson and Ian Douglas, to Ed Emery and his 'Red Rock' band and to Sally Vernon our caller for giving so generously of their time...and, not least, to our neighbours and friends at Emmanuel URC for the 'cutprice' deal (though we did lose £10 for leaving some lights on!) This event, and a significant Gift Aid tax rebate, have lifted the Parish Centre Development figure to over **£170,000**, which is extremely encouraging as we approach the time when we may be able to go out to tender. Please note three 'forthcoming events' for the fund...

- Wine-tasting with the Archdeacon of Cambridge: Saturday February 6th, at 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Tickets £5 from Christine Tipple (p10)
- Bring-and-Buy after High Mass on Sunday February 7th
- Auction of Promises at 7.30pm on Saturday March 13th: Christine Tipple would be delighted to receive offers of 'promises'

A less happy item of January news is that after 12 years as our Organist and Director of Music, **Christian Rutherford** has decided to relinquish the post. He will certainly be with us until Easter, and, if we haven't found a successor to begin after that, is willing to stay longer...although understandably, having made his decision, he would rather that we weren't dilatory about our next move! Among much else that has happened during his 12 years with us have been the establishment and development of the Junior Choir, the building of the Tickell Organ, and the recent CD of Somervell's 'The Passion of the Christ'. For these things and more we shall have an opportunity to express our gratitude later in the year.

And so to our **Lent programme**. Once again, there will be reflection on two of the Stations of the Cross after the 12.30pm Mass on Fridays. I always hope

that people will look particularly for the opportunity to attend an additional Mass during Lent, and these Fridays might be a good choice for some: February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th. The full devotion will be conducted in Passiontide, after the 6.30pm Mass on TUESDAY March 23rd, and on the Monday of Holy Week at 12.30pm.

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN LENT: Sermons at 10.30am
Our preachers will be addressing the topic of
our repentance and God's forgiveness,
with the help of the alternative General Confession
which is on page 3 of our blue Mass booklet:

Sunday February 21st: the Rt Revd Jack Nicholls, formerly Bishop of Sheffield
Most merciful God, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved thee with our whole heart.

Sunday February 28th: Fr Mark Bishop

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves

Sunday March 7th: The Revd Dr Jessica Martin, Priest-in-Charge of Duxford

In thy mercy, forgive what we have been

Sunday March 14th: The Vicar

Help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be

Sunday March 21st: The Revd Tim Blewett, Warden of Launde Abbey

That we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thee,
our God

LENT COURSE: five studies in the book of the prophet Ezekiel
in collaboration with St Bene't's, St Paul's and Emmanuel URC
Dates, times and venues:

- **Mondays**, February 22nd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd:
7.30pm, St Paul's Vicarage, St Paul's Road
- **Tuesdays**, February 23rd, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd: **1.45pm, St Bene't's**
- **Wednesdays**, February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th: **7.30pm, LSM**
- **The passage studied will be the same at each venue in a given week; and so it will not be necessary to attend on the same day each week. Those leading the sessions will all be working from the same commentary, and with the same questions.**

If you would like to bring food to share at the evening meetings, you would be most welcome to do so, from 7pm. If you would like to take sandwiches to eat at the lunchtime meeting, you would be most welcome to do so, from 1.15pm.

LENT APPEALS AND BOXES

The Bishop's Lent appeal this year is for two charities, the Christian Blind Mission, and the Street World Cup. I suggest that we have collections at the Lent Course meetings in LSM, and after Stations of the Cross in Passiontide. As last year, we shall have USPG and Additional Curates Society Lent boxes, with the ACS boxes being kept until our ACS Sunday for this year, August 15th.

LENT BOOKS

The 'Church Times' has carried reviews of a number of books. Paula Gooder's *This Risen Existence* says the reviewer, would work well for an individual reading his or her way through Lent, as it explores the Resurrection in each of the Gospels and the Epistles. It is important not to lose sight of the significance of the Resurrection in the midst of Lenten penitential disciplines, and Paula Gooder certainly came over at last year's clergy conference as an effective communicator. But the reviewer warns of some 'terrible jokes'! Robin Gill's *A bit like Jesus* contains a reflection for every one of the weekdays leading up to Easter, and uses the healing stories of the gospels as a way of exploring what it means to be 'Christlike'. The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent book for 2010 is Lucy Winkett's *Our Sound is Our Wound*, which is 'a book about the theology of sound: the music of the church and the noise of the streets, the lyrics of pop songs and the words of the Bible...with a lovely analogy between reading the Bible and playing music'. I hope that we might be able to acquire copies of these three books on 'sale or return'.

Praying, reading, in silence or in conversation, I hope and pray that this will be a fruitful Lent for you, as together we 'look forward to Holy Easter'.
Fr Andrew

MEDAILLE TRUST CONCERT: Saturday February 13th at 3.30pm in LSM

This event was the idea of our Social Responsibility Group. We contacted the City Centre Churches to ask if they might be able to offer a musical item, sacred or secular, vocal or instrumental. Although the initial response was slow, it looks as if we shall have enough offers to put together a programme of an hour or so. There will be a retiring collection for the Medaille Trust, and tea afterwards in the Parish Room. Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge, including LSM, have supported the Medaille Trust for the last three years, in its work, which is to help women, young men and children who have been freed from the sex-trafficking industry in the UK, enabling them to regain their dignity and self-worth. We do this by providing safe housing and offering opportunities for physical and psychological healing. Further information will be found on the Trust's website, www.medaille.co.uk



Calendar and Intentions for FEBRUARY

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 February

Mon. 1st	St Brigid, Abbess: Social Responsibility Group 7.30pm
Tues. 2nd	PRESENTATION of the LORD: LM 7.45am HM with Candlemas Ceremonies 7pm
Wed. 3rd	St Anskar, Bishop: Cambridge South Deanery Synod 7.15pm
Thurs. 4th	St Gilbert of Sempringham: Holy Hour 6.15pm
Fri. 5th	St Agatha, Martyr
Sat. 6th	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs: Accession of HM the Queen 1952: Wine-tasting evening 7.30pm
SUN. 7th	2nd before LENT: SEXAGESIMA: Bring-and-Buy sale
Mon. 8th	Finance and Standing Committee 7.45pm
Tues. 9th	Society of Mary Office and Benediction 7.30pm
Wed. 10th	St Scholastica: Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry at 10am LM, Autumn/Winter Course (5) 7/740pm: the Finding in the Temple
Thurs. 11th	St Radegund, Abbess
Fri. 12th	Children's Group helpers meeting: 4.45pm
Sat. 13th	Musical event for Medaille Trust 3.30pm
SUN. 14th	NEXT before LENT: QUINQUAGESIMA: evening visit of the Bishop of Peru, the Rt Revd Bill Godfrey (illustrated talk)
Mon. 15th	Parish Centre Group meeting 8pm
Tues. 16th	Shrove Tuesday: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.15pm
Wed. 17th	ASH WEDNESDAY: LM 10am SM 7pm
Thurs. 18th	
Fri. 19th	
Sat. 20th	
SUN. 21st	1st of LENT
Mon. 22nd	Lent Course (1) at St Paul's Hills Road 7.30pm
Tues. 23rd	St Polycarp, Bp: Lent Course (1) at St Bene't's 1.45pm
Wed. 24th	Lent Course (1) at LSM 7.30pm
Thurs. 25th	
Fri. 26th	
Sat. 27th	commem. George Herbert
SUN. 28th	2nd of LENT

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for February

Social Responsibility Group		1st
Thanksgiving for Our Lord, Light to all peoples		2nd
Cambridge South Deanery Synod		3rd
Vocations to the religious life		4th
Sue Ryder Care Homes (<i>Friday lunch charity</i>)		5th
Her Majesty the Queen		6th
The Parish: Parish Centre Development project		7th
Our Churchwardens and Treasurer		8th
Society of Mary		9th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Ronald Moorhouse, Bill Thomas</i>	10th
Friends of LSM		
Jesus College	<i>Mary Jones</i>	11th
Children's Group	<i>Margaret Webber, Enid Maycock</i>	12th
The Medaille Trust	<i>Alich Nilsson</i>	13th
The Parish: the Diocese of Peru		14th
Parish Centre Development working group		15th
The grace of true penitence		16th
Our keeping of Lent		17th
Relief work in Haiti		18th
Our Choirs	<i>John Lyon, Pr., Audrey Sparrow</i>	19th
Prisoners of Conscience	<i>Mary Stubbs</i>	20th
The Parish		21st
Our Lent Course		22nd
Those persecuted for their faith	<i>Mary Dawson</i>	23rd
Integrity in public life		24th
Christian Unity		25th
The People of Afghanistan	<i>Arthur Peck, James Townley</i>	26th
Parish Clergy		27th
The Parish		28th

Little St Mary's Parish Room Development Fund



**Wine Tasting with
The Archdeacon,
The Ven. John Beer**

Saturday, 6th February, 2010

Little St Mary's Parish Room

7.30pm

Tickets: £5.00

CD of LSM Choirs

**First recording of a major cantata for Passiontide
by Sir Arthur Somervell**

**Only £6 (+ P&P if applicable)
from Tricia Davies (pedavies@tesco.net)**

THE PASSION OF CHRIST **Sir Arthur Somervell**

*Mary Ward soprano, Ann Gustard contralto,
Robert DeWolf tenor, Alan Loader bass*

Joseph Fort organ

THE CHOIR OF LITTLE ST MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE
directed by Christian Rutherford

The first recording of a major cantata for Passiontide by the early 20thC English composer, Sir Arthur Somervell. *The Passion of Christ* was composed in 1914 and belongs to the same English tradition as Stainer's *Crucifixion* and Maunder's *Olivet to Calvary*. The passion narrative unfolds mainly in recitative, drawn from the Gospel texts, while solo arias and "choral meditations", with words probably by Somervell himself, reflect on the action. This is also the first recording to feature the new Kenneth Tickell organ installed in Little St Mary's in 2007.

Please come along and support this event if you can; Saturday February 13th at 3.30pm in LSM

SHROVE TUESDAY...Parish Room Pancakes

Some of our young people will again be offering a Pancake Supper (savoury and sweet) on Shrove Tuesday, February 16th. Time 7pm (you would be able to attend the 6.30pm Mass beforehand!): Cost £4 (U16: £2).

PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Penny Robson is convalescing after keyhole surgery to remove a kidney, and **Janet Croome** should be home following 'new knee' surgery by the time you read this. There has been rather better news of **David Greason**, who was extremely poorly before Christmas, but has rallied considerably thanks to a new medication regime. It has also been decided that he can have his thrice-weekly dialysis at King's Lynn rather than at Addenbrooke's, which will be a tremendous help both to him and to his wife Jane who has been driving him all the way from Wisbech to Cambridge three times a week. **Margaret Rowett** has had another spell in hospital with a severe cough, and **Margaret Gatward** had a fall and is in Addenbrooke's with multiple fractures of the lower spine. Please continue to remember **Stephen Barnard**, with cancer of the liver, and his wife Eileen...and our other Home Communicants, **Dennis** and **Daphne Peck, Vera Harman, Peter Barnard,** and **Gwen Randall**, who is still in James Ward at Addenbrooke's.

R.I.P.

Joyce Day, a long-standing member of the congregation died on January 5th in the Cambridge Nursing Centre, where she had been cared for over the last couple of years. She had reached her 91st birthday on New Year's Day. A friend had introduced her to Anglo-Catholic ways many years ago, and she was a devout communicant with a deep sense of 'communion' with her fellow-Christians even when unable to get to church. She had a varied career in nursing, although specialisation in midwifery finally brought her to Cambridge some fifty years ago. Fr Andrew is grateful for the prayers of the congregation for his sister **Silvia Skeil** who died of cancer on January 10th. She had visited LSM a number of times over the last 15 years, and felt very much at home there; she was also a keen member of the Society of Mary! She, like Joyce Day, had found her nursing vocation in midwifery (and had been a colleague of Barbara Crawley's at one time, at the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies at Woolwich), though after bringing up her family she was involved in the training of nursery nurses. We pray that all the departed may rest in peace and rise in glory.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A Prayer for Lent

**Almighty God,
who hast given us thine only Son to be unto us
both a sacrifice for sin
and also an example of godly life:
give us grace
that we may always most thankfully receive
that his inestimable benefit,
also daily endeavour ourselves
to follow the blessed steps of his most
holy life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN**

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

Evening Prayer 8.00am *Low Mass* 6.00pm

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 **March** Newsletter: **Sun 21st February**