

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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Preachers on Sundays during October

3rd: 18th after Trinity: Harvest Thanksgiving

10.30am: The Vicar

6pm Fr Mark Bishop

10th: 19th after Trinity:

10.30am: Canon Frances Ward, Dean Elect

of St Edmundsbury Cathedral

6pm: The Vicar

17th: 20th after Trinity:

10.30am: David Edgerton (Ridley Hall) 6pm: The Vicar

24th: 21st after Trinity:

10.30am: Canon Alan Cole

6pm: The Vicar

Special Events

Saturday 9th: Society of Mary to Ely Cathedral Walsingham Cell

Saturday 16th: Outing to Southwell Minster and St Mary's Nottingham

Monday 18th: Feast of St Luke: Low Mass 7.45am Sung Mass 7pm

Collections for the Homes of St Barnabas

Saturday 23rd: Sponsored Walk to Ely

(for the Parish Centre Development Fund)

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Dear Friends,

On August 31st we heard at last the name of the man who is to be the next Bishop of Ely. **The Rt Revd Stephen Conway** is the Area, or Suffragan, Bishop of Ramsbury, in the Diocese of Salisbury, which he is currently ‘minding’ as there is also an ‘episcopal interregnum’ in that diocese. Bishop Stephen was trained at Westcott House here in Cambridge, and until he became Bishop of Ramsbury in 2006 served all his ministry in the Diocese of Durham, in two curacies, then as a Parish Priest, as Director of Ordinands and Bishop’s Chaplain, and finally as an Archdeacon. I understand that it is likely to be early March before he begins his ministry here; and this means that I shall probably serve under him for only a very short time, as most of you will be aware by now that I am to retire on March 31st 2011 by which time I shall have been Vicar of Little St Mary’s for nearly 17 years and Rural Dean of Cambridge South for 5. As clergy are granted a month’s leave when they retire, it is likely that my last Sunday in the parish will be March 6th. I had been thinking seriously for some time about retiring in the summer of 2011, when I shall be 67; but I had also been hoping that I would find a congenial context in which I would be able to continue priestly ministry, and this (I trust!) is provided by the post which I shall be taking up in Worcester, as Chaplain to Laslett’s Almshouses (where the Chaplain’s House will be my accommodation, for as long as I am willing and able to do the job) and Non-Stipendiary Associate Priest at Old St Martin’s, a City Centre Church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition. The Trustees of the Almshouses wanted me to take up the post in September this year, so you will appreciate that I have negotiated a significant delay. I wanted this partly to give myself more time to adjust to what will be an enormous change for me in all sorts of ways, and partly (as I had expected) to see the completion of the Parish Centre building project. So it is a great disappointment to me that the various delays we have experienced (mostly relating to the re-siting of headstones and the discovery of vaults, and now adding up to almost 2 months) mean that it will probably be early April before the Contractors are off the site. The original timescale envisaged the start of the project in mid-June 2010, and completion by Christmas. But I didn’t feel that I could keep the Trustees of Laslett’s and the people of Old St Martin’s waiting still longer! It’s also important that I remind myself and you that the development of the Parish Centre is not ‘my’ project, but an act of faith in the future of LSM as a living Church community, and an act of commitment to its continuing witness to the gospel for years to come. Over the coming months we must work together to prepare not just for the opening of the Centre, but for its good use and management in the future. I am particularly pleased that there have already been very positive discussions about the development of work in support of people with mental health problems (and it’s good to hear that the new Bishop is particularly interested in mental health issues).

As I write, it’s just ten days since we had to vacate the Parish Room; so we’re still getting used to our life without it. As I suggested in a note inserted in the pewsheet at the beginning of September, we shall have to be tolerant and good-humoured about the various limitations and difficulties which the situation imposes on us. But we seemed to manage quite well with our first Sunday Coffee and our first Friday Lunch in the ‘south-west corner’, and I’m very grateful to those helpers who are prepared to be adaptable over the coming months.

I’m sure that you’re aware that, even as we watch the new building taking shape, fundraising has to continue; behind us now are the Summer Raffle (many thanks to **Jo Wibberley** for her tremendously hard work in organising that) and the John Donne evening (thank-you to **Stephen Siddall** as well as to the actor James Clarkson), but we’re looking forward to the sponsored walk to Ely which **Bill de Quick** is organising (October 23rd...details from Bill), and a Supper and Music

Hall evening on Saturday November 27th (Simon Jackson and Rosie are in charge of the music, Sarah Martin of other arrangements). Interspersed with these we expect to have more of our successful Produce Stalls, the first on October 16th. Depending on the results of various grant applications, we may decide to draw on part of the loan which is available to us from the Diocesan Board of Finance. But this may be a good time to say that if there are people who have been holding back from donating to the fund while the long preliminary processes were under way, now is the time to come forward! Julia Wheatcroft, our Treasurer, will be pleased to give advice on methods of donating.

The first Sunday in October, our **Harvest Thanksgiving**, brings us a particular opportunity to remember the work of **Jimmy's Nightshelter** with homeless people (see page 9). You are invited to bring appropriate gifts either on Saturday 2nd, or before Mass on Sunday 3rd. Jimmy's has embarked on a major programme of improvement to the building and facilities, and our interest, support and prayers are important to all involved. I'm grateful to **John and Penny Robson** for being our 'link' with Jimmy's on behalf of the Social Responsibility Group, and all of us. In recent years we have had a **Harvest Supper**, raising money for the Sunday School building and other work at **St Cyprian's Sharpeville** in South Africa; we decided that this would be too difficult this year with the Parish Centre building in progress; however, **Graham and Mary Ward** have kindly agreed to have a **Guy Fawkes Party** at their home on Saturday November 6th; profit will be for St Cyprian's...look out for further details. On **St Luke's Day**, Monday October 18th, we shall have a collection for the **Homes of St Barnabas** (for retired clergy and spouses); we instituted this annual collection on St Luke's Day when St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy closed.

Looking a little further ahead, I hope that you all have significant **November** dates in your diaries! The month begins with **All Saints Day**, Monday 1st, and the **Commemoration of All Souls** on Tuesday 2nd. After the Guy Fawkes Party on Saturday 6th, we celebrate **Dedication Festival** on Sunday 7th, when the preacher at High Mass will be the Bishop of Repton, the Rt Revd Humphrey Southern. The 2010 **Michael Ramsey Lecture** will be delivered by the Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, at 5.15pm on Tuesday 9th; and our autumn course this year comprises two sessions on **Forming a Rule of Life**, Wednesdays 17th and 24th, and a Mass with commentary on Saturday 20th at 11am, with an opportunity to reflect afterwards on the meaning of the Eucharistic liturgy.

I'm completing this letter just an hour or so after our Belgian visitors have left Cambridge to return to **Chant d'Oiseau** in Brussels. Although only five were able to come to Cambridge this time, it seems that considerable enthusiasm remains for the potential of the link to keep ecumenical concerns well on the agenda of our two congregations. The value of occasional Retreats and opportunities for meetings on 'neutral' ground was reaffirmed when we gathered for our farewells and closing prayers; but so too was the way in which exchange visits foster friendship and mutual understanding. I hope that a small group here in Cambridge may be able to take responsibility for maintaining the link on our side. In the meantime, I would like to thank the many people who gave hospitality to our visitors (not least Margaret Schofield, who was responsible for a splendid 'loaves and fishes' exercise at an expanded Friday Lunch), or who were involved in the visits to Norwich and to Wimpole Hall. Our visitors were most appreciative.

Thanks are also due at this time of year to the cyclists who braved the strong winds and occasional

heavy shower on Saturday September 11th on behalf of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and LSM, and to their generous sponsors...and to Shirley Dex and Jane Jackson who welcomed visitors to LSM that day. As always, we shall have a few weeks' wait before we know the financial result.

It's been good to welcome **Tanya Hockley** as our new Lay Pastoral Assistant; she seems to be settling down well with us and at Margaret Beaufort House. She may soon be thinking of some money-raising ideas to help with the funding of her trip in March with the Friends of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service to visit the work in and near Calcutta. **Mark Smith** appreciated his time on placement with us over the summer, and any time now we should be welcoming **David Edgerton** (also from Ridley Hall) back to continue his attachment. I hope that we may also have someone with us on attachment from Westcott House. On a personal note, I would like to thank our Churchwardens, Christine and Paul, for organising the reception at Emmanuel United Reformed to follow the High Mass on St Matthew's Day, marking the 40th anniversary of my Ordination to the Priesthood on September 20th 1970. I began writing this on the day before the celebration, but I can now say that they did a marvellous job...as did Lucy McKitterick with the cake (and the flowers in Church, along with Kathy Brent), and our expanded serving team, overseen by Mark Caddick. My thanks also to those who kindly sent cards, or who brought gifts, and to LSM as a whole for an extremely generous cheque. The Mass was a wonderful occasion, and it was lovely to have friends from near and far, and not least a phalanx of Lay Pastoral Assistants past and present!

With my prayers and best wishes: Fr Andrew

People for our Prayers

Congratulations to **Robert and Catriona Mackay**, married in a splendid ceremony in LSM on September 4th; and to **Harry and Jeanine van der Weidje**, the couple from the Netherlands who worshipped with us during the last academic year; they were married at Old St Paul's Edinburgh on September 24th, with Fr Andrew the celebrant at the Nuptial Mass.

Rosemarie White has recently had her penultimate chemotherapy treatment; she generally has some 'bad days' after these treatments, but on the whole she is keeping remarkably cheerful. Some readers will remember **Jo Spreadbury**, who used to worship at LSM both before and during her training for ordination at Westcott House; her father Peter has been diagnosed with cancer. **Michael Cook** continues to have chemotherapy at home.

Calendar and Intentions
for
OCTOBER

*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*

Calendar for October

Fri.	1st	St Teresa of Lisieux
Sat.	2nd	Holy Guardian Angels
SUN.	3rd	18 th after TRINITY: HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Mon.	4th	St Francis of Assisi
Tues.	5th	LSM/Emmanuel URC Forum 7.30pm
Wed.	6th	St Faith, Martyr
Thurs	7th	nb Holy Hour NOT today but on October 14th
Fri.	8th	Children's Group Meeting 4.15pm
Sat.	9th	St Denys, Martyr: Garden Working Party 10am: SOM to Ely
SUN.	10th	19 th after TRINITY
Mon.	11th	Finance and Standing Committee 7.30pm
Tues.	12th	St Wilfred of Ripon, Bp
Wed.	13th	St Edward the Confessor: Healing Ministry 9.45/10am
Thurs.	14th	Holy Hour 6.15pm
Fri.	15th	St Teresa of Avila
Sat.	16th	Outing to Southwell and St Mary's Nottingham
SUN.	17th	20 th after TRINITY: Produce Stall after High Mass
Mon.	18th	St LUKE, Ev. LM 7.45am SM 7pm Music Fund Group 8.15pm
Tues.	19th	Churches Together Meeting 7.15 for 7.45pm
Wed.	20th	Friends of Fulbourn Hospital AGM 6.30 for 7pm, St James
Church		
Thurs.	21st	
Fri.	22nd	
Sat.	23rd	commem. Lancelot Andrewes, Bp: Diocesan Synod: sponsored walk to Ely
SUN.	24th	21 st after TRINITY
Mon.	25th	SS Crispin & Crispinian
Tues.	26th	St Cedd
Wed.	27th	
Thurs.	28th	SS SIMON & JUDE, Apostles: LM 7.45am, SM 7pm
Fri.	29th	
Sat.	30th	
SUN.	31st	22 nd after TRINITY: 4th before ADVENT

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for October

Faithfulness in prayer <i>David Walser Pr., Lester Vellanoweth, Audrey Gulland</i>	1st
Children's Group, leaders and helpers	2nd
The Parish: thanksgiving for Harvest: Jimmy's Nightshelter	3rd
Franciscans <i>Magda Phillips</i>	4th
LSM/Emmanuel link <i>John Wade</i>	5th
Persecuted Christians <i>Elizabeth Knight</i>	6th
Local Schools <i>Irene Findlow, Peter Le Huray, Derek Hulyer</i>	7th
Christian Unity	8th
Society of Mary	9th
The Parish	10th
Parish Centre Project	11th
Bishop Stephen Conway <i>Geraldine Adams</i>	12th
The Church's Healing Ministry/Friends of LSM	13th
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Eric Horne</i>	14th
Spiritual Guides <i>Isabel Furley</i>	15th
Today's outing: Southwell Minster and St Mary's Nottingham	16th
The Parish <i>Bertie Clough</i>	17th
Doctors and Surgeons <i>Fred Linsey</i>	18th
The Departed	19th
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital <i>Percy Poulter, Alice Royston</i>	20th
Christian Unity <i>Norman Cruttwell, Pr</i>	21st
The Departed <i>Winifred Staples, Jennifer Mary Moseley</i>	22nd
Diocesan Synod <i>Frederick Waring</i>	23rd
The Parish <i>Meredith Dewey, Pr., Robert Wolverson, Freddie Webber</i>	24th
	<i>Patricia Nutbrown</i>
United Nations peacekeeping	25th
Jimmy's Nightshelter	26th
Our Servers <i>Margot Fynes-Clinton, Michael Jackson, Pr.</i>	27th
College of the Resurrection, Mirfield <i>Patricia Chopourian</i>	28th
Angel Tree project (for prisoners' families) <i>Beatrice Bicheno</i>	29th
Preparation for All Saintstide <i>Edith Lock</i>	30th
The Parish <i>Richard Crowden, Charles Holland</i>	31 st

October 13th
Feast
of
St Edward the Confessor

*Sovereign God,
who set thy servant Edward
upon the throne of an earthly kingdom
and inspired him with zeal
for the kingdom of heaven:
grant that we may so confess the faith of Christ
by word and deed,
that we may with all thy saints
inherit thine eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

AMEN

HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Sunday October 3rd

Gifts to be donated to
JIMMY'S NIGHTSHELTER

Particular requests are:

Drinking Chocolate, Tea, Coffee, Sugar

Tins: Fruit, Vegetables, Tuna, Soup, Rice Pudding

Milk, Topping, Cream

Squash (any flavours)

Table & Cooking Salt, Pepper, Cooking Oil

Salad Cream, Tomato Sauce, Brown Sauce, Vinegar

Cereal, Biscuits, Crisps

Jam, Marmite, Peanut Butter, Marmalade, Jellies

Custard Powder, Gravy Granules, Oxo, Bovril, Flour

Fresh Fruit or Vegetables, Garden Produce

PARISH CENTRE DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

Forthcoming Events

Sunday October 17th

after High Mass

Produce Stall

in the Church Porch

Saturday October 23rd

9am Jesus College Chapel

Sponsor forms available at the

Sponsored Walk

to Ely

back of the Church

Saturday November 27th

7.30pm at Emmanuel URC

Music Hall Event

with Supper

Tuesday January 11th 2011

at the Double Tree Hotel

Afternoon Tea

and talk from Peter Davis

Further details of these events to follow

*Please not the dates in your diaries
and advertise the events among your friendship*

*Individual donations to the fund always welcome;
contact Julia Wheatcroft*

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*
(but 2nd Thursday in October)

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 at the west end of the Church 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