

# Little St Mary's, Cambridge

# NEWSLETTER

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## SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH



- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Lent course 2, St Paul's Hills Road Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> Lent course 2, St Bene't's, 1.45pm
- Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Lent course 2, LSM, 7.30pm
- Thur 4<sup>th</sup> No Holy Hour today - moved to 18th
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY of LENT**
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Lent course 3, St Paul's Hills Road Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Tue 9<sup>th</sup> Lent course 3, St Bene't's, 1.45pm
- Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Healing Ministry 9.45/10.00am  
Lent course 3, LSM, 7.30pm
- Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Refreshments & Auction of Promises & Goods, 7.30pm
- Sun 14<sup>th</sup> **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT: Refreshment Sunday**  
Produce & Preserves stall after High Mass (please make something)
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Lent course 4, St Paul's Hills Road Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Lent course 4, St Bene't's, 1.45pm PCC 7.30pm
- Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Lent course 4, LSM, 7.30pm
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Holy Hour 6.15pm
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> An Olfactory Experience (p. 9)
- Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Ely Diocesan Synod
- Sun 21<sup>st</sup> **5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of LENT: Passion Sunday**
- Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Lent course 5, St Paul's Hills Road Vicarage, 7.30pm
- Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Lent course 5, St Bene't's, 1.45pm
- Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Lent course 5, LSM, 7.30pm
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> ANNUNCIATION to the BVM  
Low Mass 7.45am                      Sung Mass 7.00pm
- Sun 28<sup>th</sup> **PALM SUNDAY** (details on p. 10)

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## VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

I'm beginning this letter on Shrove Tuesday with the weather still miserably raw and damp. Perhaps, by the time you read this, the lengthening days of Lent will have brought some improvement in the temperature and general conditions. It's been a struggle for some to keep up patterns of Mass attendance, and to get along to special events. Nevertheless, there's been a lot of encouragement. On the last day of January, we had a Mass celebrated with children particularly in mind... over 25 of us in the Lady Chapel, adults and children, with good use made of the carpet! We expect to do this again three or four times a year. Then 35 people gathered for the 'Archdeacon's wine-tasting' on February 7th, and discovered with great good humour some wines to dislike, raising £200 for the Parish Centre Fund in the process. Then came the fifth and final session in the autumn and winter course based on Dr Cally Hammond's book 'Joyful Christianity'; this was, in my view, the best of all of the sessions, despite the familiarly cold and dreary evening. Then, the following Saturday, we hosted the 'Churches Together' concert on behalf of the Medaille Trust. Prophets of doom had recommended cancellation of this event two or three weeks before, but we had an excellent and varied programme, with over 70 people in church (again despite sleet and snow), and collected more than £400 for the Trust. The next day the Anglican Bishop of Peru, Bill Godfrey, preached at Evensong, and gave a most encouraging presentation on the exciting growth being experienced in his diocese. It was amazing to see how congregations create new churches with their own labour, first levelling rocky ground on steep hillsides, and to hear about the imaginative health and education programmes being run by the Anglican Church in very poor areas. It's good to hear of such vibrancy in the midst of our often disheartening disputes here in the C of E!

Some of you know that I'm 'giving up' LSM for 10 days in Lent, by means of a visit to Uganda, where I taught for two terms between school and university 47 years ago, and where I have a niece working as a doctor, and my eldest daughter, Kate, doing research for her PhD. As Kate will be leaving Uganda around Easter, it seemed that Lent was the only time to go! I hope that I may be able to visit the L'Arche community near Kampala, as well as the school where I taught...and a game park! While I'm away, the Lent course on passages from the prophet Ezekiel will have got under way; I hope that everyone has now cottoned on to the arrangements...7.30pm on Mondays at St Paul's Vicarage in St Paul's Road, 1.45pm on Tuesdays at St Bene't's Church, and 7.30pm on Wednesdays in our Parish Room...and it doesn't matter if you go to a different venue each week! Please note carefully some other liturgical dates for March:

- Holy Hour is **postponed** from the first Thursday in Lent to **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>**, the eve of the Feast of St Joseph...6.15pm as usual
- Stations of the Cross for Passion Week will be on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7.05pm (after 6.30pm Low Mass)
- Feast of the Annunciation: **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**: High Mass 7pm
- 20 minute lunchtime services at Emmanuel URC: **Thursdays** at 1pm
- Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) liturgy begins on Laundress Green at **10.15am**

On Palm Sunday, we shall be joined once again by friends from Emmanuel URC for the blessing and distribution of Palms. That evening, our Holy Week addresses begin. Fr Bruce Duncan, who was to have been our Holy Week Preacher, had to step down because he is booked for an operation in the middle of March. I'm very grateful to two College Clergy for agreeing to take his place. The Chaplain of Sidney Sussex, Fr Peter Waddell, will deliver the addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday (6pm), and then at Mass (7pm) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. For the Triduum, Fr Christopher Woods, Chaplain of Christ's, takes over; he will preach at the Maundy Thursday Liturgy (7pm), on Good Friday (Noon to 1.20pm) and at the Easter Vigil (5am on Easter morning). As always, I trust that we shall all see Holy Week as an integrated opportunity to share in the Way of the Cross and Resurrection. On a practical note, I would be glad to hear from anyone willing to offer a meal to our preachers!

College Clergy have also undertaken to assist with what I hope will be an exciting day for us on **Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup>**, the Eve of Pentecost (and of the Friends of LSM Festival). In a sense, this is a follow-up to our day on Worship in February 2009, but we are going further this time, and looking into Anglo-Catholic history and practice. The title for the day is:

***More than Bells and Smells? What it means to be an Anglo-Catholic today***

With the help of Fr John Hughes, Fr Robert Mackley and others, we shall be considering the history of Anglo-Catholicism, the principles of 'Catholicity' and patterns of Catholic practice and spirituality. There will be more details in the coming weeks, but it's likely that we shall meet for coffee at 11am, have one session before lunch and two afterwards, before finishing with Mass at 5pm (with, I hope, our children and youngsters involved in the presentation of the liturgy). So please note the date now!

There's a lot of activity in relation to the **Parish Centre Project** at the moment. The architect's final specifications should be ready at the beginning of March; when they have been seen by a sub-committee of the Diocesan Advisory Committee they will be forwarded to the

Chancellor of the Diocese as part of the faculty application which we put in several months ago. At the same time, our fundraising group are looking closely at the financial situation, and how and when we might be ready to embark on this project. So these are important and exciting times, please continue to pray! At the Auction of Promises and Goods on Saturday March 13th (Refreshment Sunday weekend), we shall begin with a hot supper and a glass of wine (refreshments suitable for 'Mid-Lent'!)...but we need more promises and offers of goods to be auctioned! Please contact Christine Tipple or Kyle McNeil with your offers! Tickets are £5. Another date to note is Saturday May 15th, when we have 'More Truth about Love'...poetry and music, at 7.30pm. In the meantime, I'm proposing to use my 'Easter break' (April 8th-16th) to do a 102-mile sponsored walk. Proceeds will be divided 50/50 between the Parish Centre Fund and the 30th anniversary appeal by Romsey Mill which does a huge and varied amount of work with young people both in and outside Cambridge; a charity established by local churches in 1980, it now works with some of the most disadvantaged in the county. [www.romseymill.org](http://www.romseymill.org). So I shall be looking for generous sponsorship! The idea is to walk 'St Cuthbert's Way' from Melrose to Lindisfarne, and part of 'St Oswald's Way' from Lindisfarne to Alnmouth. As I was ordained in Durham Cathedral (where St Cuthbert's remains are), and served my title at St Oswald's Hartlepool, this seems appropriate as I approach the 40th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood and of my First Mass, which I celebrated in St Oswald's. Incidentally, I would be delighted if you would come to Mass (7pm) at the time of those anniversaries, Tuesday September 21st, St Matthew's Day; the preacher will be the Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge.

**Friday Lunch Charity for March and April: L'Arche Overseas**

While in Uganda, Fr Andrew is hoping to visit the L'Arche Community near Kampala. So it is appropriate at this time to restore L'Arche Overseas to our list of Friday lunch charities. L'Arche Uganda, founded in 1990, consists of two homes, a farm and candlemaking and sewing workshops. There are 42 core members, 14 children and young adults with severe learning disabilities, most of them with multiple disabilities; 14 are resident, 20 attend daily at the school and 8 at the workshop/garden. L'Arche runs a minibus to bring children with learning disabilities from the local villages to the school. There are 14 full-time assistants acting as teachers, carers and farm workers and carrying out physiotherapy, occupational therapy or meeting medical needs. It is the long-term goal of the community that they should generate enough income locally to meet their running costs; but at the moment, the community meets slightly less than half of its costs locally. There is no government support in Uganda for people with learning disabilities.

***Please support the Friday lunch!***

***During Lent, there is reflection on two of the Stations of the Cross at the conclusion of the 12.30pm Mass which precedes the lunch.***



## Calendar and Intentions for MARCH

*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 March

- Mon. 1st St David, Bishop: Lent Course (2) 7.30pm: St Paul's Vicarage  
Tues. 2nd Lent Course (2) 1.45pm: St Bene't's  
Wed. 3rd Lent Course (2) 7.30pm: LSM  
Thurs. 4th NO Holy Hour today  
Fri. 5th  
Sat. 6th commem. St Tibb
- SUN. 7th 3<sup>rd</sup> of LENT  
Mon. 8th commem. Edw. King, Bp. Lent Course (3) 7.30pm: St Paul's Vicarage  
Tues. 9th Lent Course (3) 1.45pm: St Bene't's  
Wed. 10th Healing Ministry: 9.45/10am Lent Course (3) 7.30pm: LSM  
Thurs. 11th  
Fri. 12th  
Sat. 13th Refreshments and Auction of Promises and Goods: 7.30pm
- SUN. 14th 4<sup>th</sup> of LENT: Refreshment Sunday  
Mon. 15th Lent Course (4) 7.30pm: St Paul's Vicarage  
Tues. 16th Lent Course (4) 1.45pm: St Bene't's PCC 7pm  
Wed. 17th St Patrick, Bp: Lent Course (4) 7.30pm: LSM  
Thurs. 18th commem. St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp. Holy Hour 6.15pm  
Fri. 19th St Joseph, Husband of the BVM  
Sat. 20th commem. St Cuthbert, Bp Ely Diocesan Synod
- SUN. 21st 5<sup>th</sup> of LENT: Passion Sunday  
Mon. 22nd Lent Course (5) 7.30pm: St Paul's Vicarage  
Tues. 23rd Lent Course (5) 1.45pm: St Bene't's: Stations of the Cross 7.05pm  
Wed. 24th Lent Course (5) 7.30pm: 7.30pm  
Thurs. 25th ANNUNCIATION to the BVM: LM 7.45am SM 7pm  
Fri. 26th  
Sat. 27th
- SUN. 28th PALM SUNDAY *for full details of Holy Week Services, see p.*  
Mon. 29th in Holy Week  
Tues. 30th in Holy Week  
Wed. 31st in Holy Week

**Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for March**

The People of Wales		1st
Our Lent Course		2nd
Palestinians and Israelis	<i>Ceta Cherry</i>	3rd
Christian Unity		4th
L'Arche Overseas		5th
Cambridge City Council		6th
The Parish	<i>Geoffrey Clayton, Bp</i>	7th
Ministries of Spiritual Guidance	<i>Jessie Rolph</i>	8th
Cambridge South Deanery Chapter		9th
Ministry of Healing: Friends of LSM		10th
Refugees and the Homeless		11th
Those considering baptism and confirmation		12th
Parish Centre project	<i>Elsie Kathleen Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i>	13th
The Parish:		14th
Emmanuel United Reformed Church	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe</i>	15th
Parochial Church Council	<i>Teresa Pike</i>	16th
The People of Ireland	<i>Richard Boulind</i>	17th
Relief work in Haiti		18th
Our servers	<i>Mary McDougall</i>	19th
Diocese of Durham: Ely Diocesan Synod		20th
The Parish	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Bottrall</i>	21st
USPG	<i>Emily Glennie, Nellie Edwards, Merlin Rotherham-Brown, Ken Topley</i>	22nd
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital		23rd
Music at LSM	<i>George Head</i>	24th
Thanksgiving for Mary's response to God's call	<i>Edith Allen</i>	25th
The People of Afghanistan	<i>George Papworth, Philip Hall</i>	26th
Fr Peter Waddell, Fr Christopher Woods, Holy Week preachers	<i>Nora Everiss</i>	27th
The Parish as we keep Holy Week together		28th
Confessors and Spiritual Guides		29th
Prisoners of Conscience: Amnesty International		30th
Jerusalem and the Middle East		31st

**A Prayer for Passiontide**

**Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went  
not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory  
before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we,  
walking in the way of the  
cross,  
may find it none other  
than the way of life and  
peace;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.  
AMEN**

**People for our Prayers** It's good to hear that **David Greason** has now got an established pattern of dialysis at King's Lynn Hospital, although he still has to come to Cambridge once a week for a clinic. Generally, he is feeling better than a few months ago, and eating quite well, although he is still very tired, and suffers a variety of minor complications. **Stephen Barnard** had to spend a few days in Addenbrooke's recently because of a very unpleasant infection in his legs, but he is now home again, and he and **Eileen** have the support of carers as well as one of their daughters alternately, a week at a time. **Joan Waton** is struggling with further mobility problems, and is facing very difficult decisions about her future care. **Elaine Wheatley** has had to begin regular dialysis, necessitating sessions in Addenbrooke's three times a week. **Janet Crome** is making steady, if slow, progress after a 'new knee' operation. With convalescence going quite well, and good prognosis, **Penny Robson** has been able to have a short break away from home; we hope that both Janet and Penny will soon be able to get to church again. **Margaret Gatward** is home from hospital and determinedly continuing to make slow progress.

We have a small group of youngsters meeting to think about the possibility of Confirmation...Agnes Pethers, and Alice and Isobel Williams; Alexander Harrison is considering admission to Holy Communion. If there's anyone else in either category, please let Fr Andrew know.

Friday March 19th (the Feast of St Joseph) at 8pm in Church: for the Parish Development Fund:  
**OLFACTORY EXPERIENCE - Incense Smudging** from the Sacristan, Mark Caddick

**September visit from our linked parish of Chant d'Oiseau, Brussels**

We are looking for people prepared to offer: bed-and-breakfast, evening meals, transport, for our visitors. The dates are Thursday September 16th-Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Sheila Bennett, Bob DeWolf or Fr Andrew.

**Development Fund Appeal**

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**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2010**

***The Sacrament of Reconciliation: times for Confession***

**The Vicar:** Mon.6<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm, Tues.7<sup>th</sup> 5.15pm, Wed.8<sup>th</sup> 12.05pm,  
 Sat.11<sup>th</sup> 5pm or by appointment

*The Addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday, and at 7pm Mass from Monday to Wednesday inclusive will be given by Fr Peter Waddell, Chaplain of Sidney Sussex, and those for the Triduum by Fr Christopher Woods, Chaplain of Christ's*

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	Low Mass
<b>28th</b>	10.15am	Blessing of Palms (Laundress Green) Procession to LSM, High Mass
	6.00pm	Solemn Evensong & Benediction with first Holy Week Address
<b>Monday 29th</b>	7.45am	Low Mass
	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
<b>Tuesday 30th</b>	7.45am	Low Mass
<b>Wednesday 31st</b>	10.00am	Low Mass
	7.00pm	Low Mass & Address
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		<b>The Easter Triduum</b>
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	7.00pm	High Mass of the Lord's Supper Address and Footwashing, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altars, Watch of the Passion
<b>1st April</b>		
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Litany (BCP)
<b>2nd April</b>	Noon	Preaching of the Passion
	1.30pm	Liturgy of the Day
	5.00pm	Liturgy of the Cross for Children
	9.00pm	Tenebrae
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer and Antecomunion
<b>3rd April</b>	6.00pm	Evening Prayer and Vigil Prayers
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	5.00am	Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter
<b>4th April</b>	8.00am	Low Mass
	10.30am	Procession, High Mass & Holy Baptism
	6.00pm	Solemn Evensong and Benediction

## 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*  
*1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

### LSM website

[www.lsm.org.uk](http://www.lsm.org.uk)

Deadline for **April** Newsletter: **Sun 21<sup>st</sup> March**