

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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Services and Events

Saturday 1st: Naming of Jesus: SM 10.30am

Thursday 6th: Epiphany: Low Mass 7.45am, High Mass 7pm

*Sunday 9th: Baptism of Our Lord: Epiphany Carol Service 6pm
Preacher at 10.30am: The Revd Rachel Greene*

Tuesday 11th: Tea and Illustrated Talk at Double Tree Hotel 3pm; PCC 7pm

Tuesday 18th-Tuesday 25th: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Wednesday 19th: Unity Week Service at LSM 12.30pm

Saturday 22nd: Children's Group Party 4pm

Sunday 23rd: Preacher at 10.30am: The Revd Charles Razzall

Monday 24th: Unity Week Service at Wesley Church 7.30pm

Tuesday 25th: Conversion of St Paul: Low Mass 7.45am, Sung Mass 7pm

Thursday 27th: Talk by Dr Fiona Blake 7.30pm

Saturday 29th: Winter Words and Music 3pm

Sunday 30th: Launch of Christian Giving Renewal

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Dear Friends,

As we approach the New Year, my impending departure from LSM is beginning to seem more of a reality. The *Janus* perspective of January 1st, looking back and looking forwards, inevitably carries extra significance for me this time. No doubt the next few weeks will give me more time to continue in this attitude of ‘facing-both-ways’, but just at the moment I’m particularly conscious of the fact that the PCC, on behalf of you all, will soon be engaging with the task of writing a ‘Parish Profile’, as part of the preparation for finding a new incumbent for LSM (and the Churchwardens set out the process later in this Newsletter). In a way, this has absolutely nothing to do with me; what has gone before, and what *I* may have seen as priorities over the last sixteen-and-a-half years, don’t have to be part of the parish’s future. Nevertheless, I feel that I should offer a few reflections...just three, for the moment; there may be more in the weeks ahead!

The importance of looking ‘outwards’. For this, I would specify the establishment of the Overseas Links Group (now LSM Global) and, more recently, the Social Responsibility Group, the Friday lunches with their steady income for charities, the Monday Group and the Wednesday play-reading group; and now, there is the potential of the new Parish Centre for developing work in and with the community.

Building community within a ‘gathered’ congregation. Social events play an important part in this, as does the encouragement of discussion (as opposed to simply listening to a speaker) in Lent or Autumn study meetings; and the foundation of the Junior Choir (now ‘Choristers’) has helped to broaden our ‘intake’!

Holding diversity of opinion, while sustaining an Anglican Catholic liturgical and theological tradition, which is recognised as important in Cambridge, in the Diocese and, I believe, in the wider Church.

After the lovely Feasts of the **Epiphany**, which we shall celebrate on the traditional date, January 6th, and of the **Baptism of Our Lord** on Sunday 9th (renewal of baptismal vows at High Mass, and the Epiphany Carol Service at 6pm), we shall soon find ourselves in another **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**; perhaps our prayer this time should be especially for our own Church of England and Anglican Communion, and for our own congregation, although, as usual, the daily intentions will take us into prayer for our brothers and sisters of other traditions. January also brings us two fund-raising events for the **Parish Centre Development Fund**; details are on page 12. I’m delighted that a very generous individual donation and various other additions have now lifted the fund beyond £328,000.

Enough from me for the moment; do please read the Churchwardens’ contribution carefully!

With my prayers and best wishes for 2011: Fr Andrew

Procedure for finding a new Vicar: from Paul and Christine, Churchwardens

We thought it might be helpful to set out the procedure that has to be followed to find a successor to Father Andrew, and we trust that you will “read, mark, learn and inwardly digest” the following:

1. The PCC has to produce a statement called, “The Parish Profile”, ‘describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the Parish’. It will be important for the PCC to take care to produce a vivid picture of the Parish which will give an accurate impression of it for potential candidates. A Committee of the PCC has been constituted to prepare this, which will start meeting in the New Year. If you have any suggestions as to what you would like to be included in the Profile, please let us know.

2. A meeting (known as a Section 11 Meeting) dealing with the most important matters is held by the PCC after the Vicar has left. This has to be held within four weeks of the Church receiving formal confirmation from the Diocese that the incumbency is vacant. Accordingly, this meeting cannot be until April. Once the steps described below have been taken, then at last moves to look for a new Parish Priest can commence! The agenda for this meeting is as follows:

- (a) The Parish profile to be completed.
- (b) Two lay members of the PCC to be elected as the Church’s Parish representatives. Diocesan guidance on their role is as follows:

These two people will act on behalf of the PCC in the interview process which follows. They are not delegates, but representatives. Those chosen for this important role are often the Churchwardens but by no means always so.

- (c) A discussion to take place as to whether to ask the Archdeacon or the Patron (Peterhouse) to advertise the post.
- (d) The Diocese recommend that at this meeting “the PCC should always discuss and agree its attitude towards the ministry of women priests”
- (e) A discussion to take place as to whether the PCC would like to have a formal meeting between itself, the Archdeacon, the Rural Dean and the Patron to discuss matters further. This meeting is not compulsory and the PCC could decide to dispense with it.

3. It is a requirement that LSM’s approach to women priests and to the relevant Resolutions be discussed as part of the selection process. It has *both* to be aired at the Section 11 Meeting, *and* set out in the Parish profile.

The Resolutions are as follows:

Resolution A

That this parochial church council would not accept a woman as the minister who presides at or celebrates the Holy Communion or pronounces the Absolution in the Parish.

Resolution B

That this parochial church council would not accept a woman as the incumbent or priest-in-charge of the benefice or as a team vicar for the benefice.

There is a **Resolution C** relating to the option of Alternative Episcopal Oversight but it is very unlikely that we would seriously consider this.

The issue of the resolutions was raised at the PCC meeting in November when the process of filling a vacancy was explained. A paper from the Diocese setting out the procedures was later distributed to all members. It was agreed by a large majority of the PCC at the November meeting that there should be a meeting on 11th January to discuss the resolutions but not necessarily to vote on them. Clearly, this is an important issue requiring careful consideration. The APCM on the 28th February will provide an opportunity for further discussion and, as described above, the matter will have to be reviewed at the Section 11 meeting after Fr Andrew has left.

The Church of England takes the view that if none of the Resolutions are passed then a person's gender is not to be relevant in the appointment procedure, because in her view this would be illegal under the general law and open to challenge. Thus without having one of the Resolutions in place, it would not be possible to look only among male priests for Father Andrew's successor, even if it were felt necessary to have a male Parish Priest at this time in order to preserve the cohesion of the congregation. So in the present context, the discussion about the Resolutions is not one about whether women priests are desirable or are not, but about the extent to which LSM should be concerned to provide a ministry for those, who in all good conscience, do not accept the ordained Ministry of women, and balancing that against LSM's concerns for the spiritual needs of those who acutely wish for women's ministry here.

These are difficult issues to put it mildly, and as well as your prayerful support we would urge all of you to make any views and concerns about them known to us and PCC members before the 11 January meeting.

Please also do raise any other query you have about the procedures with us and members of the PCC and generally make your opinions known. It is our concern to ensure that you are all part of this important process.

2011 Christian Giving Renewal

At the beginning of each year, we are each asked to review our giving as Christians, not only financially, but also of our time and our talents. In this coming year, our commitment will be even more important as we enter a period without a vicar at Little St Mary's, and the churchwardens will need to draw on the whole-hearted support of everybody in the congregation.

On Sunday 30th January, envelopes will be handed out at services to everyone (or posted to those who are not able to be there) containing papers which we would ask you to consider carefully and prayerfully. The pack will include forms on which you will be able to express your commitment for the following year, and which we would ask you to complete and return.

The Renewal of Christian Giving has had a generous response in past years. It is our sincere hope that the same will be true of 2011.

The Christian Giving

Group

Note: *The Hon. Treasurer reports that although our Income for 2010 is likely to show an **increase** on that for 2009, and our expenditure a **decrease**, she will nevertheless have to draw on reserves to meet a deficit for the year. So we do need the generous response mentioned above!*

From the Social Responsibility Group...

- On **Thursday January 27th**, at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel, there will be a talk by a consultant psychiatrist, **Dr Fiona Blake** entitled...

Care in the Community: what might LSM offer with the new facilities?

- **Poverty and Homelessness Awareness Week** will take place between 29 January and 6 February 2011. There will be a display in church which will remind us both of what LSM does to help support poor and homeless people, and, we hope, to make people think about what more we should be doing, both individually, and as a church.

Friday Charity Lunches...

resume on January 7th. Please let Fr Andrew or Lucy McKitterick know if you're willing to be an occasional 'provider'! We continue to cope quite happily with the temporary arrangements in the south west corner of the Church; indeed, people seem to linger longer than they did in the Parish Room! The Charity for January and February is...

Whitworth House:

Sarah Martin writes...

Whitworth House was set up entirely through voluntary effort and opened its doors in 1998. It not only provides supported housing for thirteen vulnerable young women, but also helps the residents to move from welfare into work or education. Whitworth House is now managed by Orwell Housing Association but the project is supported by the *Friends of Whitworth House*, a voluntary committee with charitable status.

The *Friends* have created a general fund to support residents' education and training needs (such as access to a computer and the Internet; college fees; travelling expenses) and in their efforts to find work, which will enable them to live independently as soon as they are able.

The Friends also offer additional practical support for the residents, some arriving with little or no personal possessions, bedding etc. and, where needed, assistance is given to those moving into independent living after a period of up to two years (eg. an item of kitchen/household equipment). At Christmas time, support is given to provide individual gift parcels, a group meal and social occasion for the residents.

For further details please contact Sarah Martin - sarahmartin@talk21.com

Why not make a New Year Resolution to come along on a Friday.. there's Low Mass at 12.30pm, and the lunch follows. We ask a minimum donation of £2.50. We support six charities in a year, each one for two months at a time, alternately 'home' and 'overseas'. Friday Lunches raised **£1400** in total for six different Charities in 2010.

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*

Calendar for January

Sat.	1st	MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS: SM 10.30am
Sun.	2nd	2nd of CHRISTMAS
Mon.	3rd	
Tues.	4th	
Wed.	5th	Parish Centre Group: 8pm
Thurs.	6th	EPIPHANY of OUR LORD: LM 7.45am HM 7pm
Fri.	7th	
Sat.	8th	
SUN.	9th	BAPTISM of OUR LORD: Epiphany Carol Service 6pm
Mon.	10th	commem. William Laud, Archbishop
Tues.	11th	Double Tree Hotel event 3.30pm: PCC 7pm
Wed.	12th	St Aelred, Ab.: Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry at 10am LM
Thurs.	13th	St Hilary, Bp.
Fri.	14th	
Sat.	15th	
SUN.	16th	2nd of EPIPHANY: 7.10pm Music Fund Group
Mon.	17th	St Antony of Egypt
Tues.	18th	Confession of St Peter: <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> Unity Week Service at 12.30pm in LSM; Bring-and-Share Lunch
Wed.	19th	St Wulfstan, Bp. Pastoral Visitors Meeting 7.30pm
Thurs.	20th	SS Fabian and Sebastian, Martyrs
Fri.	21st	St Agnes, Martyr
Sat.	22nd	St Vincent, Martyr Children's Group Party 4pm
SUN.	23rd	3rd of EPIPHANY
Mon.	24th	St Francis de Sales, Bp: Unity Week Service: Wesley Church 7.30pm
Tues.	25th	CONVERSION of St PAUL: LM 7.45am SM 7pm: F & S 8.15pm
Wed.	26th	SS Timothy and Titus
Thurs.	27th	Talk by Dr Fiona Blake 7.30pm
Fri.	28th	St Thomas Aquinas
Sat.	29th	'Words and Music' 3pm
SUN.	30th	4th of EPIPHANY
Mon.	31st	St John Bosco, Pr.

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for January

Faithfulness to the name of Jesus	<i>Dorothy Ogden, Derek Williams</i>	1st
The Parish		2nd
City Council	<i>Edward Maycock, Pr, Lena Wheatley, Arthur Clough, Celia Scott-Townsend</i>	3rd
The people of Afghanistan		4th
Parish Centre Development project	<i>Joyce Day, Jennifer Williams</i>	5th
Thanksgiving for the Epiphany	<i>Maggie Hulyer</i>	6th
Whitworth House (<i>Friday lunch charity</i>)		7th
Parish Choir and Choristers		8th
The Parish: renewal of our baptismal commitment		9th
The Church of England	<i>Silvia Skeil</i>	10th
Parochial Church Council	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Friends of LSM: the Church's healing ministry		12th
The people of the Holy Land		13 th
The Departed	<i>Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
Music at LSM	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
The Parish	<i>Marjorie Galletly</i>	16 th
Vocations to the Religious Life		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
The Parish: the Anglican Communion		23rd
Methodist and Lutheran Churches	<i>Robert Garrett, Pr., Peggy Hall</i>	24th
The Unity of Christians		25th
Our Bishops: Bp Stephen		26th
Care in the Community	<i>Sebastian Hawkes, Elsie Perrin</i>	27th
Theologians		28th
Support of the Arts	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
The Parish	<i>Mary Hammond</i>	30th
Cambridge Federation: Ordinands		31st

January

The Week of Prayer for

Christian Unity

(from January 18th,

the Feast of St Peter's Confession,

to January 25th,

the feast of the Conversion of St Paul)

O Lord God,

the source of truth and love,

keep us faithful

to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and in the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

WEEK OF PRAYER

for

CHRISTIAN UNITY

January 18th -25th

Churches Together in the Centre of Cambridge

have planned two events:

- at LSM on Wednesday January 19th: a service at 12.30pm
to be led by the Revd Dr Maggie Guite,
and followed by Bring-and-Share Lunch
- at Wesley Church on Monday January 24th at 7.30pm
a service on the theme: 'Israel and Palestine'

Given away in 2010...

Additional Curates Society	437.03	Bishop's Lent Appeal	182.00
Cambridge Cyrenians	540.00	Cambridge Mencap	210.00
Cambridge Nursing Centre	231.00	Cambridge Samaritans	140.00
Cambridge Street Pastors*	200.00	CAMFED*	222.00
Christian Aid (week)	285.00	Christian Aid (Pakistan)	410.00
Christian Aid (Haiti)	495.00	College of St Barnabas	41.00
Community of the Resurrection	100.00	Friends of Calcutta CRS	1200.00
Friends of Fulbourn Hospital	350.00	Friends of Whitworth House	200.00
Hope Cambridge Media	10.00	Jimmy's Night Shelter	200.00
L'Arche Overseas*	250.00	Makeni Ecumenical Centre	2640.00
N.Ireland Children's Holidays*	200.00	PNG Church Partnership	1 505.00
Prison Fellowship*	268.00	Society of St Francis	15.00
St Cyprian's Sharpeville	355.00	Sue Ryder Care*	260.00
TARIRO (Zimbabwe)	230.00	Borneo Mission Association	400.00
Children's Society	540.00	Medaille Trust	606.00
USPG Peru	1504.20		

** Friday Lunch Charities*

Parish Centre Development Fund: January Events

- *Tuesday January 11th at the Double Tree Hotel*

TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

and

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK

by

PETER DAVIS

on

The fabled cities of Bokhara, Samarkand and Shiva

TICKETS £15

from Christine Tipple or Jo Wibberley

Booking essential!

- *Saturday January 29th at 3pm in Church*

WINTER WORDS AND MUSIC

arranged by Steve Siddall

TICKETS £5

from Christine Tipple or Jo Wibberley

From Chris and Janet Nevitt...

We would like to thank all those who helped to make our Silver Wedding Mass and Reception so special. It was good to have so many of our family and friends at church to support us. We also wish all our friends at Little St Mary's a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. We have sent a donation to the Parish Centre Development Fund in lieu of Christmas Cards.

We had a wonderful holiday cruising to the Caribbean and back and felt very close to LSM on the middle Sunday when we docked in Barbados. We came off the ship just after 8am and went in search of a taxi to take us to the nearest Anglican Church. We arrived at St Mary's about 8.30 and the crowds of parishioners were flocking out of church all dressed as smartly as if they were attending a wedding. On further exploration we found that these people were the 7am congregation for Sung Eucharist and that there would be a Solemn Mass commencing at 8.45. Juggling 4 different books was quite a challenge but we were helped by our neighbours behind us. Being in holiday mode we were quite casually dressed (Chris in shorts and Janet in a sleeveless top – not quite in keeping with the rest of the congregation. Janet felt forced to keep her sun hat on as there were many extremely smart hats adorning the ladies of the congregation!) It was unfortunate that we could not stay and socialise afterwards, as when it got to 10.25 and there seemed to be a good number of post-communion hymns, we were aware we had to find another taxi and return to the ship for a trip to which we had already committed ourselves.

Winter Words and Music: Saturday January 29th: 3pm

Steve Siddall writes: *We have another fund-raising event at 3.00 on Saturday afternoon 29th January. **Winter Words and Music** will offer (we hope by then not-too-shivering) audiences an entertaining mixture of pieces; some are seasonal, some are church-based and some are merely frivolous. Emerald, our visiting star from *The Archers*, has agreed to join us again. It is also the last of these events when we can count on Father Andrew's special contributions. At the moment, the rest of us are likely to weaken and permit not one but two G&S songs!*

People for our Prayers

After well over a month in hospital, **Sue Munro** was finally able to come home on December 13th. Having broken her wrist in a fall after leaving Janet and Chris Nevitt's Silver Wedding Reception, she had a kidney infection, and continuing internal troubles which led to a colostomy. Building up her strength again will clearly take a long time. **Renata Sayers** has had keyhole surgery for bowel cancer, and is now waiting to hear what further procedures may be necessary. After one cancellation, **Joan Waton** finally had her 'new knee' operation; it's been decided that she needs to stay in hospital rather longer than first expected, as it will take time and intensive physiotherapy to get her moving! **Rosemarie White** is still recuperating after her surgery, but will soon begin three weeks of radiotherapy.

R.I.P.

Brian Jordan died suddenly at work in his shop in Green Street on December 1st. A faithful server at the early Mass on Tuesdays for several years, a dependable sidesman, the man in charge of the bookstall, and a generous and spontaneous 'giver', Brian never pushed himself forward in the life of LSM; but he thought deeply and sometimes anxiously about the Church and its ways. Those who knew the courteous, somewhat old-fashioned figure at 'Brian Jordan Music and Books' in Green Street would perhaps be surprised to learn of National Service spent in the Durham Light Infantry Band, and of letters from service in Egypt to friends at home delighting in the absurdities of army routines and local customs. He had a fine sense of musicianship himself, and a way with words too; the large numbers of people from the musical world who attended his Requiem Mass in LSM bore witness to the respect and affection in which he was held. May he rest in peace, and know the assurance of the words used by St Paul (Romans 7) in his own struggles, and which were read at Brian's Requiem... 'Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Our Lord Jesus Christ!' As we pray that he may rest in peace and rise in glory, we remember his widow Ann, and their sons Ben and David, and offer them our prayers and sympathy.

Dennis Peck, who died in hospital on December 13th, was a server at LSM during the incumbency of Fr Hankey in the 1930s. He had a great respect for Fr Hankey, and also admired Mrs Hankey's plays and pageants! He married Daphne in 1951, and they were devoted to one another through the long years of their marriage. They made a foray to St Bene't's for a time, but kept in touch with LSM through coming to Evensong and Benediction, eventually returning as members of the Sunday 8am congregation; they were only able to come very occasionally in recent months, but had continued to receive Holy Communion at home. We pray for the repose of his soul, and for Daphne in her bereavement; for the moment, she is in residential care.

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 not in January)

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

