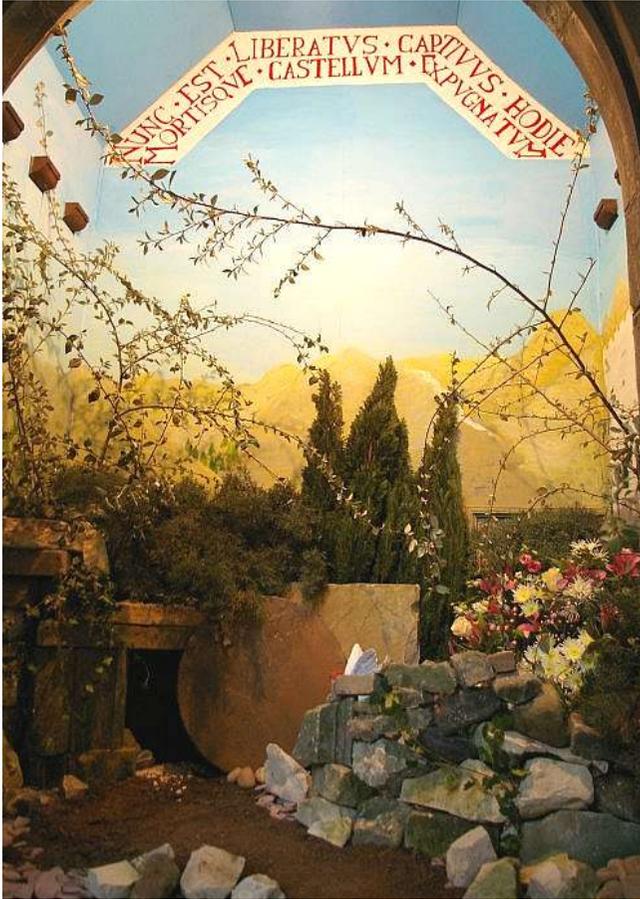


*Little St Mary's, Cambridge*

# NEWSLETTER

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***By his Cross and Passion,  
may we be brought  
unto the glory of his Resurrection***

*Glorious Easter, the Queen of all Festivals, approaches – at the end of Holy Week, which begins on April 1st, Palm Sunday. Behold, we go up to Jerusalem...*

## Changing the world in a week: Holy Week

*“When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself”*

**HOLY WEEK**, which begins on Palm Sunday, **April 1st**, is the holy heart of the Christian year, in which we enter into the great mysteries of our faith that we may experience them as the living realities they are. During this great week, we not only *listen* to the ‘old, old story’ of Jesus Christ and the perfect love with which He loved the world to the grave and beyond, and try to *contemplate* the mystery of our holy Redemption, but we also *re-live* it in order to feel as our very own that Redemption through His death and resurrection of which we were made partakers at our baptism. There is no part of human experience, not even the darkness and the silence of the tomb, which Christ has not shared, and so Holy Week interweaves with *His* story *our* story: each year it is different, because we who come to recall the totality of Christ’s engagement with this messy business of living and dying are, ourselves, different each year – new experiences, new failures, new hopes, new challenges. In the rites of Holy Week, the stages of the eternal mystery are put before us one by one, so that as we walk with Christ along His Way of Sorrows, we discover that it is for us ‘none other than the way of life and peace.’

Holy Week at LSM offers an extraordinary wealth of opportunities for re-engagement with the mystery, for allowing the awe-inspiring story to attract and surprise us once again, so that when we sing ‘*endless is the victory Thou o’er death hast won*’ on Easter morning, we will have a greater sense of what is meant by that victory and that death. There are many of us for whom it will be possible to attend every day in Holy Week: certainly *all* should do their utmost to be present at the great liturgies of the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter). The full programme is printed opposite for your careful consultation. Various other details may be found on page 4. Below we give some brief reminders....

**Collections:** On **Palm Sunday** there will be a retiring collection after Benediction in aid of the Bishop’s Lent Appeal (which is for Street Pastors in Cambridge and Newmarket). The **Good Friday** offerings will be in support of the Samaritans.

**The Watch of the Passion** begins at the end of the Maundy Liturgy and continues until noon on Good Friday: we hope for generous commitment in maintaining the Watch *throughout the night*. Please sign the list in church.

**Lilies for the Altar of Repose** are given in memory of those who have died. A donation of £3.00 is suggested: names should be written on the list in church which will be placed at the entrance to the Chapel during the Watch. Donations towards the cost of the Easter flowers, always magnificent, will also be gratefully received.

# HOLY WEEK 2012

*“Sweet the moments, rich in blessing, which before the Cross I spend”*

*The Addresses at Evensong on Palm Sunday, at 7.00pm Mass from Monday to Thursday inclusive, on Good Friday and on Easter Day will be given by*

***The Revd Professor Graham Ward***

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8.00am	Blessing of Palms and Low Mass
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	10.15am	BLESSING OF PALMS (Laundress Green), PROCESSION TO LSM AND HIGH MASS
	6.00pm	SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION with first Holy Week Address
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	7.45am	Low Mass
	12.30pm	Stations of the Cross ( <i>outdoors if fine</i> )
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	7.45am	Low Mass
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00am	Low Mass (9.30am Rosary)
	7.00pm	Low Mass and Address
<b><i>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</i></b>		
<b>MAUNDY</b>	7.00pm	HIGH MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER, ADDRESS AND FOOTWASHING,
<b>THURSDAY</b>		PROCESSION TO THE ALTAR OF REPOSE, STRIPPING OF THE ALTARS
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b>		WATCH OF THE PASSION (all night)
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	8.30pm	Mattins and Litany (BCP)
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am	United Act of Witness: Market Square
	11.40am	PREACHING OF THE PASSION
	Noon–1.20pm	LITURGY OF THE DAY
	1.30pm	Stations of the Cross for children
	5.00pm	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	TENEBRAE (SUNG)
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	9.00pm	Antecommunion
<b>7<sup>th</sup> April</b>	9.00am	Evening Prayer
	6.00pm	THE PASCHAL VIGIL AND FIRST MASS OF EASTER
	<u>9.30pm</u> (n.b.)	
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	8.00am	Low Mass
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am	PROCESSION AND HIGH MASS
	6.00pm	SOLEMN EVENSONG AND BENEDICTION

*Morning Prayer: Mon, Tue 7.15am; Wed 9.00am; Thu 8.30am; Fri, Sat 9.00am*  
*Evening Prayer: Every day at 6.00pm* Church open all day for prayer

### *Holy Week notes continued...*

On **Palm Sunday** the liturgy begins at **10.15am** on Laundress Green with the **Blessing of Palms** followed by the Procession to church (accompanied by brass players) for the High Mass. We are glad to say that once again we will be joined for the Blessing and Procession of Palms by our friends at Emmanuel URC – and also that, this year, we will be joining them again *after* the service for **coffee in Emmanuel**. We are glad to accept their invitation. It may feel somewhat strange to part for our separate services before crossing the lane again for coffee: it is, perhaps, right that in Holy Week we should be reminded once again of the divisions in and between denominations which split Christ's people, for whose peace and unity He prayed on the night He was betrayed.

**Children** have a variety of opportunities for involvement during the week – including their own service on **Good Friday** (5.00pm), followed by hot cross buns in the Parish Centre; the building of the **Easter Garden** on Holy Saturday (10.00am); and in the festal procession on the morning of Easter Day (10.30am).

**Note particularly** that the keeping of the Paschal Vigil at dawn is on 'hiatus' this year and that great Liturgy, which takes us from the darkness of the tomb to the Light of Christ rising in our hearts and minds, will be on **Holy Saturday** at 9.30pm.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Fr Christopher Woods will hear confessions in church on Thursday 29th March at 6.30pm. During Holy Week, confessions may be heard by appointment with Fr Mark (01223 362281).

The full programme is also available on **leaflets** in church; **postcards** will be available for delivery to the homes of parishioners during Passion Week (for which *help* will be required – have a word with Tanya Hockley) and we have **posters** for display around the parish: please ensure they leave the building! *And why not invite a friend with you to some of the services?*

## **Musical highlights in Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday:** Members of Littleport Brass will accompany the Procession.

**Maundy Thursday:** *Bruckner's* 'Christus factus est', *Duruflé's* 'Ubi caritas' and *Peeters' Ave verum Corpus*.

**Good Friday: Liturgy of the Day:** *Victoria's* Passion according to St John, *Sanders' Reproaches*, *John IV of Portugal's* 'Crux fidelis'. **Tenebrae:** *Willan's* Responsories and *Lotti's* 'Miserere'.

**Paschal Vigil:** *Shephard's* 'Easter Song of Praise'.

**Easter Day:** *Haydn's* 'Little Organ Mass', *Stanford's* 'Ye choirs of new Jerusalem' and *Vaughan Williams' 'I got me flowers'*. *Full music lists available in church.*

## From Fr Mark Bishop

Dear friends,

There have been two news items in the week I am writing this letter that have caused me to reflect: firstly, the news of the finding of the garnet cross, in a Saxon grave in Trumpington, of a 16 year old girl buried around 650-680 AD, about fifteen years after Augustine's mission to the Saxons began in Kent. In our Christian discipleship I think we should be encouraged by the witness of this young unknown girl who lived so close to us, so many years ago. Amidst all the concerns about secularism and the struggle for Christian unity and coherence in 2012, I was moved to think of this garnet cross marking this child's grave as a sign of her faith, which is the faith we all share with her so many centuries later.

The second piece of news was the public reaction to the cardiac arrest, and near-death, of Fabrice Muamba, the Bolton Wanderers footballer who collapsed when playing a match. Whilst the medics struggled to keep him alive the crowd chanted his name, and the team manager asked everyone to pray for him: his team mates wore shirts the next day saying 'pray 4 Muamba' and his wife said, 'God is in control.' I was struck by this spontaneous and totally genuine group response to being confronted by a human being's vulnerability and fragility, and people's feeling of powerlessness in the face of this: their instinctive response was to pray.

As we prepare for Easter, we should reflect on the ways in which the great truths of Easter are presented and experienced by people in our world. It may be that we can be somewhat exasperated at the emphasis on chocolate Easter eggs and overpriced greetings cards and there is a danger that we may feel that the world has slipped into a commercial secularism with only the very loosest understanding of what Easter signifies.

But I was encouraged by the reaction of people to Fabrice Muamba: it was evidence that there is a profound God-centredness in everyone. It may be ill-formed, and overlaid with other experiences and thoughts, and it may be very confused about the details of the Christian story, or even just plain suspicious of organised religion, but the reaction to Muamba's illness is surely clear evidence that there is an instinct for God amongst people that can surface suddenly and unexpectedly. We should not be surprised by this, since we believe that men and women have been made in the image of God.

Christianity has always had to grapple with human society as it is: how much more difficult and dangerous were the prospects for a Christian Church grappling with the pagan traditions of Saxon Trumpington in 680AD? A young

girl and the garnet cross with which she was buried speaks strongly to us about Christian hope, and a quiet belief in the truth of the Risen Christ, and how God acted uniquely in the person of Jesus Christ, and continues to do so all around us today.

The Lent talks this year were on the theme of Christians as ‘*strangers and pilgrims*’ passing through this world. I am very grateful to our speakers for a series of fascinating insights into way they walk, and have seen others walk, along the Way of Faith. I hope that this Easter we might reflect together as a church on how the Parish Centre could be a place where we invite strangers and pilgrims to gather together to reflect on the journey we are all making, and perhaps make some sense of an instinct for God which is present in all people – which can be tentative and hesitant and inarticulate, but which seeks expression.

Our challenge as the people of God is to reach out and encourage people to recognise this instinct for God within themselves, and how God draws close to us all in the person of Jesus Christ.

I wish you all a very holy and happy Easter.

*Fr Mark*

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## Some reminders...

- This Newsletter will be ‘out’ on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, so perhaps it will do no harm to remind you of some of our events in **the last week of March** (Passion Week): **Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** is the great Feast of the Annunciation (7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm High Mass – do try to come); **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>** brings the last session in our Lent course (7.00pm in the Parish Centre: come even if you haven’t made it to any of the others); and on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>**, also at 7.00pm, the Stations of the Cross will be followed in full, a very appropriate devotional preparation for walking the Way of the Cross in Holy Week.
- It’s not too late for some **devotional reading** for Lent: we have a variety of books on the bookstall. There are still copies of the Archbishop’s Lent book, *Love Unknown* by Ruth Burrows OCD, for the reduced LSM price of £8.50 (RRP £9.99) – and one copy remaining of Benedict XVI’s *Jesus of Nazareth Part II: Holy Week and Easter* for £10 (that’s cheaper than Amazon!).
- The **Charity Lunch** on Fridays at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre will continue to support the work of *L’Arche Overseas* this month. There is a faithful band of regular or occasional ‘lunchers’, but maybe *you* might like to come along one week as well? Soup, bread, cheese, fruit and coffee: £2.50 minimum donation (and, need we add, there’s a convenient Mass at 12.30).

## Services and events to note

### THE QUEEN OF SEASONS:

Despite the impression you may gain from the opening pages of this Newsletter, Holy Week is only the *beginning* of April, and Easter Day begins the Great Fifty Days in which we celebrate the Paschal triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Masses of Easter Week in particular have a quality all of their own: after the emotion of the previous week, here we settle down in the peace which the Risen Lord breathed on His disciples. The services are all at the usual times with the exception of **Easter Monday** when Low Mass will be said at 10.00am.

### FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE:

On **Saturday 14th April** at 2.00pm, any members of the congregation who would like to join us would be very welcome at the marriage of our daughter, Isabel, in church. On **Sunday 22nd April** there will be wedding cake and drinks after High Mass. (*Richard Martin and Susan Coote*)

**THE ROSARY:** 9.30am in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays 4th and 25th April.

### THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY OF HEALING:

The Prayer Group (and any others who wish to join them) will meet on **Wednesday 18th April** at 9.45am in the Lady Chapel for prayers for the sick and those who care for them, followed at 10.00am by Low Mass with the laying-on of hands and anointing.

### WEEKDAY FESTIVALS:

April brings the Feasts of **St George** the Martyr, Patron of England, on Monday 23rd (Low Mass at 7.45am) and **St Mark the Evangelist** on Wednesday 25th (Low Mass at 10.00am; Sung Mass at 7.00pm).

## Eastertide preachers

**8th April 10.30am:** The Revd Professor Graham Ward

*EASTER DAY* **6.00pm:** Tanya Hockley, *Lay Pastoral Assistant*

**15th April 10.30am:** Fr John Hughes, *Dean of Chapel, Jesus College*

*Easter II* **6.00pm:** t.b.c.

**22nd April 10.30am:** Fr Mark Bishop

*Easter III* **6.00pm:** t.b.c.

**29th April 10.30am:** The Revd Roger Greeves, *formerly Dean of Clare College*

*Easter IV* **6.00pm:** t.b.c.

## Elaine Wheatley's memoirs

Those members of the congregation who were at Elaine's funeral will be aware that, in the months before she died, Elaine wrote a short account of her life. This has now been produced as an illustrated book of some 40 pages. I am expecting delivery of the book shortly.

A number of people expressed an interest in receiving a copy. I have notes of some names, but it would help if people who would like a copy contacted me again to make sure I have their details.

Before she died Elaine expressed the wish that people should not be charged for copies, but asked to make a donation instead to the Arthur Rank hospice, which did so much to support her in her final months. There will be details of how to donate with the book.

*Tim Wheatley*

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## Internet shopping

Have you got around to registering for **easyfundraising** yet? If not, please do it NOW while you are reminded about it!

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlestmaryschurchcambridge](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlestmaryschurchcambridge)

It's simple to register and then you can be only two clicks away from shopping with your favourite shops. It is *such* an easy way to raise money for the Parish Centre Development Fund but we need more people to do it. Many thanks.

Enclosed in this Newsletter you will find a leaflet giving details of Jo Wibberley's

### ***Sponsored Pilgrimage Walk: c. 200km on the Way of St James to Compostela***

She will be undertaking this pilgrimage between Ascension Day (May 17th) and the Feast of Pentecost (May 27th). In so doing, she will be fundraising for two very worthy causes: the **Mothers' Union Wheels Appeal** to provide transport for MU workers and volunteers overseas, and the **LSM Parish Centre Development Fund**. Please read the leaflet carefully and give your support by completing the sponsorship form.



## **Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**APRIL 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 April

SUN.	1st	PALM SUNDAY: LENT VI: Holy Week begins	
Mon.	2nd	in Holy Week	
Tue.	3rd	in Holy Week	
Wed.	4th	in Holy Week	<i>For all services and other arrangements</i>
Thu.	5th	MAUNDY THURSDAY	<i>in Holy Week,</i>
Fri.	6th	GOOD FRIDAY: Fast and abstinence	<i>see pages 2 to 4</i>
Sat.	7th	HOLY SATURDAY	
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>8th</b>	<b>EASTER DAY:</b> Drinks after HM	
Mon.	9th	in Easter Week: LM 10.00am	
Tue.	10th	in Easter Week	
Wed.	11th	in Easter Week	
Thu.	12th	in Easter Week	
Fri.	13th	in Easter Week: Charity Lunch resumes 1.00pm	
Sat.	14th	in Easter Week: Wedding 2.00pm	
SUN.	15th	EASTER II: LOW SUNDAY	
Mon.	16th		
Tue.	17th		
Wed.	18th	Healing Ministry 9.45/10.00am; Steering Committee 7.45pm	
Thu.	19th	St Alphege, Bishop	
Fri.	20th		
Sat.	21st	St Anselm, Bishop: 'War and Peace' Concert 7.30pm	
SUN.	22nd	EASTER III: Children's Group meeting after HM	
Mon.	23rd	St GEORGE, Martyr: LM 7.45am	
Tue.	24th	St Mellitus, Bishop	
Wed.	25th	St MARK, Evangelist: Rosary 9.30am; LM 10.00am; SM 7.00pm	
Thu.	26th		
Fri.	27th		
Sat.	28th	of the BVM	
SUN.	29th	EASTER IV	
Mon.	30th		
<b>May</b>			
Tue.	1st	SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles: LM 7.45am; SM 7.00pm	
Wed.	2nd	St Athanasius: CBS Office & Benediction 8.00pm	

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries for April*

The Parish as we keep Holy Week	<i>Arthur Frederick Murrell, Michael Farmer</i>	1st
Jerusalem and the Middle East		2nd
True contrition: penitents and confessors		3rd
Candidates for Baptism at Easter	<i>Ruth Daniel</i>	4th
Thanksgiving for the new commandment		5th
Thanksgiving for the Cross	<i>David Hand (Bp.)</i>	6th
The Departed	<i>Elsie Duncan-Jones</i>	7th
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection		<b>8th</b>
Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield		9th
Our home communicants	<i>Eva Camps</i>	10th
Friends of LSM	<i>Mary Linsey</i>	11th
Unity according to the mind of Christ		12th
Fr Robert Mackley		13th
Thanksgiving for the Resurrection	<i>Patricia Morris</i>	14th
The Parish		15th
Seafarers	<i>Sidney George Cade (Pr.)</i>	16th
Preparations for the Diamond Jubilee	<i>Iris Bushell</i>	17th
The Church's Ministry of Healing	<i>Lucy Barlow-Poole, Edna Shipp</i>	18th
Thanksgiving for the English martyrs		19th
The People of Syria	<i>Philip Pare (Pr.), Trevor Huddleston (Bp.), Lydia Siddall</i>	20th
Theologians	<i>Angela Waddington, Elizabeth Bagley</i>	21st
The Parish		22nd
Conversion of England	<i>Arthur Michael Ramsey (Bp.)</i>	23rd
St Paul's Cathedral	<i>Ruth Mott</i>	24th
Evangelists		25th
Those taking examinations this term		26th
L'Arche Overseas ( <i>Friday Lunch charity</i> )	<i>Patrick Morris</i>	27th
Shrines and clients of Our Lady	<i>Richard Love</i>	28th
The Parish		29th
Oratory of the Good Shepherd	<i>Frederick Thorling</i>	30th
<b>May</b>		
Growth in missionary zeal	<i>Cicely Gibson</i>	1st
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Richard Mashedor (Pr.)</i>	2nd



## ***HOLY WEEK and EASTER***

*God of Life,  
who for our redemption  
didst give Thine only-begotten Son  
to the death of the Cross,  
and by His glorious Resurrection  
hast delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin  
that we may evermore live with Him  
in the joy of His risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:  
therefore let us keep the Feast!**

*A concert in Little St Mary's*

**WAR AND PEACE**

*The Canterbury Caritas Chamber Choir*

*directed by Benedict Preece*

*performing sacred choral music*

*including works by Purcell, Brahms, Parry, Preece and others*

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30pm**

*(Retiring collection)*

**Personalia, inter alia**

**Fr Christopher Trundle** has been appointed Assistant Curate of St Gabriel's Pimlico and was licensed there by the Bishop of London on Wednesday 7th March: LSM was well represented. It was good to see **Chris Pickles**, our Lay Pastoral Assistant from 2008 to 2009 and now training for the ordained ministry at Ripon College Cuddesdon, together with his wife Julia at Low Mass on a recent Saturday (now at 10.00am, remember). Chris is to be ordained to the Diaconate, D.V., at Petertide. We congratulate our neighbours at St Bene't's, who are also in interregnum at present, on the appointment of **the Revd Anna Matthews**, currently Minor Canon with responsibility for liturgy at St Alban's Cathedral, as Vicar of the Parish: she will be instituted and inducted there on Monday 3rd September, the Feast of St Gregory, and will also be serving as our Diocesan Director of Ordinands. On Refreshment Sunday our preacher at the High Mass was **Fr Darren Smith**, General Secretary of the Additional Curates Society (many thanks for your gifts to the ACS in the collection at that service; we do still have lots of piggy-boxes for your 'loose change' so please feel free to take one): at the start of his sermon he asked us to do two things – firstly, to keep praying for more priests, and secondly, to consider the question: COULD IT BE YOU? Of course, you *have* a vocation (a calling) as a member of the Church – but could it be, perhaps, to the priesthood or the religious life? The Lord calls: will we answer? This question is also put before us on April 29th, which is the Fourth Sunday of Easter or 'Good Shepherd Sunday', the day on which the Church prays particularly for vocations.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

was to be held on Sunday 25th March, but as this Newsletter is 'going to press' the previous day, we are unable to give details of the new members of the Parochial Church Council and will do so in May. Copies of the various reports will, however, remain in the church for a while longer for your perusal.

## Archiepiscopal April

All our readers will have heard by now that the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, **the Most Revd Dr Rowan Williams**, is to retire in December in order to return to Cambridge as Master of Magdalene College. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May, the Feast of SS Philip and James, is the twentieth anniversary of his consecration to the Episcopate at St Asaph Cathedral in 1992 (an occasion at which Fr James Owen, then Vicar of LSM, was present). Much will be written about his ministry, we suspect, before December: suffice it to say for now that the loss to the Anglican Communion in general and the Province of Canterbury in particular will be Cambridge's gain. Many will know that the Archbishop and his wife Jane have been supporters of LSM, from near and far, for many years, and he is affectionately remembered here; on his most recent visit, he celebrated High Mass last year just prior to Fr Andrew's retirement.

St George's Day, you will see from the Calendar, is the anniversary of the death of one of Archbishop Rowan's predecessors on the Throne of St Augustine: **Arthur Michael Ramsey**, another great supporter of LSM in his day (whose photograph has now returned to the wall of the Parish Centre). LSM's Michael Ramsey Lecture each autumn commemorates and attempts, in a small way, to perpetuate Archbishop Ramsey's commitment to increasing the theological understanding of the Church as a whole rather than restricting it to the 'ivory tower' of an academic elite. Last August Fr John Hughes, preaching at Sunday Evensong, spoke about the vital importance of LSM being a place of *catechesis*, of teaching the Catholic Faith, intelligently and unashamedly, in this great University City of ours. Owing to the interregnum we didn't organise a Michael Ramsey Lecture last November, but we are pleased that it will be returning to our Dedication Festival programme this year.

Neither Michael Ramsey nor Rowan Williams has been raised to the altars of the Church, but another Archbishop of Canterbury who *has* been recognised in this way is **St Alphege**. It is somewhat difficult to find an LSM connection for *him* as he reigned as Archbishop from 1006 to 1012, about 150 years before the first church (St Peter without Trumpington Gate) was known to be on our site! His Feast falls on Thursday 19th April and is of particular significance this year because it marks the millennium of his martyrdom on 19th April 1012. Having been imprisoned by the invading Danish army, he was killed by drunken soldiers. He was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to suffer martyrdom for his faith: after his death he was much venerated by both Danes *and* Saxons, so is commemorated both as a martyr for justice and as a symbol of reconciliation between peoples. His story witnesses to the Easter message of the love that overcomes hatred and death.

# The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament

In February Fr Stephen Anderson launched our series on the work of the Catholic Societies by telling us something about the Society of Mary. This month we're looking at the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament...

The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (CBS) is the oldest of the Anglican devotional societies: founded exactly 150 years ago by Thomas Thellusson Carter, Rector of Clewer, during the Catholic Revival, it is dedicated to extending knowledge of and promoting veneration for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Its motto, which will be familiar to all who attend Benediction in LSM on Sunday evenings as the antiphon which closes the service, is *'Let us adore for ever the Most Holy Sacrament'*.



The CBS has love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament at the heart of its activities: it is from that devotion that everything else flows. In its work it aims to promote the honour which is due to Our Lord in the Sacrament, to encourage careful preparation for and devout reception of Holy Communion (for instance, through fasting beforehand and the use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation), to foster the continuance of Catholic theological teaching, learning and development and to advance the Catholic Faith in the Anglican tradition. In seeking to promote the reverent and dignified celebration of the Mass, in which we encounter the Lord 'both Priest and Victim in the Eucharistic Feast', it makes grants to poor parishes to provide vessels, vestments and aumbries.

In some ways, one might imagine that the work of an organisation like CBS is over and done: no-one is now persecuted, as they were, forcefully and shamefully, in Victorian times, for putting candles on the altar or making the sign of the cross! Why, we should have to move Little St Mary's to be a prison chapel if that were the case because we'd all be 'inside'! And the celebration of the Eucharist as the principal service on (most) Sundays is now commonplace in (most) Anglican parishes. We have even come so far as an agreed statement between the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches on the Eucharist: unimaginable even a few decades ago.

Yet this isn't quite the whole picture. The work continues, and will continue until the day 'when sacraments shall cease'. Not only is there much

misunderstanding about what the Eucharist *is*, there is also misunderstanding about what it *implies*. Why are the pews of our churches empty? Why are our convents and religious communities in difficulties? Why are we short of priests and lay workers? Why are there homeless and abused men and women on our streets? Why do ethical questions receive answers that misvalue the human person? Might at least some of this be because we need to be renewed in our understanding of the *Sacramental* heart of the Church, the *material* extension of the Incarnation?

Increasingly the CBS emphasises the mission of the Church among its objectives: the Eucharist proclaims and makes tangible an eternal truth about the relationship of God and humanity in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this knowledge is what sends us out to take part in God's transforming work in our world – a work which, itself, brings us back *into* the fold of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharistic mystery with bread and wine, the ordinary stuff of human sustenance, offers to God the gifts which she herself has already received, to receive them *back* once more, changed and transformed to be the effectual means by which we 'proclaim the Lord's death' – yes, proclaim it to all the ends of the earth – 'until He comes'. It reminds us of one of the great 'purple passages' (no less true for that) of Anglo-Catholic history, from an address by Bishop Frank Weston to the Anglo-Catholic Congress in 1923, perhaps one of the most moving religious messages of the last century:

**“You have got your Mass, you have got your Altar, you have begun to get your Tabernacle. Now go out into the highways and hedges where not even the Bishops will try to hinder you. Go out and look for Jesus in the ragged, in the naked, in the oppressed and sweated, in those who have lost hope, in those who are struggling to make good. Look for Jesus. And when you see Him, gird yourselves with His towel and try to wash their feet.”**

Those who follow church news either in the ecclesiastical or the national press may well be aware that a vigorous dispute has arisen in the last year or so concerning a financial gift made by the trustees of the CBS to the Ordinariate, the structure established by the Church of Rome to receive groups of former Anglicans. While that dispute is resolved, it behoves us to remember that the Lord who restores the fallen and binds up the wounded, who washes the feet of the needy and sore, the Lord who draws together, heals and revives, instituted the Eucharist on the night before He suffered to be for us the Sacrament of Unity. *‘O Thou who at Thy Eucharist didst pray that all Thy Church might be for ever one: grant us at every Eucharist to say, with longing heart and soul, “Thy will be done.”’*

***Why not join us on Wednesday 2nd May at 8.00pm for the CBS Office and Benediction, followed by refreshments? All welcome.***

**Looking to May: dates for your diary...**

**The May Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm*

**Vespers, Address,  
open-air Procession of Our Lady and Benediction**

*The Rt Revd Robert Ladds SSC, Superior-General of the Society of Mary  
and former Bishop of Whitby, will preside and preach.*

*This is an opportunity for LSM and other members of the Society of Mary to  
come together in 'Mary's month of May'. Party afterwards.*

**WHITSUNDAY : DAY OF PENTECOST**

*Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May*

**\*\* Festival of the Friends of Little St Mary's \*\***

**Festal services at 10.30am and 6.00pm**

**Three-course Lunch follows the High Mass**

*Tickets will be available from Paul Huskinson or Christine Tipple*

**The INDUCTION of  
The Reverend ROBERT MACKLEY**

**as Vicar of this Parish of St Mary-the-Less  
at High Mass**

*Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm*

*We hope the whole LSM family will gather for this service, which will be  
followed by a bring-and-share supper in the Parish Centre and Churchyard  
Garden: we will need lots of promises of food and drink, so please sign up on the  
list (which will be) in church to contribute your favourite dish*

# *Strangers, Pilgrims... and Lawyers*

## WORDS AND MUSIC

Saturday 5th May

7.30pm

On Saturday 5th May there will be an LSM home-grown performance of **Words and Music** including the familiar faces and voices of *Simon Jackson, Mary Ward, Emerald O'Hanrahan, Bob DeWolf* and *Fr Mark*.

The format of the evening will be familiar to the regulars among our audience (who will, we hope, be far outnumbered by those who *haven't* been before!), but we will also be in the midst of a new spring, reflecting on the Lent series of talks, recognising the end of our interregnum and anticipating a new Vicar.

So – there is much to celebrate and enjoy! Please do come and share the occasion with us.

*Keep an eye out for flyers with full details during April.*

## Hail thee, festival day!

Within a few days we shall be entering into the delights and privileges of **Easter Day**. Glorious Easter Day! To the Christian there is no other day in the year like it: the day of 'Paschal triumph, Paschal joy'. All around us nature clothes her wintry nakedness and lays a carpet of flowers for the pierced feet of the Risen Lord; in the church, too, all is gladness and glory as she makes ready, in golden and white bridal vesture, to receive the Divine Bridegroom. The death of winter is over, and the time of the singing of the birds has come. Yet though this is the perfect setting for the mighty act of Christ's Rising, the light of glory issuing from the tomb surpasses the beauty of spring by far – because it lasts for ever.

It is the duty of every confirmed member of the Church to receive the Holy Communion at Easter. As you come and kneel in the presence of the Lord who still makes Himself known to us in the breaking of the bread, surrounded by the perfume of the flowers, and as you receive the Body broken and the Blood poured out, lift up your heart and be thankful that you have seen and loved the glory of another Easter Day.

*Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendour,  
With the royal Feast of feasts, comes its joy to render.*

*We wish all readers the joy of a happy and holy Easter.*

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online edition***

# 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.*

**LSM Social group/ mailing list:** to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMsocial/>  
Mailing list only: send a blank email to: [LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**Diary and other information to:** [admin@lsm.org.uk](mailto:admin@lsm.org.uk)

**Deadline for May Newsletter:** Sunday 22nd April

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