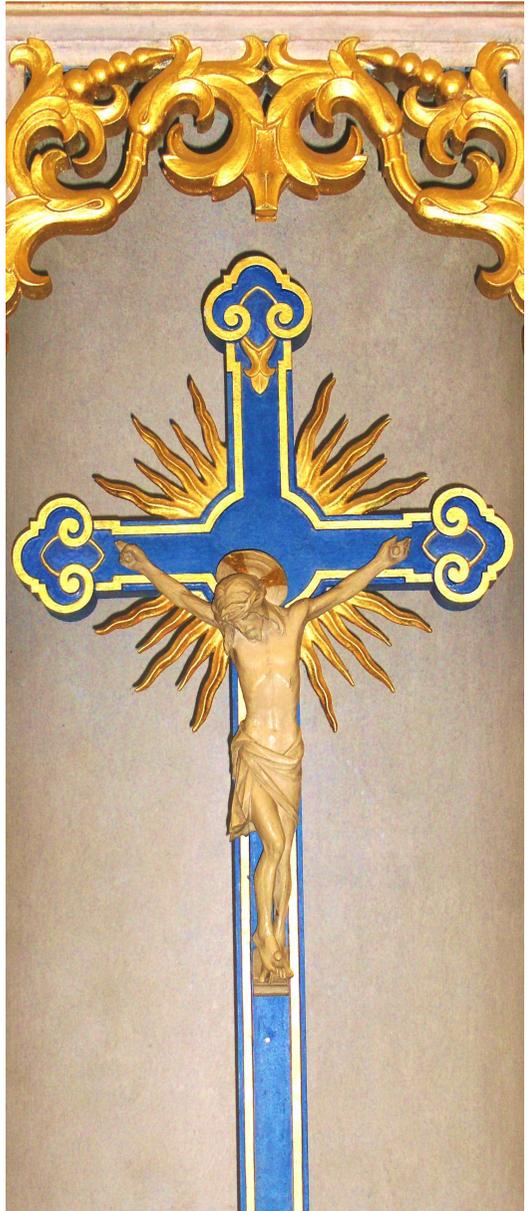


***See, his hands  
and feet are  
fastened:  
so he makes  
his people free***

*'Turn where you will,' said St Thomas à Kempis, 'and you will find the Cross.' During March we make our Lenten pilgrimage to the very threshold of Holy Week – how are you going to keep the Forty Days faithfully in preparation for the events of that most sacred and mysterious of weeks?*

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## Highlights of March

Friday 2nd: 10.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service in LSM

Sunday 4th: **LENT II:**

10.30am High Mass sung by the combined choirs of Peterhouse and LSM;  
Produce and Preserves Stall after the Mass

Wednesday 7th (*and every Wednesday in March*):

7.00pm Lent course "**Strangers and Pilgrims: Being a Christian Today**"  
in the Parish Centre. Compline at the end of each session.

Wednesday 14th: 9.45am Prayer Group; 10.00am Low Mass with Healing Ministry

Sunday 18th: **REFRESHMENT SUNDAY:** Posies distributed at the High Mass.  
'ACS Sunday': We welcome Fr Darren Smith to preach

Monday 19th: **Feast of St JOSEPH of NAZARETH:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.30pm Vespers and Benediction (Society of Mary)

Sunday 25th: **LENT V:** 12.15pm (after High Mass) Election of Churchwardens  
and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Monday 26th: **The ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD to the BVM:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm High Mass

Thursday 29th: 7.00pm Stations of the Cross

*Also our full Lent programme: see pages 4 and 5*

## Preachers in March

**4th March** 10.30am: The Revd Dr Stephen Hampton, *Dean of Peterhouse*

*Lent II* 6.00pm: Fr Mark Bishop

**11th March** 10.30am: Dr Peter Candler,

*Lent III* *Associate Professor of Theology, Baylor University, Texas*

6.00pm: Fr Stephen Anderson

**18th March** 10.30am: Fr Darren Smith,

*Lent IV: General Secretary of the Additional Curates' Society*

*Refreshment* 6.00pm: Tanya Hockley, *Lay Pastoral Assistant*

**25th March** 10.30am: Dr Geoff Dumbreck, *Ripon College, Cuddesdon*

*Lent V* 6.00pm: Sue Munro, *Reader*

# From Fr Mark Bishop

Dear friends,

As we start through this Lent, I have been reflecting that it is now almost a year since the interregnum began. I have been immensely impressed with the way so many people have come forward to take up or develop tasks as the year as progressed and I know that the PCC is very grateful for all the work that has been quietly done. We have been hugely supported by clergy from the colleges and elsewhere: we are grateful to them too.

But what is the purpose of all our endeavours? This Lent is a good moment for us all to reflect on our lives and what we are doing: I think Lent is a good time to ‘realign’ our lives with the priorities of God and to ensure that what we are doing is consistent with his call to us. There are lots of opportunities for this self examination: I hope that you will support the **Wednesday evening Lent talks** (beginning at 7.00pm and ending by 8.30pm): the talks are all being given by members of the congregation and will speak of how Christians in very differing areas of life go about their pilgrimage through life. We also have a Lent **series of sermons** on Sunday mornings on ‘Aspects of the Father, as revealed in the Son’ which I hope will be helpful. After each Friday 12.30pm Mass, two **Stations of the Cross** will be reflected upon. There are also plenty of opportunities for receiving the Sacrament in our **daily Masses**.

Come Holy Week, I am looking forward to being led through those events by **Fr Graham Ward**, Professor of Contextual Theology at Manchester University and soon to become the Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford.

But in all of this I think we gain much from keeping a sense of fellowship with each other as we journey through Lent – we are not alone. I hope that we will support and encourage each other in all of this through our attendance and our prayers, knowing that the One who journeys along the Way with us sustains us and draws close to us.

I wish you all a holy and a well-kept Lent so that together we can celebrate the joys of Easter Day.

With my love,

*Fr Mark*

## **Blow the trumpet in Zion...** *...for Holy Lent is here again*

All around us the earth is stirring to life again as new growth breaks forth from the cold death of winter. And it tells us that the splendour of Easter is on its way, after we have made our pilgrimage from the ashes of penitence to the fire of the Resurrection night. Lent, then, is here and a good beginning was made on Ash Wednesday when 78 people received Holy Communion in LSM. Now there is no point at all in making a good beginning if we do not mean to ‘keep at it’ all the way through the forty days of Lent until we come to Easter – an Easter which will be all the more glorious because it comes at the end of a Lent well-spent. You should have a copy of our Lent programme (the blue leaflet headed “Renewal: Lent 2012”). If you don’t, there are plenty of spare copies in the church. We give below some reminders: please don’t miss these opportunities for advance in discipleship.

1. **The Daily Eucharist and Offices:** The beating heart of LSM is the daily Mass and daily Morning and Evening Prayer. Surely nearly every one of us could determine to attend at least ONE extra service a week throughout Lent? It would be a very splendid thing to see a great improvement in the attendance at the daily Mass. It is more-or-less certain that there will be an empty seat for *you* so you need not fear on that account! May we suggest Mondays or Thursdays at 7.45am if you need a suggestion of when to come? In any rule of devotion for Lent, a weekday Mass should occupy a prominent place.
2. **Two courses:** This Newsletter is being published on Saturday 25th February which means that our **Lent sermon series on Sunday mornings** (“*Aspects of the Father as revealed in the Son*”) and our **Lent course on Wednesday evenings** (“*Strangers and Pilgrims: Being a Christian in the world today*”) are both yet to begin: each series has five elements and we have assembled a good list of speakers, some from within the LSM family and some from ‘outside’, so do show your appreciation and interest by coming along to hear them and, on the Wednesday evenings, join in the discussion.
3. **Discipline and self-denial:** Now, how about those for two unpopular words?! Yet the Church, in her wisdom, invites all the adult Faithful to keep the days of Lent, particularly Wednesdays and Fridays, as days of discipline and self-denial. Any savings that we make can quite easily be channelled into...
4. **Our Lent savings:** USPG boxes are available, as are savings boxes for the ACS (which are to be returned, please, **by Sunday 18th March**, our ACS Sunday, when the General Secretary of ACS will be preaching at High Mass). Please take one or other of these boxes for your home during Lent.

5. **Stations of the Cross:** During Lent, the 12.30pm Mass on **Fridays** ends with a visit to two of the Stations of the Cross (well-supported on the first Friday in Lent – but there’s always room for more!). In Passion Week, Fr Christopher Woods will conduct the devotion of the Stations in full on **Thursday 29th March** at 7.00pm (and will be available in church for half-an-hour beforehand to hear Confessions). We will also follow the Way of the Cross on **Monday 2nd April**, Monday in Holy Week, at 12.30pm (outdoors if fine).
6. **Renewing our commitment to Sunday worship:** Lent is a splendid time to renew our fidelity to **Sunday worship**. It would seem very odd to be preparing for Easter if we weren’t also being quite sure to do our best to keep the ‘little Easter’ which is *every* Sunday, our weekly feast of the Resurrection.
7. **Personal prayer:** The church is open all day every day for your personal prayer and intercession: how many take advantage of this? Only God knows, but maybe you could make a particular effort during Lent to pop in if you’re passing, perhaps to visit the Blessed Sacrament or make your way privately round the Stations of the Cross. We have also printed some more copies of the **LSM Simple Office Card** which is designed to help us set aside some time for prayer at home during the day, following a simplified version of the Office used in church: please pick up a copy from the church. Each week a small slip is available listing a few readings for the week and some themes for prayer, and it would be good if more of *those* disappeared during Lent as well!
8. **Lent reading:** We have ordered some copies of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent book, **‘Love Unknown’** by the Carmelite nun Ruth Burrows OCD. The *Church Times* reviewed it in January and described it as offering ‘*a most profound set of insights on the joys and challenges of the Christian life... Each [chapter] is a gem in its own right, and this would be an ideal book for individuals to read steadily through Lent.*’ Copies will be on sale for the reduced LSM price of £8.50 (RRP £9.99). There is also a variety of other publications on sale: have a look to see what you might take up for the coming weeks in place of that old novel or popular biography. During Sunday coffee, there is also display of suitable books from the **LSM Library**.

***“I invite you, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent”***

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Services and events to note

### LET JUSTICE PREVAIL:

The Women's World Day of Prayer is kept this year on **Friday 2nd March** and we are pleased to say that the local service is to be held in LSM at 10.30am that day. The theme is '*Let justice prevail*', and the service has been put together by the Christian women of Malaysia. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome to attend. (12.30pm Mass as usual.)

### PETERHOUSE CHOIR:

On **Sunday 4th March** we will welcome the Choir of Peterhouse Chapel to sing the High Mass together with our own Parish Choir. The music will include works by Howells (the Mass setting from *Collegium Regale*), Lotti (*Crucifixus*) and Victoria (*Versa est in luctum*). It is good to welcome them – and their Dean, Dr Stephen Hampton, to preach – and this might well provide a good opportunity for *you* to invite somebody who would be attracted by the music.

### SOCIETY OF MARY:

On the Feast of St Joseph, **Monday 19th March**, the Society of Mary will meet at 7.30pm to sing Vespers, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Naturally, this is open to all members of the congregation. It will be good to keep St Joseph's Day in this way.

### ANNUAL MEETINGS:

This year the Meeting for the Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on a Sunday morning after the High Mass in the hope of encouraging more members of the Electoral Roll to involve themselves in this important event in the yearly cycle of life at LSM, particularly at this stage of the interregnum (though, of course, we hope that those who attend other services will also come for the meeting). The date is **Sunday 25th March** and we should say that it is not envisaged that the meeting will take a long time. There will be the usual business of the election of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives and the Parochial Church Council (for which purposes nomination forms will be available at the back of the church during March), together with receiving the Annual Report and Accounts (which will also be available in church prior to the meetings). We do look for your interest and support on this occasion: there is something of a tendency to view these occasions as impositions from the church hierarchy which we must go along with in order to keep the powers that be as quiet as possible: it would be more creative, perhaps, to view this as a splendid opportunity to review all that is good and positive about the life and work of LSM and to take steps, through our nominations, to maximise the extent to which all members are able to exercise their particular gifts in the service of the Church.

## GABRIEL TO MARY CAME:

Every day the Angelus rings out from our bell – you all know it, of course, because it is recited at the end of the Sunday High Mass: “The angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary, and she conceived by the Holy Ghost”. The scene is depicted in the great East window above the High Altar. Well, here is our annual opportunity to give thanks for that visit and that conception. The **Feast of the**



**Annunciation** falls this year on **Monday 26th March** (transferred from its usual date, 25th March, to avoid clashing with Passion Sunday). Low Mass will be offered at 7.45am and a High Mass celebrated at 7.00pm (with music including Healey Willan’s *I beheld her, beautiful as a dove* and the *Missa de Angelis*).

The Annunciation is a lovely feast with a distinct freshness about it: indeed, our forebears in England celebrated it as New Year’s Day until the eighteenth century – the moment when BC turned into AD as the eternal Word of God became incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the Principal Feasts of the Church and we hope that it will be celebrated worthily. Our great feast-day Masses really deserve to be better known in Cambridge, as we are quite sure there are lots of people who would come along, especially in the vacations (as this will be), if only they knew about them and felt that they would be welcome. Some of us are very active in this direction, and others less so, but perhaps *you* could try to do something about it?

In a way this Feast will take us by surprise, coming hard on the heels of Passion Sunday with which we enter the deepest part of Lent and turn our thoughts to the Cross. It happens this year because Passiontide is calculated from the date of Easter (which varies), whereas the Annunciation is calculated from the date of Christmas (which doesn’t). But the coincidence is not as arbitrary as it might seem, and the clue is given to us in one of our Advent hymns: “Gabriel’s message does away Satan’s curse and Satan’s sway, out of darkness brings our day: so, behold, all the gates of heaven unfold”. For the news which the angel brought to Mary spoke of one who would “reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his Kingdom there will be no end.” So, in the familiar words with which we conclude the Angelus, may we “*who have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of Angel... be brought by His Cross and Passion unto the glory of His Resurrection*”.

## Just a reminder...

The revision period for the **Electoral Roll** is now under way. If you are not already on the Roll and you would like your name to be included, please complete an application form (available on the table at the back of the church). Please return it to the Electoral Roll Officer, Susan Coote, or leave in the 'C' pigeon hole in church. **The closing date is Sunday March 4th.**

If you are already included on the Electoral Roll, but have changed your address in the past year, please let Susan know, so that records can be updated.

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## People for our Prayers

The recent cold weather has made life difficult for many elderly members of the congregation. **Laurence Fletcher** has been unwell recently and **Donald Clough** has been unable to get to church. We pray for them both and their families. Please pray too for **Fr David Djinkigobile** at St Cyprian's Sharpeville, in South Africa, and his family: he is to have an operation soon.

On an upbeat note, we wish a former chorister **Isabelle Appleton** well: she is being confirmed at Ely Cathedral on 10th March.

*Fr Mark*

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## Holy Week – begins April 1st

**Palm Sunday** falls on **April 1st**, and the April Newsletter will be published, D.V., on Friday 23rd March, so the full arrangements for Holy Week will be in your hands in good time (and are already included in the blue Lent leaflets). There is, however, one particular change to draw to your attention and that concerns the great liturgy at the very heart of the Christian year and the Christian life: the **Paschal Vigil and First Mass of Easter** which will be celebrated NOT at 4.30am on Easter Day as announced in the LSM Calendar and in the Lent programmes, but at **9.30pm on Holy Saturday (April 7th)**. This change has been made for purely practical reasons. We hope that Holy Week will be well-kept by all so that we can experience as a living reality the immensity of Love's Redeeming Work in and through Jesus Christ, the Man of Sorrows who is Almighty God. The first Holy Week address by Fr Graham Ward will be given after 6.00pm Evensong on Palm Sunday. Further addresses follow at the 7.00pm Mass on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at the 7.00pm High Mass on Maundy Thursday and at the 'Preaching of the Passion' from noon on Good Friday.



## **Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**MARCH 2012**

*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 Lay Pastoral Assistant would be glad of suggestions  
for additions to the list of daily intentions.*

## Calendar for March

Thu.	1st	St David, Bishop
Fri.	2nd	Ember Day: comm. St Chad: Women's Day of Prayer 10.30am
Sat.	3rd	Ember Day
SUN.	4th	LENT II: Preserves and Produce Stall after HM
Mon.	5th	
Tue.	6th	commem. St Tibb, Virgin
Wed.	7th	commem. SS Perpetua and Felicity: Lent course (2 of 5) 7.00pm
Thu.	8th	commem. Edward King, Bishop
Fri.	9th	
Sat.	10th	Concert for the Medaille Trust at the Unitarian Church 3.30pm
SUN.	11th	LENT III: Bach's 'St John Passion' 8.00pm
Mon.	12th	
Tue.	13th	
Wed.	14th	Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am; Lent course (3 of 5) 7.00pm
Thu.	15th	GSS Stations of the Cross & AGM at Sawston 7.00pm
Fri.	16th	
Sat.	17th	St Patrick, Bishop
SUN.	18th	LENT IV: REFRESHMENT SUNDAY
Mon.	19th	St JOSEPH: LM 7.45am; Vespers & Benediction 7.30pm
Tue.	20th	
Wed.	21st	Rosary 9.30am; Lent course (4 of 5) 7.00pm
Thu.	22nd	
Fri.	23rd	
Sat.	24th	
SUN.	25th	LENT V: Annual Meetings 12.15pm
Mon.	26th	ANNUNCIATION to the BVM: LM 7.45am; HM 7.00pm
Tue.	27th	
Wed.	28th	Lent course (5 of 5) 7.00pm
Thu.	29th	Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.30pm; Stations of the Cross 7.00pm
Fri.	30th	
Sat.	31st	

***HOLY WEEK begins on PALM SUNDAY, 1st April:***

***Blessing of Palms (Laundress Green), Procession and High Mass at 10.15am***

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for March

The Churches and People of Wales	1st
Vocations to the Priesthood	2nd
Ordinands: Cambridge Theological Federation	<i>Ceta Cherry</i> 3rd
The Parish	<i>Stephen Barnard</i> 4th
Stephen, Bishop of Ely: anniversary of his enthronement	5th
Fairtrade initiatives (Fairtrade Fortnight)	6th
Persecuted Christians	<i>Geoffrey Hare Clayton, Archbishop</i> 7th
Ripon College Cuddesdon	<i>Jessie Rolph</i> 8th
L'Arche Overseas ( <i>Friday Lunch charity</i> )	9th
The Catholic Societies	10th
The Parish	11th
The City Council	12th
The homeless	<i>Elsie Kathleen Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i> 13th
The Church's Ministry of Healing: Friends of LSM	14th
Christian Unity	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe, Michael Mark Charles Ogden</i> 15th
Children harmed by war, violence and vice	<i>Teresa Pike</i> 16th
The Churches and People of Ireland	<i>Richard Henry Bouлинд</i> 17th
The Parish: The Additional Curates Society	18th
Thanksgiving for St Joseph	<i>Mary McDougall</i> 19th
Christian marriages	20th
The Prayer Book Society	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Florence Bottrall</i> 21st
The mentally unwell	<i>Nellie Edwards, Merlin Rotherham-Brown, Ken Topley</i> 22nd
Vocations to the Religious Life	23rd
Our Annual Meetings tomorrow	<i>George Head</i> 24th
The Parish	25th
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>Philip Gibbens Hall</i> 26th
Peterhouse and Pembroke	27th
Return of the lapsed to the Sacraments	<i>John Gilling (Pr)</i> 28th
Our choir, servers and sacristy workers	29th
Devout keeping of Holy Week	30th
Fr Graham Ward, our Holy Week preacher	31st

***March 19th is the Feast of ST JOSEPH,  
foster-father of Our Lord,  
from whom Christ learned the trade of carpentry.  
His Feast offers a prelude to our keeping of Passiontide.***

O Jesus Christ,  
Master Carpenter of Nazareth,  
who on the Cross with wood and nails  
hast wrought man's whole salvation:  
wield well thy tools in this thy workshop,  
that we, who come to thee rough-hewn,  
may be fashioned by thy hand  
to a truer beauty and a greater usefulness;  
for thy Name and glory's sake.

Amen.



***Kyrie eleison : Christe eleison : Kyrie eleison***

*Music at Little St Mary's*  
**J.S. Bach – St John Passion (BWV 245)**

**Sunday 11th March, 8.00pm**

**The Cambridge Cantata Consort**

*Director: Alexander Shannon*

*Soprano – Lottie Greenhow*  
*Tenor – Benedict Hymas*

*Alto – Anna Harvey*  
*Bass – Iwan Teifion Davies*

**Tickets £8 / £5 available on the door**

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**Street Pastors celebrate three years**

*We have received the following letter from Cambridge Street Pastors.*

Dear Church Leaders,

Cambridge Street Pastors is now three years old and to celebrate this we are welcoming all friends to our Annual Tea and Celebration on **Saturday 24th March** at St Andrew's Street Baptist Church, St Andrew's Street, Cambridge, CB2 3AR. Tea will be available from 7.00pm and a Service of Celebration will start at 7.45pm finishing at about 8.45pm.

This year we are pleased to welcome **the Bishop of Ely, the Rt Revd Stephen Conway**, who will be giving the message and offering prayers of blessing for the volunteer Street Pastors for another year. During the service will also look back on the work of the past year and look forward to the next year of developments. The service will be informal and all are most welcome.

The car park belonging to the Research Institute, off Park Terrace, will be open for anyone attending this event between 6.00pm and 9.00pm. I do hope you will be able to join us and look forward to seeing you there.

All the best in Christ,

*Capt. Alan Lowe*

*A reminder that the **Bishop's Lent Appeal** this year is in aid of the work of Street Pastors in Cambridge and Newmarket. There will be collections to support the Appeal during the 7.00pm High Mass on the Feast of the Annunciation and after Evensong and Benediction on Palm Sunday. The response on Ash Wednesday was most encouraging: we collected £126 at both Masses, for which many thanks.*

# Parish Centre Development Fund



**Thank you** to all who helped to make the Cabaret and Cocktails Evening so enjoyable and successful. We raised £168.40.

On **Sunday 4th March** after High Mass there will be another Produce and Preserves Stall.

In May, Jo Wibberley is walking about 200km of the **Camino de Santiago de Compostella**. She is planning that this Pilgrimage walk will be sponsored in aid of Little St Mary's Parish Centre Development Fund and the Mothers' Union Wheels Appeal which helps with transport costs for MU workers in rural areas of Third World countries. Full details and sponsor forms will be available during the month.

**Online shopping:** So far 10 people have signed up to Easy Fundraising and we have raised £18 but we need a lot more to make a significant difference. By shopping through [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlestmaryschurchcambridge](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlestmaryschurchcambridge) we can raise money with *no extra effort* as the company gives a percentage of each purchase to us. Are you booking a holiday? See if you can book it through easyfundraising. Do you shop on Amazon and ebay? Do it through easyfundraising..... Please **sign up today**.

**Internet search engine:** It's amazing how this mounts up.

[littlestmaryschurchcambridge.easysearch.org.uk](http://littlestmaryschurchcambridge.easysearch.org.uk)

combines Bing and Yahoo so put it on your desktop and you are just one click away from searching. **Don't delay, do it today!**

**The Fundraising Committee** will welcome any ideas for fundraising during the summer and in particular for a stall at the Summer Festival. Please contact: Chris Burlinson ([cmb29@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cmb29@cam.ac.uk)), Pat Boulhosa ([ppb21@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ppb21@cam.ac.uk)) and Jo Wibberley ([jowibs.mu@ntlworld.com](mailto:jowibs.mu@ntlworld.com)).

*(...and many thanks to the Committee and their helpers, on behalf of the people of LSM, for all their hard work! The Fund currently stands at £348,093)*

## Parish Centre news

### **VOLUNTEER WANTED:**

One of the Parish Centre **windows** is in urgent need of a clean outside and we wondered if someone would take on the job of keeping the large windows clean. Not a large or particularly onerous job but a necessary one which would be very much appreciated. Please discuss with Jo Wibberley.

[jowibs.mu@ntlworld.com](mailto:jowibs.mu@ntlworld.com) or 01223 248728

### **CRUCIFIX:**

At the request of the PCC, the Parish Centre Management Committee has been considering the fixing of a **crucifix** in the centre of the apse at the south end of the hall in the Parish Centre. A smaller wooden crucifix was a feature of the old Parish Room. A suitable design has been found and met with the unanimous approval of the committee – an antique crucifix with an oak cross and olive wood figure. It will cost just over £250 and members of the congregation who would like to make a contribution (small or large!) to the cost of this are asked to have a word with the Treasurer: it seems a most appropriate project for Lent, for the design is the same as the confessional crucifix which is used on Good Friday, emphasising the connection between the various aspects of life and ministry at LSM undertaken both in the church and in the Centre. We hope that many will wish to contribute.

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## **Concert for the Medaille Trust**

*Saturday 10th March, 3.30pm*

**Memorial Unitarian Church, Emmanuel Road**

Performances by musicians from a number of Cambridge churches,  
thanks to Ian de Massini, Nigel Uden, John Turner,  
Andrew Brown, Malcolm Guite and others

It is much to be hoped that members of LSM will support this concert  
in aid of the work of the Medaille Trust  
helping women, children and young men who have been freed  
from trafficking for sexual, economic or labour exploitation.

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*We regret that the next instalment in our series on the Catholic Societies is  
unavoidably held over until next month owing to lack of space.  
Though we have no article for you, the curious would be welcome in church on  
Monday 19th March at 7.30pm...*

## Social Responsibility Group

Our Social Responsibility Group was established by the PCC in January 2006 to raise our awareness of local concerns and to facilitate appropriate responses. This is a prime example of the ‘outworking’ of the awareness of all that is implied by the Incarnation of the Word so boldly proclaimed in the liturgical worship offered in LSM: it has, as it were, consequences. Responding with sensitivity and courage to the challenges posed by these consequences has been the task which our SRG has sought to undertake – both in a ‘parochial’ sense (such as the establishment of our Pastoral Visiting Scheme) and with regard to concerns ‘outside’ the Church, such as provision for the homeless and support for those with mental health difficulties. Providing a space in which such issues can helpfully be approached is part of the *rationale* of our new Parish Centre. At the February meeting of the SRG, **Tim Wheatley** stepped down from leadership of the Group, of which he has been a member since its inception, and we are most grateful to him for all his work in guiding this vital aspect of life at LSM. Likewise, we are pleased to say that the helm has now been taken by **Mary Ward** – but the Group can only operate with everyone’s support, so if you have any ideas, or think there are things they need to consider, do get in touch with her.

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*“To Cambridge for Mothering Sunday. Before lunching with my daughter Bee and family, I went to a packed Little St Mary’s. Wonderful music, sublime liturgy, excellent sermon. The glorious rose-pink vestments were bought with money left by my ex-mother-in-law Elsie Duncan-Jones. She was married in that church so redolent of the 17th-century poets in whose work she was steeped. When she and her husband walked down the aisle, he paid her the witty compliment of murmuring, ‘Never again!’”*

*(A.N. Wilson writing in ‘The Spectator’, 20th March 2010)*

This year **Refreshment Sunday** falls on **18th March**

*On Refreshment Sunday we particularly celebrate three mothers:*

Our own mothers, who gave us birth;  
our Mother in the Body of Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary;  
and our Holy Mother the Church,  
under whom we grow together in the Household of Faith

Refreshment Sunday (Mid-Lent Sunday) is a lovely pause in the middle of Lent. During the High Mass floral posies will be given to the children for presentation to mothers, and wine and other drinks will be served afterwards. If ‘The Spectator’ is to be believed, you don’t want to miss it!

## Looking ahead... Diary dates!

**Saturday 5th May:** 7.00pm: 'Words and Music' evening

**Sunday 13th May:** Rogation Sunday: Beating the Bounds after High Mass

**Wednesday 16th May:** 7.30pm Organ Recital by Anne Page

**Thursday 17th May:** ASCENSION DAY: 7.00pm High Mass

**Wednesday 23rd May:** 7.30pm May Devotion (with Bishop Robert Ladds SSC)

**Sunday 27th May:** WHITSUNDAY (PENTECOST)

**Wednesday 30th May:** 7.30pm INDUCTION of Fr Robert Mackley as Vicar

**Thursday 7th June:** CORPUS CHRISTI: 7.00pm High Mass, Procession of the Host & Benediction

**Saturday 14th July:** SUMMER FESTIVAL and GIFT DAY: Play to be performed Friday 13th July at 7.30pm and Saturday 14th July at 3.00pm. Christine Tipple is co-ordinating the arrangements for the Festival and would welcome your bright ideas, helpful suggestions and (particularly) offers of assistance!

**Saturday 21st July:** Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

**Wednesday 15th August:** ASSUMPTION of the BVM: PATRONAL FESTIVAL

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## L'Arche Overseas

Our Friday Lunch Charity for March and April is **L'Arche Overseas**. Many readers will recall Fr Andrew's visit to the L'Arche Community near Kampala in Lent 2010. L'Arche builds communities of people with and without learning disabilities all over the world: amid today's competitive society, these communities seek to meet not just basic needs, but also the emotional and spiritual needs which we all have – to be loved, to be heard, to belong, to achieve, and to have meaning and hope. L'Arche Communities in the developing world rely for survival on our support via the L'Arche Overseas Development Fund: many, such as those in Africa, do not receive any state funding and are dependent on donations made in the UK for even the most basic needs. Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu says, "*I commend L'Arche for the work they are doing to help people around the world. Through our combined action let's make a world where all can exercise their gifts no matter where they live.*"

**Please support the Friday Lunch! (£2.50 minimum donation.)**

## The Feast of Candlemas

*Two contributions from members of the congregation at last month's Guided Mass in celebration of Our Lord's Presentation in the Temple:*

***From Arthur Hayes:***

Last Saturday the Junior Choir and myself put on a Mass; we were celebrating the birth of Jesus. It involved me bringing the wine up to the altar and my brother Tristan brought up the water. We were also acolytes and as an acolyte we sat in a special seat throughout the Mass. The songs we sang included a South African song, some of the songs were very jolly! And the Mass lasted for 45 minutes and afterwards we had a lovely tea!!

***From James Kinnier-Wilson:***

On Saturday 4th February at 4.00pm, the Junior Choir under the accomplished direction of Mary Ward, several parents and other members of the congregation, gathered at the East end of the church to celebrate the Feast of Candlemas. Traditionally, this festival is celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, that is, forty days after the birth of our Lord: in the Roman Church the day is known by the title of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

After invoking the Holy Spirit to come to us, singing, 'Come, Holy Spirit', we sang that lovely hymn 'Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising', then 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord' and thirdly the Nunc Dimittis, at which time the candles were lit.

The theme of Candlemas being light, during the prayers of intercession we declared fourfold that 'We light a candle' for children everywhere, for the Church and Christians everywhere, for families and friends and "people we see every day at home, school and work", and for those who have recently died, that "light perpetual might shine upon them." Our final prayer beautifully concluded, as it also summarised, the whole festival:

*"O Lord God, the springing source of everlasting light, pour into the hearts of your faithful people the brilliance of your eternal splendour, and bless these candles, which we have lit to acclaim Christ, our Saviour."*

The service was conducted lovingly and graciously, although it could not have been otherwise, by Fr John Hughes.

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# 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 and Benediction*

## 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 *Low Mass*      6.00pm *Evening Prayer*  
*Holy Hour (once a month) in abeyance during the vacancy*

## Friday

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

## Saturday

10.00am *Low Mass*      6.00pm *Evening Prayer*

## Weekday Festivals

7.00pm *Sung Mass* (10.00am on Saturdays)  
*Low Mass* as announced

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

*by arrangement with Fr Mark Bishop, Fr John Hughes or Fr Christopher Woods*

*Coffee is served in the Parish Centre after the 10.30am High Mass on Sundays  
and after the 10.00am Low Mass on Wednesdays.*

*There is a **Charity Lunch** (minimum donation £2.50),  
after the 12.30pm Low Mass on Fridays, supporting both home and overseas charities.*

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