

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Thurs 1st 6.15pm Holy Hour
 Fri 2nd PATRONAL FESTIVAL: VISITATION OF THE BVM
 Low Mass 12.30pm High Mass 7.00pm
 Preacher at 7.00pm: the Revd Dr Cally Hammond,
 Dean of Gonville & Caius College, followed by Buffet
 1.00pm Charity Lunch
- Sun 4th **5th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
 Thurs 8th *Danielis Ludus*: Dress Rehearsal 7.30pm
 Fri 9th *Danielis Ludus*: First performance 7.30pm
 Sat 10th SUMMER FETE and GIFT DAY: Choral Evensong 6pm
 Sun 11th **6th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
 10.30am preacher: The Revd Canon Michael
 Whitehead,
 Guardian Emeritus, Our Lady of Walsingham
 We welcome Emmanuel URC members to coffee
- Mon 12th Parish Centre Steering Group 8pm
 Wed 14th Ministry of Healing 9.45/10am : PCC 7pm
 Sat 17th Society of Mary at St Peter's Ely and Sutton
 Sun 18th **7th SUNDAY after TRINITY**
 10.30am preacher: Fr David Neaum,
 Asst Curate of St Gregory, Marnhull
- Thurs 22nd ST MARY MAGDALENE
 7.00pm Sung Mass
- Sun 25th **8th SUNDAY after TRINITY: ST. JAMES**
 10.30am preacher: The Rt Revd Peter Ramsden,
 Bishop of Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

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Dear Friends,

With our farewells and heartfelt thanks duly offered to **Christian Rutherford** on Sunday June 20th, when we also celebrated the 10th Birthday of the Junior Choir which he founded, we now look forward to the official arrival of **Simon Jackson** as his successor. We also said good-bye and thank you that day to **Anthony Fort**, Assistant Organist during the last academic year, and to four members of the Junior Choir: **Lizzie Davies**, joining the Parish Choir, and to **Emily Rutherford, Naomi Carne** and **Emily Shercliffe**, who are moving on to Higher Education. Simon's tenure of the post of Director of Music begins on July 1st, and so he will be plunged in almost immediately 'at the deep end' with this year's **Patronal Festival**, Friday July 2nd, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The preacher at the 7pm High Mass will be **the Revd Dr Cally Hammond**, Dean of Caius. After the service there will be a Buffet (Bring-and-Share) Supper. Please 'bring' if you can, and help to make this a really joyful celebration of 'Our Lady of Grace', as we join her in magnifying the Lord and praying for our life together at LSM.

Another SUMMER FETE and GIFT DAY is almost upon us. The curtain goes up on the first performance of *Danielis Ludus: the Jazz Version* at 7.30pm on **Friday July 9th**. Tickets are just £5. Lucy McKitterick and her assistants and advisers have put a huge amount of work into this; don't miss it! The following morning, we begin with Low Mass at 8am, by no means the least important event on that or any other day of the week at LSM. From 8.30am, help with putting up gazebos and arranging stalls will be most welcome. As I have already mentioned in the notices at church, there are a number of items which would be most welcome for stocking up the stalls...CAKES and PRESERVES, BOTTLES for the Tombola, and TREASURES OLD AND NEW for Deirdre Price-Thomas' stall (the only one from which profit will be going to the Parish Centre Development Fund... everything else, as usual, to the General Fund, with 5% being given to the Mission projects which we support). Here is the Saturday programme:

- 8am: Low Mass
- From 8.30am: Setting up Gazebos and Stalls
- 11am: Stalls open: Coffee available in the Parish Room
- Noon: Prayer
- 12.05: Young People's Concerts
- From 12.30pm: Lunches in the Parish Room
- 3pm: *Danielis Ludus: the Jazz Version*
- From 4pm: Teas in the Parish Room
- 6pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction

There will be Art Exhibitions in the Lady Chapel, a Children's face painting station outside, and an opportunity to buy tickets for the GRAND RAFFLE (for the Parish Centre fund). Do please come along to support this exciting day, and make sure you enjoy a Parish Room Lunch!

Yes, the Parish Room will still be open and available to us on the day of the Summer Fete. However, it is possible that there will have been some important developments in the week leading up to that Saturday. All being well, the first task of moving six headstones from the site of the extension to their new position on the north side of the Church may be accomplished on July 5th and 6th. Next, I hope on July 7th and 8th, there will be a final soil analysis to determine what sort of foundations are to be used. Should it be possible to proceed using shallow foundations, there may be a slight reduction in the tender price from our favoured contractor, York Construction, a firm which has done a good deal of work for Colleges in central Cambridge. So, there are still some queries to be answered, but it MAY be that the main work is under way before the end of July. Please continue to pray for the furthering of this project, not least the fundraising which we still need to do...and for guidance as we begin to think more concretely about imaginative ways of using the Centre when it is complete.

After the Patronal Festival on July 2nd, we have two further major Saints Days in July, St Mary Magdalene on Thursday 22nd, and St James the Great, which falls on a Sunday (25th) this year. I'm delighted that the Bishop of Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea, Peter Ramsden, will be with us to preach on St James Day at 10.30am; he will join us for lunch afterwards and show one of his son Stephen's films about his Diocese. I remember that Bishop Peter, when a Parish Priest in PNG some years ago, began a sermon at All Saints Hesse (my last parish) by demonstrating the way in which visitors are greeted by the thrust of a spear in some PNG villages; perhaps he will be more restrained now that he's a bishop!

Another overseas visitor this year, not specifically to LSM, but to Ely Diocese, will be a priest from the linked Diocese of Vellore, in South India. Noble Gembeeram will be spending 3 months in the Diocese during the autumn. Much of his work in Vellore has been focused on the restoration and improvement of the diocesan hospital; this has included setting up outreach clinics in villages, and offering support to families affected by HIV/AIDS. Perhaps 'LSM Global' will be considering an invitation to him.

England. Lay representatives are elected by the lay members of the Deanery Synod, which means that not very many lay members have a vote! However, your interest and your prayers are important, and you might like to talk to our Deanery Synod representatives (Richard Morgan, Sue Munro and Jo Wibberley, elected representatives, and Sheila Bennett, Shirley Dex and Peter Harland, *ex officio* representatives) about your concerns. The closing date for nominations is Friday 3 September, and the result will be known in mid-October. Pray too for members of the current General Synod at their meeting over the weekend of 10/11 July; the issue of the Ordination of Women to the Episcopate and provision for those who are opposed to this is high on the agenda.

With best wishes and prayers: Fr Andrew

People for our prayers

Please pray for all ordained to diaconate and priesthood at Petertide this year, especially **Christopher Holden** (Priest), **Christopher Trundle** and **Adam Webber** (deacon).

After surgery early in June, **Rosemarie White** now has to have chemotherapy and the prospect of further surgery; please pray for her husband Stuart as well as Rosemary herself. **Margaret Rowett** and **Catherine Lofts** are both back in Addenbrooke's, Margaret after another fall, and Catherine with infections in her legs. **Cynthia Clayton** is now back home following a period of rehabilitation. **Virginia Knight**, formerly a member of the Parish Choir, has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

PARISH AND SOCIETY OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM, 19th June 2010

On a damp and breezy excuse for a June Saturday, twenty four pilgrims from Little St Mary's Church and the Society of Mary met at the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. The terracotta roof of the shrine church was washed a deep red by the rain. Once inside, we gathered around the Annunciation Altar, repeating the antiphon, "Blessed are those whose hearts are set on the pilgrim's way," between verses of Psalm 84. Entering the Holy House, built as a standing memory of Our Lady's own house at Nazareth, and lit mostly by votive candles, we prayed, in

Particular, for our parish, those to be ordained, the shrine, and ministry to the sick.

After Mass in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham and lunch (picnickers relocating ourselves indoors), Fr Stephen Gallagher told the story of the founding and re-founding of the shrine, recalling especially how the underground spring, which had formed the original holy well before the Reformation, had welled up where work was being done on the new site. Even so, he explained, the grace of God wells up inexhaustibly for us, to mark which he encouraged us to drink deep gulps of the water: each pilgrim receives some to drink, is marked on the forehead with the sign of the cross, and spills some through their fingers.

Although the weather did not look encouraging, Br Paschal, of the Society of S. Francis, explained that an important part of the devotion of the Stations of the Cross is the physical movement between stations, so we followed him outside to meditate on Our Lord's road to Calvary. Br Paschal explained the Franciscan origin of the practice, and led us in praying for those today whose sufferings and needs reflect those of Our Lord and those with him.

The pilgrimage ended with Benediction, and prayers for the last visit to the Holy House. In the final hymn, we sang that we would stay there forever, were it not that Jesus calls us back. Hence there was nothing for it but to go home, taking a little of Walsingham with us.
Matthew Smith.

CAN YOU HELP WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING?

Old keys - any shape, size

Clear plastic covers from greetings cards

Clean jam jars with screw lids

If so, please see Sarah Martin during coffee in the Parish Room on Sunday mornings or email her on ssm33@cam.ac.uk

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

The most celebrated saint of Sweden was the daughter of Birger Persson of the family of Finsta, governor and lawspeaker of Uppland, and one of the richest landowners of the country, and his wife, a member of the so-called Lawspeaker branch of the Folkunga family. Through her mother, young Birgitta was a relation of the Swedish kings of her lifetime.

In 1316, when she was 13 she married Ulf Gudmarsson of the family of Ulvåsa, lord of Närke, to whom she bore eight children, four daughters and four sons. All of them survived infancy, which was very rare at that time. One of whom was afterwards honoured as St. Catherine of Sweden. Birgitta's saintly and charitable life soon made her known far and wide; she gained, too, great religious influence over her husband, with whom (1341-1343) she went on pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

In 1344, shortly after their return, Ulf died in the Cistercian monastery of Alvastra Abbey in Östergötland, and Birgitta then devoted herself wholly to religion.

It was about this time that she founded the Order of the Holy Saviour, or the Brigittines, of which the principal house at Vadstena was richly endowed by King Magnus Eriksson of Sweden and his Queen.

About 1350 she went to Rome, partly to obtain from the Pope the authorisation of the new order and partly in pursuance of her self-imposed mission to elevate the moral tone of the age. It was not until 1370 that Pope Urban V confirmed the rule of her order, but meanwhile Birgitta had made herself universally beloved in Rome by her kindness and good works. Save for occasional pilgrimages, including one to Jerusalem in 1373, she remained in Rome until her death on 23 July 1373. She was originally buried at San Lorenzo in Panisperna before being moved to Sweden. She was canonised in the year 1391 by Pope Boniface IX, and confirmed by the Council of Constance in 1415. Because of new discussions about her works, the Council of Basel confirmed the orthodoxy of the revelations in 1436.

Her visions of the Nativity of Jesus had a great influence on depictions of the Nativity of Jesus in art. Shortly before her death, she described a vision which included the infant Jesus as lying on the ground, and emitting light Himself, and describes the Virgin as blonde-haired; many depictions followed this and reduced other light sources in the scene to emphasise this effect, and the Nativity remained very commonly treated with chiaroscuro through to the Baroque. Other details often seen such as a single candle "attached to the wall," and the presence of God the Father above, also come from Bridget's vision.



Calendar and Intentions

for

JULY

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 July

Thurs.	1st	Holy Hour 6.15pm
Fri.	2nd	VISITATION of the BVM: PATRONAL FESTIVAL <i>see page</i>
Sat.	3rd	
SUN.	4th	5th after TRINITY
Mon.	5th	
Tues.	6th	St.Thomas More
Wed.	7th	
Thurs.	8th	<i>Danielis Ludus</i> : Dress Rehearsal 7.30pm
Fri.	9th	<i>Danielis Ludus</i> : First performance 7.30pm
Sat.	10th	SUMMER FETE and GIFT DAY: Choral Evensong 6pm
SUN.	11th	6th after TRINITY
Mon.	12th	Parish Centre Steering Group 8pm
Tues.	13th	
Wed.	14th	comm. John Keble Pr. Ministry of Healing 9.45/10am : PCC 7pm
Thurs.	15th	St Bonaventure Bp, St Swithun Bp: Soc. Responsibility Grp 7.30pm
Fri.	16th	
Sat.	17th	Society of Mary at St Peter's Ely and Sutton
SUN.	18th	7th after TRINITY
Mon.	19th	St Gregory of Nyssa, Bp
Tues.	20th	St Margaret of Antioch
Wed.	21st	
Thurs.	22nd	St MARY MAGDALENE: LM 7.45am, SM 7pm
Fri.	23rd	St Bridget of Sweden
Sat.	24th	
SUN.	25th	St JAMES, Apostle (8th after TRINITY)
Mon.	26th	St Anne, Mother of the BVM
Tues.	27th	
Wed.	28th	
Thurs.	29th	St Martha
Fri.	30th	
Sat.	31st	St Ignatius Loyola: Wedding 2.30pm

Daily Intentions and Anniversaries for July

Simon Jackson, our new Director of Music		1st
Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Grace	<i>Daniel Golding, Eunice Francis</i>	2nd
Those being ordained Deacon and Priest	<i>Tom Forte</i>	3rd
The Parish: the People of the USA	<i>Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis</i>	4th
The Homeless	<i>James Owen Pr.</i>	5th
Integrity in public life		6th
Parish Centre Project	<i>Dorothy Oakley</i>	7th
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament		8th
CAMFED (<i>Friday Lunch Charity</i>)	<i>Matthew Richards</i>	9th
Our Summer Fete		10th
The Parish	<i>Robert Runcie, Bp., Sally Theobald</i>	11th
Parish Centre Project	<i>John Rose</i>	12th
The Departed	<i>Audrey Styl</i>	13th
Ministry of Healing: our PCC		14th
Social Responsibility Group	<i>Miranda Long</i>	15th
The People of Afghanistan		16th
Society of Mary	<i>Jim Campbell, Elisabeth Barnes</i>	17th
The Parish	<i>Winifred Eakhurst</i>	18th
Theologians	<i>John Gibson, Gordon Roe, Bp</i>	19th
Those persecuted for their faith		20th
Care for the environment	<i>Marguerite South</i>	21st
St Mary Magdalen, Oxford	<i>John Butterfield</i>	22nd
Vocations to the Religious life		
23rd		
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership	<i>Amanda Copley</i>	24th
The Parish		25th
Mothers' Union	<i>Muriel Williams</i>	26th
Peace in the Middle East	<i>Kathleen Waring</i>	27th
Those working in local government	<i>Phyllis Price, Neville Woods</i>	28th
Christian Unity	<i>Diana Goodhart</i>	29th
Prisoners		30th
Spiritual Guides		31st

***Prayer for the General Synod
meeting in York July 9th-12th***

***Almighty God
Who hast given thy Holy Spirit to the Church,
that he may lead us into all truth.
Bless with his grace and presence
the members of the General Synod;
keep them steadfast in faith and united in love,
that they may reveal thy glory
and prepare the way of thy kingdom;
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.***

AMEN

Little St Mary's Summer Festival

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th July 2010

Saturday:

8am: Low Mass

11am: Stalls & Exhibition open:

Coffee available in the Parish
Room

Noon: Prayer

12.05: Young People's Concerts

From 12.30pm:

Lunches in the Parish Room

3pm: *Danielis Ludus: the Jazz*

Version

From 4pm: Teas in the Parish Room

6pm: Choral Evensong and

Benediction



ROMSEY MILL 

J-Team is run by Romsey Mill in
partnership with local churches

Are you free to spend some time
this summer sharing faith and
friendship with local children...?

Romsey Mill are looking for helpers
for their J-Team Holiday Club

26-30 July
(mornings only)

at Romsey Mill
Hemingford Road, Cambridge

For more information please contact
admin@romseymill.org or 01223 213162

GRAND SUMMER RAFFLE FOR THE PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT FUND

We have now launched our grand Summer Raffle...a great opportunity to raise some money for the Parish Development Fund and to involve the community outside the congregation. There are some excellent prizes, including a Champagne Punting Tour for 8 with Scudamore's. But no one will have the chance of a prize unless we sell them the tickets!! Please would everyone think of ways in which this may be done.

What about a ticket-selling Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea Party? Books of tickets are available from the back of the church after services, or from the Lay Pastoral Assistant, the churchwardens and their deputies.

CAMFED: Friday lunch charity for July and August



In 1991, Ann Cotton visited Zimbabwe to investigate why girls' school enrolment in rural areas was so low. What she found surprised her. Contrary to the common assumption that families weren't sending girls to school for cultural reasons, Ann discovered poverty was the main roadblock. Families couldn't afford to buy books or pay school fees for all their children, so they had to choose who would receive an education. Girls were rarely chosen. The reason was simple: boys had a better chance of getting a paid job after graduation.

Ann returned home to Cambridge determined to find a way to help girls go to school in Zimbabwe. She recruited friends and family and sold baked goods to raise money and awareness about the lack of education for girls in Africa. At the end of her campaign, she supported 32 girls through school.

In 1993, she formally launched Camfed, the Campaign for Female Education. The girls supported by Camfed stayed in school and did well, demonstrating that girls' education was valued by families when costs were met.

Camfed fights poverty and HIV/AIDS in Africa by educating girls and empowering women to become leaders of change. Their goal is to improve the lives of two million children by 2013.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Many thanks to all who continue to give regularly and cheerfully.

We have been able to give away the following amounts recently:

Sue Ryder Care	£260	Friday lunches January & February
L'Arche Overseas - Uganda	£250	Friday lunches March and April
USPG in Peru	£157	Lent boxes
Bishop's Lent Appeal	£182	
Cambridge Samaritans	£140	Good Friday collection
Christian Aid	£285	
Makeni Ecumenical Centre	£120	Every month for the AIDS orphanage

Thanks also to those who gave so generously to the collections for our assistant priests and for Christian Rutherford.

The Parish Centre Appeal fund continues to swell.

Recently we have had three grants from trusts;
£2000 from the Allchurches Trust,
£3000 from the John Booth Charitable Foundation and
£5000 from the Garfield Weston Trust.

Donations have now reached £73,236.

Events have raised £10,314.

Fr Andrew's sponsored walk has raised £7000 so far; half of that has been given to Romsey Mill, the other half is in that events figure.
The raffle is to be the next money-spinner.

SERVICES AT LITTLE ST MARY'S

Sundays

7.30am *Morning Prayer* 8.00am *Holy Communion*
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 *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 & 6.30pm *Low Mass* 6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

Friday

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

Saturday

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

Festivals

7.00pm *Sung Mass*
Low Mass as announced

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Friday at Noon Saturday 6.30pm
or at other times 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 Low 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 **AUGUST** Newsletter: **Sun 18th July**