

Little St Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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SOME SERVICES & EVENTS THIS MONTH

- Tues 1st LSM/Emmanuel Forum 7.30pm
- Thurs 3rd Holy Hour 6.15pm
- Sun 6th **NEXT before LENT** Preacher at 10.30am High Mass Fr Andrew
- Wed 9th **ASH WEDNESDAY:** Imposition of Ashes at 10am LM & 7pm SM
- Sun 13th **LENT 1** Preacher at 10.30am High Mass:
the Revd Canon Giles Fraser, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral
- Wed 16th (and subsequent Wednesdays) Lent Course 7.30pm
- Sun 20th **LENT 2** Preacher at 10.30am High Mass:
Chris Griffiths (Westcott House)
- Fri. 25th **ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD:** LM 12.30pm, HM 7pm
- Sun. 27th **LENT 3** Preacher at 10.30am High Mass:
The Very Revd John Hall, Dean of Westminster

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Dear Friends,

I must have written around 200 of these letters during my time at LSM (and I dread to think how many more in the other parishes in which I've served!); I find myself wondering how effective a use of time and paper they have been! At times I've felt frustrated that what I've been saying hasn't been 'heard'; but no doubt that's sometimes been because I haven't said it effectively or appropriately. Communication is a huge challenge: for politicians, educationalists, for the Church certainly at every level. For LSM it's going to be particularly important over the coming months; *both* at the day-to-day level of passing on information about services, meetings and events, *and* at what might be called the higher level of the processes of handling a 'vacancy' and finding a new incumbent.

Day-to-day

It will be vital that everyone looking for dates for meetings, fund-raising events, concerts, and anything else involving LSM people or use of the building should consult the DIARY, which is currently at the bottom of the stairs near the Sacristy. No doubt when the Parish Centre is open, it will find a new home there, outside the Office. Maybe it should be supplemented by a wall chart; discussions are going on about that. ***The time and place of meetings and other events should be entered in the diary, AND communicated by e-mail to... diary@lsm.org.uk - which will forward to Eveline Bateman (our Administrator), Tanya Hockley, Rob Francis and our Webmasters. For other office matters: admin@lsm.org.uk*** Tanya and Rob are, at least for the time being, taking responsibility for collecting material for the Newsletter with its monthly diary. And when making arrangements, don't forget that there is a Sung Mass at 7pm on weekday Festivals!

A higher level

As has been said before, a vacancy in a parish can be a time of anxiety for all sorts of reasons: fear of change, pressure of responsibility on Churchwardens, assistant clergy and others, but also ignorance of the process of finding a new incumbent; after all, it's nearly 18 years since Fr James Owen died and the last vacancy began. Although, quite legitimately, a small group appointed by the PCC has started work on the 'Parish Profile' which has to be drawn up by any parish in a vacancy, nothing else can formally happen until after my departure. At some point after that, the PCC will meet for what is called the Section 11 meeting with the Patron's (Peterhouse's) representative and the Archdeacon of Cambridge. The Profile will be discussed, two representatives (not necessarily the Churchwardens) will be appointed to represent the parish in the ensuing search, a decision might be made on whether or not to advertise the post, and views expressed on the 'Resolutions' relating to the ministry of ordained

women in the parish. All this has, I think, been set out before, but I believe that it bears repeating. I have to say that I have been saddened by the evidence of various ‘murmurings’ and conflicts over the past few weeks; to mitigate this, full understanding of the process to be followed is vital, but so too is a genuine readiness to appreciate the particular place of LSM as a parish fully committed to the life of the Diocese and of the Church of England, yet also occupying a distinctive inheritance within the Anglican Catholic tradition, which is recognised in Cambridge and far beyond it. We must all pray for the Parish representatives, for the Patron and others, who, in their search for the right person to be the next Vicar of LSM, must be concerned to hold together our interestingly diverse community! It also seems to me to be crucial that members of a PCC never forget that they are called to collaboration with the clergy in *all* aspects of their parish’s life...so that, to give just two examples, commitment to our patterns of worship and involvement with them, and recognition of the potential of the new Parish Centre along with a willingness to make vision a reality are vital prerequisites of any candidate.

Fr Mark and the vacancy

As I’m sure you are all aware, Fr Mark Bishop leads an extremely busy life, and it will be no easy task for him to handle all the liturgical and pastoral tasks which I know he is willing to take on. I’m sure you will do all you can to assist him, for example by letting him know about people who are unwell, undergoing treatment or going into hospital (and may I add, letting him know when people are better!) Patricia Davies will be continuing to look after the Prayer Group’s list; again; please help her by giving her up-to-date information. I’m very pleased that our Pastoral Visitors will be continuing with their contacts. The round of Home Communicants is something about which I’m talking to Fr Mark, to other priests and to the people authorised to assist with the distribution of Holy Communion. We are extremely fortunate in having several priests in or near Cambridge who not only appreciate LSM, but who have offered to help with maintaining the Sunday and Daily Mass; some of them will also be available to hear Confessions, and a notice about this will be on the board in Church at the beginning of March.

Lent 2011

We have set our Lent preachers a challenge this year, selecting for them key texts from the Epistles set for the five Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Palm Sunday. Those texts and the five preachers will be found on page 9, and there’s a piece about our Wednesday evening Lent meetings on page 4; I’m very grateful to Geoff Dumbreck and Nick Jackson for agreeing to plan and lead these sessions on the Use of the Bible through the Christian centuries. Do please support them...7.30pm on March 16th and the four subsequent Wednesdays.

I'm hoping that the Celebrants at the 12.30pm Mass on the Fridays in Lent will continue our custom of recent years by leading reflections on two of the Stations of the Cross each week.

Into the wilderness?

Worcester isn't a wilderness, I'm sure; but in leaving LSM to go there I feel that I am leaving behind an enormous amount that has sustained and delighted me over nearly 17 years (the wonderful visit and sermon from Archbishop Rowan, who so clearly *enjoyed* LSM, summed up much of that); so I felt that it would be appropriately symbolic to preach a final Sunday morning sermon on the Sunday next before Lent, and then (almost) disappear...although, as you may well know, my farewell service will be at 7pm on the Feast of the Annunciation on Friday March 25th, when I hope that I shall have the opportunity of thanking EVERYONE for so much! For seven or eight of the Lenten days between March 9th and March 25th, I shall be away; but otherwise I shall be much occupied in the penitential tasks of clearing up, handing over and packing! I'm also relieved that I am to be allowed back on Sunday June 5th when the new Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway will be at LSM to celebrate and preach, and then to dedicate the Parish Centre (on which, I'm delighted to say that the contractors really are making steady progress...and the fund has now topped £340,000, a marvellous effort: but just keep it going for a little longer!) Please pray for Ian Douglas and his working group as they bring together ideas for the future use of the Centre.

With my thanks, prayers and very best wishes: Fr Andrew

Wednesday Evening Meetings at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13

In this year celebrating the Authorized Version of the Bible, this series of discussions will focus on the divergent ways the Church has used Scripture during its history. In the ***early Church***, Scripture both shaped and was shaped by the Church. In ***later periods***, the Church came to define more 'correct' ways of interpreting Scripture. The ***Reformation*** ensured that the Bible assumed a dominant position for the Protestant church, and the Catholic church responded in kind. With the rise in literacy which coincided with the Reformation, increasingly sophisticated and technical skills of interpretation were applied to Scripture. ***Today's Church*** still wrestles with whether there is a 'correct' way to read the Bible, and this is at the heart of many current theological controversies. Both for understanding the Church's past and present - not to mention future - the question of Scripture's place in the Church remains a crucial one.

Geoff Dumbreck and Nick Jackson



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

Tues.	1st	St David, Bishop: LSM/Emmanuel Forum 7.30pm
Wed.	2nd	St Chad, Bishop
Thurs.	3rd	Holy Hour 6.15pm
Fri.	4th	
Sat.	5th	Clive Brown & Tanya Hockley leave to visit Calcutta CRS
SUN.	6th	NEXT before LENT (CW), QUINQUAGESIMA (BCP) Fr Andrew's final Sunday morning sermon
Mon.	7th	SS Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs
Tues.	8th	Shrove Tuesday
Wed.	9th	ASH WEDNESDAY: Imposition of Ashes at 10am LM & 7pm SM
Thurs.	10th	
Fri.	11th	
Sat.	12th	
SUN.	13th	LENT 1: Friends of LSM Committee
Mon.	14th	
Tues.	15th	
Wed.	16th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10am: Lent Course (1): 7.30pm
Thurs.	17th	St Patrick, Bishop
Fri.	18th	commem. St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop
Sat.	19th	St JOSEPH, Husband of the BVM. Diocesan Synod
SUN.	20th	LENT 2
Mon.	21st	
Tues.	22nd	Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament 8pm
Wed.	23rd	Lent Course (2): 7.30pm
Thurs.	24th	
Fri.	25th	ANNUNCIATION of the LORD: LM 12.30pm, HM 7pm
Sat.	26th	
SUN.	27th	LENT 3
Mon.	28th	Parish Centre Steering Group Meeting 7.45pm
Tues.	29th	
Wed.	30th	Lent Course (3): 7.30pm
Thurs.	31st	

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for March

The People and Churches of Wales		1st
Bishop Stephen to be installed on Saturday		2nd
Our Servers	<i>Ceta Cherry</i>	3rd
Bibles for China (Bp's Lent appeal: <i>Friday lunch charity</i>)	<i>Stephen Barnard</i>	4th
Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service		5th
The Parish		6th
Parish Centre Development project	<i>Geoffrey Clayton, Bp.</i>	7th
A good keeping of Lent		8th
A spirit of true penitence: Friends of LSM		9th
Christian Unity		10th
The Homeless: Jimmy's Night Shelter		11th
Parish Profile Group		12th
The Parish	<i>Elsie Kathleen Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i>	13th
Cambridge City Council		14th
Lent course beginning tomorrow	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe</i>	15th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Teresa Pike</i>	16th
The People and Churches of Ireland	<i>Richard Boulind</i>	17th
The Holy Land and Jerusalem		18th
Diocesan Synod	<i>Mary McDougall</i>	19th
The Parish		20th
All involved in the NHS	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Bottrall</i>	21st
CBS <i>Emily Glennie, Nellie Edwards, Merlin Rotherham-Brown, Ken Topley</i>		22nd
Wise use of Holy Scripture		23rd
Margaret Beaufort Institute	<i>George Head</i>	24th
Thanksgiving for Mary's 'yes' to God	<i>Edith Allen</i>	25th
Our Churchwardens	<i>Philip Hall</i>	26th
The Parish		27th
Care in the Community	<i>John Gilling, Pr.</i>	28th
Cambridge Federation: Ordinands		29th
Peace and stability in North Africa		30th
Fr Andrew Greany		31st

ASH WEDNESDAY

is on

March 9th

*A Prayer for a good keeping of Lent
through attentiveness to Jesus
in word and sacrament*

*God of all grace,
whose Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of life
and the word of his kingdom;
renew thy people in this Lent with thy heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness sustain us
by thy true and living bread,
even Jesus Christ Our Lord
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit
ever one God, world without end.*

AMEN

LENT PROGRAMME 2011

Sermons on Sunday mornings at 10:30: Key Texts in the Epistles

- **Lent 1: March 13th**

The Revd Canon Giles Fraser, Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral

The free gift in the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many
(Romans 5.15)

- **Lent 2: March 20th**

Chris Griffiths (Westcott House)

Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness
(Romans 4.3)

- **Lent 3: March 27th**

The Very Revd John Hall, Dean of Westminster

We rejoice in God through Our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have now received our reconciliation
(Romans

5.11)

- **Lent 4: April 3rd**

The Revd Jonathan Lawson, Chaplain of St Hild & St Bede College,
Durham

Once you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord (Ephesians 5.8)

- **Lent 5: April 10th**

The Revd Christopher Woods, Chaplain of Christ's College

He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit which dwells in you
(Romans 8.11)

Wednesday Evening Meetings at 7.30pm in the Lady Chapel:

The Use of the Bible through the Christian centuries (see also p. 4)

- *March 16* *The Early Church*
- *March 23* *Pre-Reformation*
- *March 30* *Post-Reformation*
- *April 6* *The 19th Century*
- *April 13* *The Present Day*

At the 12.30pm Friday Mass: reflection on two Stations of the Cross

Coming and Going (and congratulations to Kate (Greany) and Rachel (Ward) on the safe arrival of their infants!)

We are delighted to welcome **Alex Aitken** as our new Assistant Organist. Having played for the Choir when they sang Evensong at Peterborough Cathedral, and at High Mass on February 20th when the Archbishop of Canterbury was with us, he will take up the post on March 1st. He is an Organ Scholar at St Catharine's College, and so he has experience of a Girls' Choir (and in particular of Agnes and Agatha Pethers, who sing at St Catharine's as well as at LSM!)

Our Head Server, **Andrew Wardill**, a member of the LSM congregation for many years, has been Head Server for over ten of them. He has also served on the PCC. Having retired from Antony's in Trinity Street some months ago, he is moving on March 11th to Christchurch in Dorset. We offer him our best wishes for his continuing retirement, and thank him for his many years' commitment to LSM. Our Honorary Treasurer, **Julia Wheatcroft**, is relinquishing her post with effect from the Annual Meeting on February 28th. Assuming that the new PCC agrees, she will be succeeded by Richard Martin. Julia has carried out the onerous duties of Treasurer for 11 years; it's not an easy task, and we are enormously grateful to her.

People for our Prayers

It was wonderful to see **Joan Waton** back in Church on February 20th, and we hope and pray that the next stages of her 'rehab.' go well. **Renata Sayers** continues with chemotherapy and finds that some weeks are really hard going. **Gwen Randall** is still in the David Clark Ward at Fulbourn Hospital; it's good that two members of LSM are able to visit her there. Arrangements are to be made for our Home Communicants during the vacancy; please remember them in your prayers: **Eileen Barnard, Patricia Barnard, Peter Barnard, Daphne Peck** and **Renata Sayers**...and sometimes **Elaine Wheatley**. **Vera Harman** now attends a fortnightly Anglican Eucharist which is now celebrated at the Hope Residential Home.

Bishop's Lent Appeal and Friday Lunch Charity

We shall be supporting the Bishop's Lent Appeal in the following ways:

- through the Friday lunches (why not include them in your Lent discipline?)
- with Collections on Ash Wednesday and at Evensong on Palm Sunday
- with 50% of the Collection at 7pm Mass on the Feast of the Annunciation

The Appeal is for the **Bible Society's China Project**, which is to provide several million Bibles a year for Chinese Christians, many of them new in the faith; it is approved by the state and by the China Christian Council. £30 will buy 50 good quality Bibles. The Bishop emphasizes that this KJV anniversary year is an appropriate time in which to spread the good news of the Scriptures even further.

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.

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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 **April** Newsletter: **Sun 20th March**