

Little St. Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SOME SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Wed 2nd **PRESENTATION of the LORD**
 Low Mass 10am High Mass with Ceremonies, 7.00pm
- Thurs 3rd Holy Hour 6.15pm
- Sat 5th Choir sing Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral 3.30pm
- Sun 6th **5th before LENT** Preacher at 10.30am High Mass Fr Roger Hall,
 Chaplain at St Peter ad Vincula, HM Tower of London
- Tue 8th Society of Mary Office & Benediction, 7.30pm
- Wed 9th Visit of the Most Revd Joe Kopapa, Primate of Papua New
Guinea
- Sun. 13th **4th before LENT** Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners
12.15pm; Tea & Music (LSM Choristers): Margaret Beaufort Institute 3.30pm
- Wed 16th Prayer Group 9.45am: Healing Ministry at 10am Low Mass
Cambridge South Deanery Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm
- Sun 20th **3rd before LENT: SEPTUAGESIMA**
 Preacher at 10.30am High Mass: The Archbishop of Canterbury
- Wed 23rd Guild of All Souls Office and Benediction 7.30pm
- Sun. 27th Produce Stall after High Mass
- Mon 28th Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting
7pm

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Dear Friends,

Shuffling Preachers: Archbishop of Canterbury on February 20th

After prolonged negotiation, the Archbishop of Canterbury is to preach at LSM on **Sunday February 20th**, at 10.30am, taking the place of his Secretary for Ecumenical Affairs, Fr Jonathan Goodall, who has now agreed to preach later in the year, on November 13th, Remembrance Sunday. We are indeed fortunate that Archbishop Rowan has agreed to come to us during his son's half-term holiday, and we very much look forward to welcoming him. The other adjustment to the preaching arrangements in the LSM Calendar is that the Dean of Westminster, the Very Revd John Hall, will be coming on March 27th, instead of March 20th. If you've bought a 2011 Calendar, please make the necessary alterations in it. Since the Calendar was produced, we have booked one other High Mass preacher: Fr James Hawkey, Minor Canon at Westminster Abbey, for September 25th.

...and another Archbishop!

The new Primate of the Province of Papua New Guinea, **the Most Revd Joe Kopapa**, will be spending **Wednesday February 9th** with us; he will be accompanied by the new General Secretary of the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership, Louise Ewington. The Archbishop will join is for the 10am Mass and will meet people afterwards over Coffee. He will have lunch with members of 'LSM Global', and in the evening there will be a special meeting in Church, when we hope that Steve Ramsden's film about the response of the Anglican Church in PNG to AIDS will be shown.

Annual Meetings

As already notified in the 2011 Calendar, we are holding our **ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS** (for the election of Churchwardens) and **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING** earlier than usual this year, on **Monday February 28th**, at 7pm in the Church. Please note that we are also having an Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners at 12.15pm on **Sunday February 13th**, also in the Church. This special meeting will have just one agenda item: a proposal that we waive the rule that requires Churchwardens who have served for six consecutive years to stand down, and that we specify that at LSM a Churchwarden may serve an additional two years. Immediately after that meeting on February 13th, the nomination paper for the post of Churchwarden will be displayed in the Church; I remind you that it is hoped that there will be agreement between the Incumbent and the Parishioners on the two nominees. At the APCM on February 28th, alongside other necessary business, we receive the Annual Report and Accounts for 2010, and fill vacancies on the Parochial Church Council. This year, we have to elect **TWO** people to represent LSM on the Deanery Synod for the next three years; they are then *ex officio* on the PCC. Anyone who has been on the Electoral Roll for six months or more is eligible; our current **Deanery** Synod representatives are Sue Munro and Jo Wibberley. Sheila Bennett, Shirley Dex and Richard Morgan, who are on the Ely Diocesan Synod, are also *ex officio* on both the Deanery Synod and the PCC; there are no elections for **Diocesan**

Synod this year. We shall also be electing FIVE people to serve on the PCC; Clive Brown, Ian Douglas, Robin Osborne and Liz Smith have completed a three year term, and are NOT eligible to stand (although they ARE eligible for election to Deanery Synod); Olivia Will has completed a 'by-election' term of just two years, and therefore IS eligible to stand again. Members continuing to serve on the Council are: *until 2012*: Rob Francis, Nick Jackson, Richard Martin, Janet Nevitt, Julia Wheatcroft: *until 2013*: Daniel Auger, Bob DeWolf, Lucy McKitterick, Chris Nevitt, Mary Ward. Nomination lists for the Synod and PCC elections will be in Church from early February. The Annual Meeting gives those on the Electoral Roll the opportunity to raise any matter of parochial interest; with the forthcoming vacancy, there is likely to be discussion of issues relating to the conduct of the interregnum (which, in my view at least, offers many opportunities for constructive involvement in the life of the parish) and to the procedures for the appointment of my successor. Paul Huskinson contributed a piece to the January Newsletter about those procedures, and at its meeting on January 11th there was discussion on the question of the ministry of ordained women at LSM; no vote was taken at that meeting on the 'Resolutions' (which were also explained by Paul in the January Newsletter). I remind you that the important PCC meeting, known as 'Section 11', on the appointment procedures (choice of two parish representatives, discussion of the Parish Profile, decision on whether or not to advertise the post) can only take place after I've left! In the meantime, do please pray for good judgment and pastoral sensitivity on the part of all those involved in any way in these procedures: the Patrons of the living (Peterhouse), and the Bishop and Archdeacon as well as our Churchwardens and PCC members, those who will be elected on February 28th and those continuing to serve.

Christian Giving Renewal...and Lent

The five weeks between the beginning of February and Ash Wednesday are a time for prayerful reflection on our Christian Giving, both financial (there was a small deficit last year in the General Fund) and in terms of involvement in the prayer and activities of the Parish. As I mentioned above, an interregnum may be seen as a time of opportunity for the people of a parish, and the opening of the Parish Centre, the continuation of the Pastoral Visiting Scheme, and, not least, the sustaining of the Daily Prayer of the Church all invite the commitment of those who are part of the Body of Christ at LSM. I hope that there will be a note about arrangements for the Interregnum in the March Newsletter...and also about Lent; Ash Wednesday not falling this year until March 9th. Two of our young theology graduates are working on a course on the 'Use of the Bible', to take place on Wednesday evenings, and it is likely that the Sunday morning sermons will also have a Bible theme, this year being the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Version. The Bishop's Lent appeal is for the Bible Society, in particular for the provisions of Bibles for China.

Parish Centre

Most of the exterior work is now complete, apart from the fitting of new windows and the re-opening of the west window (which requires a good deal of preliminary repair work, to be paid for out of resources other than the Parish Centre Fund). The configuration of the space inside is now clear, and recent work has included plastering. However, the loss of at least three weeks in the summer because of the delays caused by the discovery of buried vaults and by the removal of gravestones means that the handover by the contractors is likely to be early in May. At least this gives us a little more time to put in place plans for future use and operation of the Centre. I'm delighted that **Ian Douglas** has agreed to chair a new Management Committee which will, I hope, have its first meeting in February, having been appointed by the PCC on January 31st. The timing of the completion of the work should also allow a couple of weeks for people to get used to the new space before the Bishop of Ely comes to dedicate it (and to celebrate and preach at High Mass) on **Sunday June 5th**. (I do hope that date is in your diary; I think that I am being allowed back to LSM for the occasion!) As for funding, we really have made excellent progress; another £40,000 over the next few weeks would make us secure; so please support our fundraising committee (see page 10), and help in any way you can! Some of the money in our 'total' is pledged over a number of months or years; this may mean that we will have to draw on part of the loan arranged with the Diocese some months ago.

A personal note (or two)

The Diocese of Ely grants priests who are retiring a 'month off' before their official retirement date, partly, I suppose, because the business of retirement and leaving a place which has become very familiar is quite demanding emotionally and practically. This means that I won't be very much in evidence after Sunday March 6th (my official retirement date being March 31st), when I shall preach my final Sunday morning sermon (although I suspect that I shall still have some 'handing over' to do). However, I shall be singing the 7pm Mass on the Feast of the Annunciation, Friday March 25th, and making official farewells after that. I expect to be moving to Worcester during the following week; my licensing as Chaplain at Laslett's Almshouses and Associate Priest at Old St Martin's will take place on Sunday April 10th (when the Bishop of Worcester will also be baptizing the new bells at Old St Martin's; I saw two of them cast in Loughborough on a snowy day in December!).

with best wishes and prayers: Fr Andrew

Downsizing! Are you interested in...

- Large reproduction Edwardian mahogany dining table
- Pine kitchen table
- Bosch Dishwasher
- Bosch Washing Machine
- Zanussi Tumble dryer

Contact Fr Andrew!



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

Tues.	1st	St Brigid, Abbess
Wed.	2nd	PRESENTATION of the LORD: LM 10am HM with Candlemas Ceremonies 7pm
Thurs.	3rd	St Anskar,Bp: Holy Hr. 6.15pm:Social Responsibility Group 7.30pm
Fri.	4th	St Gilbert of Sempringham: Holy Hour 6.15pm
Sat.	5th	St Agatha,Martyr: Choir sing Evensong@Peterborough Cathedral
SUN.	6th	5 th before LENT (CW), EPIPHANY 5 (BCP) Anniversary of the Accession of Her Majesty the Queen
Mon.	7th	
Tues.	8th	Society of Mary Office and Benediction 7.30pm
Wed.	9th	Visit of the Primate of PNG: meeting at 7.30pm
Thurs.	10th	St Scholastica
Fri.	11th	St Radegund, Abbess
Sat.	12th	
SUN.	13th	4 th before LENT (CW), EPIPHANY 6 (BCP) Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners 12.15pm
Mon.	14th	SS Cyril and Methodius, Patrons of Europe
Tues.	15th	LSM Global 7.30pm
Wed.	16th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: Deanery Synod 7.15 for 7.45pm
Thurs.	17th	
Fri.	18th	
Sat.	19th	<i>Medaille Trust concert postponed</i>
SUN.	20th	3 rd before LENT (CW): SEPTUAGESIMA (BCP)
Mon.	21st	
Tues.	22nd	
Wed.	23rd	St Polycarp,Martyr:Guild of All Souls Office & Benediction 7.30pm
Thurs.	24th	
Fri.	25th	
Sat.	26th	
SUN.	27th	2 nd before LENT (CW), SEXAGESIMA (BCP)
Mon.	28th	Annual Meeting of Parishioners + Parochial Church Meeting 7pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for February

Spiritual Guides	1st
Thanksgiving for Our Lord, Light to all peoples	2nd
Social Responsibility Group	3rd
Friends of Whitworth House (<i>Friday lunch charity</i>)	4th
Parish Choir and Choristers	5th
The Parish: Her Majesty the Queen	6th
Parish Centre Development project	7th
Society of Mary	8th
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership: Friends of LSM	9th
Vocations to the Religious Life	<i>Ronald Moorhouse, Bill Thomas</i> 10th
Jesus College	<i>Mary Jones</i> 11th
The Bible Society	<i>Margaret Webber, Enid Maycock</i> 12th
The Parish	<i>Alich Nilsson</i> 13th
The European Union	14th
The Departed	15th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	16th
The Archbishop of Canterbury	17th
Prisoners of Conscience	18th
Medaille Trust	<i>John Lyon, Pr., Audrey Sparrow</i> 19th
The Parish	<i>Mary Stubbs</i> 20th
All involved in the NHS	21st
Peterhouse and Pembroke	22nd
Guild of All Souls	<i>Mary Dawson</i> 23rd
Christian Unity	24th
Cambridge City Council	25th
The People of Afghanistan	<i>Arthur Peck, James Townley</i> 26th
The Parish	27th
Faith, Hope and Charity in our Parish life	28th

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Monday February 28th

A Prayer for the Parish

God our Father

*we thank thee for our Parish Church,
a house of prayer in which thou dost bless thy people
on their pilgrimage.*

*So quicken our consciences by thy holiness,
nourish our minds by thy truth,
purify our imaginations by thy beauty,
and open our hearts to thy love,
that in the unity of our fellowship
we may surrender our wills to thy purpose,
through Jesus Christ Our Lord*

AMEN

People for our Prayers

After a spell in Brookfields Hospital for 'rehab.', **Joan Waton** is now in St George's Court, Russell Street; she hopes that it won't be too long now before her plaster comes off and she can go home.. **Renata Sayers** has started a six-month course of chemotherapy, while **Rosemarie White** should have finished 3 weeks radiotherapy by the end of January. **Daphne Peck** is now settling in the Cambridge Manor Care Home, and **Patricia Barnard** is still in the Cambridge Nursing Home. **Sheila Duffy** has now moved to Gretton Court in Girton.

R.I.P.

The Rt Revd Peter Walker, Principal of Westcott House from 1962-72, Bishop of Dorchester from 1972-77 and Bishop of Ely from 1977-89, died after a short illness on December 28th. His last visit to LSM was for the dedication of the window in memory of Fr James Owen. **Rex Walford**, who directed 'The Lambeth Talk' for us at our Summer Festival a few years ago, has died tragically in a boating accident; he was a faithful member of St Mark's Newnham.

LSM Global: our overseas links

● **Papua New Guinea Church Partnership...**

*Wednesday February 9th: visit from the new Archbishop of PNG, the Most Revd Joe Kopapa...see Vicar's letter, page 2
Come and worship with the Archbishop at the 10am Low Mass, and hear him at the meeting at 7.30pm in the evening.*

● **Friends of the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service**

Clive Brown and Tanya Hockley leave on March 5th for a 2 week visit to India, which will include opportunities to visit CRS.

Tanya is organising fundraising to offset the contribution made by LSM towards the expenses of this important trip...

***and so you would be welcome to Afternoon Tea,
and Music from the LSM Choristers, at the
MARGARET BEAUFORT INSTITUTE, GRANGE ROAD
at 3.30pm on Sunday February 13th
TICKETS £5***

Office Group at Wimpole

One of the objectives of LSM's mission action plan in recent years has been "To explore ways of building on our existing corporate life of prayer, with particular emphasis on shared daily prayer". One way of doing this is for groups to meet, on a regular basis, in people's homes, to say an office and/or other devotions. In implementing this objective, we would very much welcome the use of our chapel here at Wimpole, which many from LSM visited in August last year, as a focus for such a group. While this might be of more interest to those who live in the outlying areas on this side of the city, we would be delighted to see anyone who would like to come. We would also offer appropriate refreshment, depending on the time of day, for those attending.

With a view to starting by the beginning of Lent, we would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking part so that a time can be agreed to suit the maximum number of people. Please do contact us to let us know what you think...

Richard Martin and Susan Coote: e-mail rx_martin@hotmail.com

The Old School House, 22 Cambridge Road, Wimpole, SG9 5QE Tel. 01223 208154

Parish Centre Development Fund Appeal

February event: Sunday, 27th after High Mass...

PRESERVES & PRODUCE STALL

*with Seville oranges now in the shops,
more marmalade makers will be welcome.*

Thanks to Christine Tipple

for co-ordinating our fund raising events to date.

***Suggestions for further fund raising events will be welcomed by
Christopher Burlinson, Pat Boulhosa, Annie Osborne and Jo Wibberley.***

Parish Centre: future use...a place of friendship?

Maxine Nicholls is a regular member of the small 'spirituality' group which has met at LSM on Mondays for a number of years, as a result of Fr Andrew's links with the drop-in centre at 2 Trumpington Street (now closed) for those with mental health difficulties. Might this group be the basis of a new 'Monday Drop-in' in the Parish Centre? Maxine writes: *My favourite thing is friendship...meetings with several delightful friends significantly enhance my life...Just knowing that your friend is there for you and willing to listen and to encourage you makes all the difference in the world. Of course, each friendship is unique, but at its heart lies the same principle: two people accepting, supporting and trusting each other when times are challenging and equally when they run smoothly. Like a beautiful rainbow in the sky, friendship banishes loneliness...*

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

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 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

Deadline for **March** Newsletter: **Sun 20th February**