

Little St Mary's, Cambridge
NEWSLETTER

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*Now hath
Christ
arisen!*

As Mary's merry month of May opens, we find ourselves deep in glorious Eastertide, in which we delight in the worship of the Risen Lord who continues to make Himself known to us 'in the breaking of the bread'. The Great Fifty Days make their stately progression to the Day of Pentecost, Whitsunday, when we give thanks for the Holy Spirit and pray for His inspiration in all that we do and are – particularly as we look forward to the arrival of a new Vicar.

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Highlights of May

Tuesday 1st: **Feast of SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 2nd: 8.00pm CBS Office and Benediction, followed by refreshments

Saturday 5th: 7.30pm ‘Words and Music: Strangers, Pilgrims... and Lawyers’

Sunday 6th: Produce and Preserves Stall after High Mass

Sunday 13th: **ROGATION SUNDAY:**

Rogationtide Beating of the Bounds follows High Mass, leaving the church at 12.30pm. 6.00pm Choral Evensong sung by the Choristers.

Monday 14th: **Feast of St MATTHIAS the Apostle:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 16th: 7.30pm Organ Recital: Anne Page’s J.S. Bach cycle continues

Thursday 17th: **ASCENSION DAY:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm High Mass

Wednesday 23rd: 7.30pm May Devotion

Sunday 27th: **WHITSUNDAY (PENTECOST): *Friends of LSM Festival:***

One of the year’s greatest feasts. 8.00am Low Mass; 10.30am High Mass:

Drinks and lunch after High Mass, followed by Friends’ AGM.

6.00pm Solemn Evensong & Solemn Benediction.

Thursday 31st: 7.00pm ‘St Gregory: Herald of the Holy Spirit’ (see p. 15)

Preachers in May

6th May 10.30am: The Revd Professor Huw Jones, *Rural Dean*

Easter V 6.00pm: Fr Mark Bishop

13th May 10.30am: The Revd Canon Brian Watchorn,
Easter VI: formerly Dean of Pembroke College

Rogation Sun. 6.00pm: Fr Mark Bishop

20th May 10.30am: The Revd Dr Andrew Davison, *Westcott House*

Easter VII 6.00pm: Fr Mark Bishop

27th May 10.30am: Fr Mark Bishop

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

Wednesday 30th May 2012

Eve of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



7.00pm

PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS

with the

INSTITUTION AND INDUCTION

OF THE REVD ROBERT MACKLEY

AS VICAR OF THIS PARISH OF ST MARY-THE-LESS, CAMBRIDGE

Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway, Lord Bishop of Ely

***All members and friends of Little St Mary's
will be most welcome***

***After the Mass, there will be a bring-and-share supper party:
your generous contributions of food and drink will be gratefully received.
Please sign the list at the back of the church to indicate what you will bring
or have a word with Robin Osborne (ro225@cam.ac.uk).***

From Fr Mark Bishop

Dear friends,

This month we look forward to the ‘putting in’ of Fr Robert Mackley as our Vicar on May 30th. There is thus a spring in our step as we look towards a new chapter that is about to start at LSM with his ministry amongst us. We are all delighted that he will soon be with us and excited about the future for our fellowship and the work of building the Kingdom in which we are all invited to participate.

This mood of looking forward is in step with the liturgical season and the readings that we are given in the lectionary at the moment. We are being constantly reminded how God is doing ‘something new’ and how His life grows around us unexpectedly and often in hidden places and situations. The disciples were not expecting the Resurrection, but when they finally did understand what had happened, their message to the hostile world in which they lived was confident and assured. They taught that death was overcome, and that out of apparent defeat and suffering comes new life. It was an extraordinary message for them to preach, but entirely consistent with the fact that Jesus made Himself known to them in His Risen Body and that they had received from Him the full impact of His person, as He gave them, not comforting illusions, but challenges to new actions and new understandings.

The disciples were energised by the Resurrection to start the work of building the Church of which we are also part 2000 years later in our small corner of Christendom at LSM. I believe that we are joined by a God who draws close to us as we make our individual journeys through life, just as He did with the disciples on the Emmaus road. And as with them He wants us to grow and flourish as His disciples with His power and grace. For all of us that growth can be different – perhaps some are called to great works of energy and imagination in some project that will broaden the scope of some aspect of the ministry at LSM, but for others it will be a call to prayer and contemplation, or attentive listening or faithful visiting. In whatever we are called to do or be, I believe that Our Lord comes to us both through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

The installation of a new Vicar is a good time for us to reflect on all that we have received from LSM over the years, but it is also timely to think about the great opportunities that lie ahead for us all in helping to build the Kingdom out of our life and witness as part of the Body of Christ at Little St Mary’s.

With my love,

Fr Mark

Services and events to note

This merry month of May promises to be an extraordinary time at Little St Mary's – and we hardly know where to begin in summarising everything for you. You will want to make a *careful note* of everything that is taking place, so that you can be sure to play your full part. ***Please remember also all the opportunities presented to invite a friend to come with you and share in the worship and fellowship offered in this place.*** Now, 'from the top':

- There will be Sung Masses at 7.00pm for the **Feast of SS Philip & James (Tuesday 1st)** and the **Feast of St Matthias (Monday 14th)**. They were Apostles of our Lord and point to our own commission to go out with Good News to live and to share. Maybe with the arrival of lighter evenings we will find more people trying to keep the 'red letter days': the Choir turns up and sings beautifully, a loyal band of servers appears and there is no need for you to worry that there mightn't be a spare seat in the nave for you because there *will* be! Our red letter days are not just there to decorate the calendar, but are important reminders of our history and our future. They are, if you like, our 'family birthdays': don't forget them!
- Eastertide, the Queen of all seasons, continues her royal progress as we move towards Pentecost. Beside the High Altar remains the great Paschal Candle, 'bravely burning', symbolic of our Lord's triumph. **May 13th is Rogation Sunday** when (weather permitting) we 'beat the bounds' of the parish after the High Mass: an act of intercession for God's blessing on 'all sorts and conditions of men' in our parish. We leave the church at 12.30pm following post-Mass coffee. Last year the number of those *not* in cassocks was a little smaller than we would have liked: perhaps this year many more of us might be able to 'give it a go' and come along? Don't worry: a stop for (picnic) lunch is included!
- Rogation Sunday also brings one of the jewels in the crown of Anglican liturgy when our Choristers will sing **Choral Evensong** at 6.00pm followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. (Music lists for the period from Easter to Trinity Sunday are now available at the west end of the church.)
- Rogationtide is the traditional prelude to **Ascension Day (Thursday 17th May)**, the fortieth day of Easter when we give thanks for Jesus Christ exalted over all things as Lord and King. Alas, this day is rather neglected, since it always falls on a weekday which isn't a public holiday. There'll be a quiet Low Mass at 7.45am, and High Mass with triumphant Ascension hymns, music and a sermon at 7.00pm – and refreshments afterwards.

- May is the month which in Christian devotion is associated particularly with the Lord's Mother. We celebrate Masses in her honour on **Thursday 3rd** (7.45am), **Saturday 12th** (10.00am) and **Thursday 31st** (7.45am) when the month concludes with the **Feast of the Visitation** (which we are keeping this year on its modern date, rather than in July as usual). Our May merrymaking with and for Blessed Mary reaches a high-point with the **May Devotion on Wednesday 23rd**. This is co-ordinated by our ward of the Society of Mary but is, of course, open to all and we hope it will be a thoroughly domestic occasion: it takes the form of Vespers, a sermon, an open-air Procession through the streets bearing in our midst the statue of the Virgin, and Pontifical Benediction. The preacher will be the Superior General of the Society of Mary, the Rt Revd Robert Ladds SSC (it's good to welcome him back to LSM), and the service will be sung by 'Cambridge Voices' under the direction of Ian de Massini. It promises to be a great occasion – and the 'spread' afterwards is always rather fine as well!
- The last Sunday in the month (**27th May**) is one of the greatest feasts of the year: **Whitsunday** (the **Day of Pentecost**). Second only to Easter and Christmas, we give thanks on this day for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the empowering of the Christian community, the Body of Christ throughout the world. All are encouraged to receive Holy Communion, whether here or elsewhere. As usual, it will also be the annual **Festival of the Friends of LSM** with drinks for all after the High Mass, followed by a **three-course lunch** for those who buy a ticket (£8 / £5 for under-16s from Christine Tipple or Paul Huskinson) and the Friends' AGM: a splendid opportunity to gather together, and keep in grateful remembrance, those who support this parish prayerfully and financially. Do be sure to come! Remember that non-members of the Friends are most welcome at lunch – but if you'd like to join, forms are usually available at the back of the Church. And why not round off this great feast with Evensong and Solemn Benediction?
- Finally, Wednesday **30th May** brings the long-awaited **Induction** of our new Vicar, succeeding Fr Andrew Greany as parish priest. **Fr Robert Mackley** will be inducted during Pontifical High Mass for the Eve of the Visitation at 7.00pm and none of our worshippers or friends, we hope, will be absent. A party in the Parish Centre and churchyard garden will follow that service and your contributions are needed: see page 3!
- Did we say 'finally'? The Induction isn't quite the last thing in the month: Thursday 31st May brings Morning Prayer at 7.15am, Low Mass at 7.45am and Evening Prayer at 6.00pm, the church will be open for prayer and visiting from 7.30am to 6.30pm and at 7.00pm there will be a musical

meditation sung by a Norwich choir of which Catherine Rowett is a member (see page 15). In other words, a fairly typical day: in reality, this is the regular heartbeat of prayer and worship which undergirds everything else which we attempt here in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. It might be last, but it's certainly not least.

- **And of course...**

Ministry of Healing: Prayers for the sick and those who care for them at 9.45am on **Wednesday 9th May**, followed by the Laying-on of Hands and Anointing at the 10.00am Low Mass.

Rosary at 9.30am on **Wednesday 16th May** and **Wednesday 30th May**: why not come along in Mary's month?

Christian Giving

*Everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give to you.*

We are pleased to say that there was a generous response to the Christian Giving Review this year. About forty financial giving forms were returned to our Treasurer, and an additional amount of approximately £6000 per annum promised.

In addition, a number of "time and talents" forms were returned with offers of help.

Our thanks go to everyone who responded.

Christian Giving Renewal Group

JOIN THE HAPPY THROING?

It is, perhaps, worth mentioning that, as usual, three of our annual acts of public devotion on the streets of our parish occur in rapid succession in the next few weeks: the **Rogation Procession** (12.30pm, May 13th), the **May Procession of the Madonna** (7.30pm, May 23rd) and the **Corpus Christi Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** (7.00pm, June 7th). While it is not their *primary* purpose to be acts of witness, strictly speaking, it is apparent nevertheless that these *are* occasions when we (that is, the Church) are 'on show' to local residents, people dining in restaurants, passers-by, motorists and so on, and it is a splendid opportunity for us to witness to the vitality and joyfulness of the Faith. Nobody is going to be struck by a handful of people trundling down the street – but the *more* people who can come, the greater the impression made and the more jubilant the throng! "Unless we *show* devotion, we will struggle to *grow* in devotion."

Whitsuntide offering for Assistant Clergy

Now that the Interregnum is drawing to a close, we would like to place on record our thanks to all of the assistant clergy who have helped us so much during the last fifteen months. In a church like ours, where Daily Mass is offered, we simply could not function without them.

Fr Mark has presided over everything magnificently, ensuring that the standard of our liturgies has been maintained. He has scarcely missed a Sunday during the interregnum and has had to deal with two Easters – and all this whilst having to cope with the demands of a very responsible secular job. As Churchwardens, we are particularly indebted to him as, well beyond the call of duty, he willingly took on the task of finding priests to cover all the services, and so took a great burden from us.

It is very fitting that this year the last Sunday of the interregnum falls on Whit Sunday, the day on which the collections are traditionally given to the assistant clergy. At LSM it is our custom to give the loose plate collection from the Whit services to our assistant priests. Please would you be particularly generous in your giving on that day as a token of our thanks for their loyalty and devotion? If you are not able to be present on Whit Sunday, please leave your offering with us or with our treasurer, Richard Martin.

Paul Huskinson and Christine Tipple

WORDS *and* MUSIC Strangers, Pilgrims..... and Lawyers

*An LSM performance starring Fr Mark,
Andrew Black, Bob DeWolf, Simon Jackson,
Emerald O'Hanrahan, Steve Siddall,
Mary Ward and friends*

**Free admission – retiring collection
Splendid refreshments afterwards!**

Saturday 5th May, 7.30pm

*We do look for your support on the night!
There is a large number of small flyers available
in the church; feel free to take them for your friends.*



PEOPLE FOR OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for **Fr Robert** as he prepares to become our Vicar and receive the cure of souls of this parish. I would also ask for your prayers for **Rae Holland** who is unwell at the moment. We continue to remember **Joan Waton** in Cambridge Manor Nursing Home – her fortitude and good cheer are an inspiration to all of us. It was good to see **Alan Ashton** back with us having recently been in hospital over Easter.

Fr Mark

Loving Saviour, Jesu blest, grant them thine eternal rest:

Catherine Lofts, Stewart Ward (brother of Fr Graham), Ambrose Weekes (Bp)

New committee appointments

‘God so loved the world,’ the wits like to tell us, ‘that He didn’t send a committee’. Nevertheless, the variety of committees and working groups which take responsibility for various parts of our life and outreach at Little St Mary’s make an important contribution to the smooth running of the church and to the exploration of new avenues for its work and mission. They also offer a vital opportunity for the involvement of as many members of the congregation as possible, so that each of us can bring our own skills, gifts and interests and share them in a constructive way within the Church, in which some are called to be ‘apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ’.

Now, of course, it may not always *feel* like that on a cold Monday evening in January when that-person-who’s-always-talking has just raised their hand into the air for the umpteenth time. But there are lots of challenging and constructive opportunities for involvement, so how about it? When the new Parochial Church Council meets on Wednesday 9th May, it will be making appointments to the various committees, which are: *Finance and Standing* (appointments to this are restricted); *Parish Centre Management*; *LSM Global*; *Christian Giving Renewal*; *Ecumenical Representatives* (looking after our links with Chant d’Oiseau, Emmanuel URC and Churches Together); *Social Responsibility Group*; *Music Fund Group*; *‘Ave atque Vale’* (looking at how we welcome new members to LSM and keep in touch with those who move away); *Building, Maintenance and Security*; *Health and Safety*; *Social Committee*; *IT Committee*.

‘Fresh blood’ is very much welcomed on all these committees – so if you would be willing to volunteer to serve on one of them, you would be received with open arms! Anyone who would like to volunteer should leave a note to that effect in Robin Osborne’s pigeonhole in the church, or email him on ro225@cam.ac.uk.

Parish Centre wins top award!

We are delighted that at the end of March the Parish Centre was the recipient of a major Cambridge architectural award. The David Urwin Awards, established in 1988, are sponsored by the City Council and celebrate the design of new and extended or altered buildings in Cambridge. Only one prize is awarded every year – there are four categories in a rolling cycle that repeats every four years. On 23rd March, the award for **Best Conservation, Alteration or Extension of an Existing Building** was presented to the LSM Parish Centre. The judges described it as a ‘light, airy space which makes a positive addition to this Grade II* listed church’, and were ‘impressed by the space that was created and the form and materials of the extension’.

Parish Centre Development Fund



There will be a **Produce and Preserves Stall** after the High Mass on Sunday 6th May.

Jo is most grateful for the support she has received for her sponsored **Pilgrimage Walk to Compostela** from 17th to 27th May. There are still some forms with details in a leaflet holder, as well as a general list for sponsors, on the table at the back of the church.



There will be a **Jubilee Stall** at the Summer Festival (see page 17) for the Development Fund. Donations of 1950s memorabilia and gifts of new or ‘as new’ items in red, white or blue will be most welcome. Enquiries to Jo Wibberley (248 728).

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/littlestmaryschurchcambridge



Booking a holiday, buying a TV or just shopping on Amazon or Ebay? 15 people have now signed up on this website for their internet shopping and **we have raised nearly £50 so far this year.** *How much more would we make if we could double the number who have registered?* Set this up on your desktop and you are just two clicks away from shopping – it’s such an easy way to raise money so ***please join us!***

*We are very close to our £370,000 target – as at April 19th, the total in the Fund stood at **£350,155** which is a **splendid achievement!** Just ‘one more push’ will see us over the top of the hill: perhaps the news above will spur us on?!*



Calendar and Intentions

for

MAY 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 May

Tue.	1st	SS PHILIP and JAMES, Apostles: LM 7.45am; SM 7.00pm
Wed.	2nd	St Athanasius: CBS Office and Benediction 8.00pm
Thu.	3rd	of the BVM: Churches Together meeting (at OLEM) 7.45pm
Fri.	4th	
Sat.	5th	Words and Music 7.30pm
SUN.	6th	EASTER V: Produce and Preserves stall after HM
Mon.	7th	Bank Holiday: LM <u>10.00am</u>
Tue.	8th	Julian of Norwich
Wed.	9th	LM 10.00am (with Anointing) <u>and</u> 6.30pm; PCC 7.00pm
Thu.	10th	
Fri.	11th	
Sat.	12th	of the BVM
SUN.	13th	EASTER VI: ROGATION SUNDAY: Beating the Bounds
Mon.	14th	St MATTHIAS, Ap: Rogation Day: LM 7.45am; SM 7.00pm
Tue.	15th	Rogation Day
Wed.	16th	Rogation Day: Rosary 9.30am; Organ Recital 7.30pm
Thu.	17th	ASCENSION DAY: LM 7.45am; HM 7.00pm
Fri.	18th	
Sat.	19th	St Dunstan, Bishop
SUN.	20th	EASTER VII: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION
Mon.	21st	St Helena
Tue.	22nd	
Wed.	23rd	May Devotion 7.30pm
Thu.	24th	commem. John and Charles Wesley: GSS (in St Ives) 8.00pm
Fri.	25th	St Bede the Venerable
Sat.	26th	St Augustine of Canterbury
SUN.	27th	WHITSUNDAY: DAY OF PENTECOST: Friends' Festival
Mon.	28th	
Tue.	29th	of Requiem
Wed.	30th	Rosary 9.30am; Votive for Missionary Work 10.00am Eve of the VISITATION: Induction & PHM 7.00pm
Thu.	31st	VISITATION BVM: LM 7.45am; Choral meditation 7.00pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries* for May

Growth in missionary zeal	<i>Cicely Gibson</i>	1st
Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Richard Mashedor (Pr)</i>	2nd
Thanksgiving for Mary in her month of May		3rd
Northern Ireland Children's Holiday Scheme (<i>Friday Lunch charity</i>)		4th
Our gardeners		5th
The Parish		6th
New City Council		7th
Mystics, contemplatives and anchorites		8th
(10.00am) Those in need of healing (6.30pm) Friends of LSM	<i>Lois Rayner</i>	9th
Christian Unity		10th
The lonely and isolated	<i>Arthur Mickle</i>	11th
Pilgrims to Walsingham		12th
The Parish at Rogationtide		13th
The hungry		14th
Those who labour on land or sea		15th
Businesses in our parish	<i>Sarah Marriott White</i>	16th
Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ exalted over all things		17th
	<i>Constance Rosedale, Gwendolen Plumley, Elsie Dolby</i>	
Christian Aid		18th
Increase in vocations to the Religious Life	<i>Helen Paton</i>	19th
The Parish		20th
House of Bishops meeting	<i>Ethel Gibbons</i>	21st
Preparations for the Induction	<i>Herbert John Edwin Burrell (Pr)</i>	22nd
Society of Mary		23rd
Anglican-Methodist conversations		24th
Devout keeping of Whitsuntide	<i>Francis Hugh Maycock (Pr)</i>	25th
Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury	<i>Margaret Verney</i>	26th
The Parish: Thanksgiving for the gifts of the Holy Spirit: Friends of LSM		27th
Fr Mark Bishop	<i>Eileen Cope, Frank Hollick, John Bagley (Pr)</i>	28th
The Faithful Departed	<i>William John Dempsey</i>	29th
(10.00am) Propagation of the Faith		30th
(7.00pm) The Parish		
All who seek Mary's prayers in this church	<i>Liz Fretten</i>	31st

*From Ascension Day to Whitsunday
(May 17th to May 27th)
we pray for
the outpouring of the Holy Spirit,
a splendid prelude to the Induction on May 30th*

O faithful God,
who didst fulfil the promise of Easter
by sending to us thy Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of eternal life:
open our lips by the same Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of thy glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*...and so we pray particularly for Fr Robert Mackley
and for this parish which he will lead and serve*

O God our Father,
of thy great mercy look graciously upon Robert,
thy servant and co-worker with Stephen thy Bishop,
and grant that his word and example
may inspire and guide thy people here
until he, losing none of all thou hast given him,
may with all those in his care
attain unto the joys of everlasting life.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

‘St Gregory, Herald of the Holy Spirit’

Thursday 31st May, 7.00pm

*The specialist ensemble **Choros Gregorianos**, led by **Stephen Rainbird**, will present a meditative programme of liturgical chants and ancient readings.*



St Gregory the Theologian (329 – 389), described by Cardinal Newman as ‘a man who is as great theologically as he is personally winning’, presided over the Council of Constantinople in 381, when the formulation of the Nicene Creed was finally determined. He campaigned to preserve and propagate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and in particular of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. It is, therefore, particularly good to be able to offer this programme during the Octave of Pentecost: the meditation in words and music will include unaccompanied Gregorian, Byzantine and Armenian chants, Huguenot psalms and Anglican hymns in honour of Pentecost and of St Gregory, along with readings from some of the saint’s writings and extracts from a seventh-century Byzantine account of his life.

The programme will last just over an hour. **Choros Gregorianos** is a small choir based in Norwich; one of their singers is Catherine Rowett, through whom this musical offering has been arranged. The music is all unaccompanied, and it will be a meditative and prayerful event, celebrating the spiritual heritage of the Undivided Church, rather than a ‘concert’. There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Parish Centre Development Fund – and refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards. Do come if you can.

A note from the Archbishop of Canterbury

A member of the congregation has received the following letter from the Archbishop of Canterbury:

Many thanks for your very kind greetings and good wishes. We are really looking forward to being back in Cambridge, and I hope that we shall indeed find our way from time to time to our beloved LSM.

Greetings to all the congregation: ++ **Rowan**



Christian Aid Week

*“Let’s give the tools...
to help people in poverty
out of poverty”*

Fortuitously, **Christian Aid Week** this year begins on May 13th, which is Rogation Sunday. So as we give thanks for the beauty and variety of creation all around us, and pray for those in our parish who live and labour in the midst of the goodness of creation, our thoughts will naturally expand to encompass also the concerns, needs and opportunities of parts of the world where the daily challenges and difficulties of life are so much larger than those we face here.

Christian Aid Week began in 1957, and in 2011 raised £12.5 million to help to transform lives around the world and empower poor communities to work their way out of poverty. Christian Aid works with local organisations around the world to assist local communities to find solutions to the problems they face and then to give them the support they need to put those solutions into action.

We will have Christian Aid envelopes available in church and hope for a generous response.

Northern Ireland Children’s Holiday Scheme

40 years old this year: our Friday Lunch charity for May and June

For the next two months, we will once again be supporting the Northern Ireland Children’s Holiday Scheme at our weekly **Charity Lunch in the Parish Centre (Fridays, 1.00pm, £2.50 minimum: soup, bread, cheese, fruit)**. Established in 1972 as a cross-community holiday programme, it has grown into one of Northern Ireland’s most innovative projects for young people and their communities. In the last forty years, NICHS has worked with more than 16,000 young people, undoubtedly having a huge impact on the move to a more peaceful Northern Ireland. It continues to encourage reconciliation between the youngest members of the communities which are still marked by suspicion and segregation as a result of the Troubles. Some young people rarely have the chance to meet or question those with views or backgrounds different to their own; NICHS programmes work to give young people the confidence to step outside the confines of their own communities. Their fortieth birthday party was due to be held on 28th April. NICHS says that *“our biggest challenge at this present time is to raise funds to meet our Project costs. In spite of the difficult times we are constantly grateful to the many Trusts, companies and individuals who continue to recognise the value of our work and support us financially.”*

Summer Festival 2012

Saturday 14th July

(There's no need to ask you to put the date in your diary because, of course, it's firmly there already... but just check, would you?)

We are now well into our preparations for one of the 'highlights' of the summer at Little St Mary's. ***We hope to see YOU on the day, together with as many of your friends as you can possibly bring.*** The Festival weekend, focussed on Saturday but extending into Friday evening and Sunday, has several objectives: ***firstly***, to come together as a community to celebrate the good things we enjoy at LSM, to demonstrate some of the many gifts and talents which we share and to enjoy one another's company; ***secondly***, to publicise our church, its worship and witness to the local community, keeping us 'on the map' both on Trumpington Street and further afield; ***thirdly***, to raise much-needed funds to support the upkeep of our buildings and activities, and to reach out further to those around us.

So you will see we are setting ourselves quite a tall order! One of the main attractions will be this year's play, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*, a version of the mediaeval poem of the same name. Rehearsals are underway! It promises to be a musical and dramatic treat – but who was the Green Knight? Come and watch the play to find out, on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon.

There will also be a selection of stalls in the churchyard; morning coffee, lunches and afternoon tea in the (award-winning) Parish Centre; a concert by the Choristers and friends at lunchtime; and the whole day will be set in the context of our regular corporate prayer and worship, beginning with Mass and finishing with Festal Evensong and Benediction.

There will be plenty of opportunities for YOUR involvement and we will tell you more about that next month. Lots of help will be needed with publicity. Particularly, however, we would be very glad indeed to receive more bright ideas for the day (especially if they are accompanied by offers to 'bring the same to good effect'!). Please have a word with Christine Tipple: cstipple@gmail.com

~~~ CORPUS CHRISTI ~~~

Corpus Christi Day is the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 7th June : 7.00pm

High Mass, Procession of the Host and Benediction

*Put it in your diary now and be sure to be here
as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Eucharist*

Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week was, as always, an extraordinary time at LSM – thanks to the loyalty and devotion of a band of willing workers, labouring in the sacristy, bending over photocopier and keyboard, cleaning, polishing, washing, cooking, flower-arranging, rehearsing, serving, singing, playing, publicising – not to mention writing sermons, celebrating Masses, praying Offices. Many thanks to all who helped in any way. Yet no less important is the commitment and faithfulness of those who made the walk, with Our Lord, from the triumph of the Procession of Palms through each of the stages of ‘the Way of Sorrows’, to the gladness of Easter morning. There were splendid turnouts at the services all week – nearly all of which were ‘up’ on last year. Numbers, of course, are not everything, but it is not insignificant to note that the evening Low Masses had about 40 communicants each night, that the attendance at Tenebrae on Good Friday was 50% higher than last year, that the numbers at Children’s Stations of the Cross doubled, and that there were very nearly 200 people in church for the High Mass of Easter morning.

The daily addresses from Fr Graham Ward were extremely well-received and found to be helpful by many people: many thanks to him too for directing our thoughts through the great Week. And at the end of it all we came to one more glorious Easter Day, when, as Fr Ward said in his sermon, “*the Church faces into the sunrise of the resurrection: it feels the warmth of that sunlight upon its face, for the Risen Son is both its future and its end*”. So (now we can say the word again): **Alleluya, on we go! The Lord is risen indeed!**

SERMONS ON SALE

Two booklets have been produced, one with the text of the Lent sermons and one with the text of the Holy Week addresses. Both cost £3 and are available from the bookstall – a reprint has already been necessary to satisfy demand! Do please make sure you buy a copy.

ORGAN RECITAL by ANNE PAGE

Many people enjoyed the two recitals given in January as part of Anne’s series performing the complete organ works of J.S. Bach. Little St Mary’s will host one more recital in this musical marathon on

Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm

‘Leipzig’ Chorales Part IV, free works in C minor BWV 574,
Passacaglia and Fugue 582

Pay what you like! Admission is by donation.

Electronic LSM

‘I did enjoy last month’s Newsletter,’ she said as she left Saturday Mass a few weeks ago. ‘I read it on my ipad in bed!’

Those who have internet access can, like our anonymous fan, keep ‘up to date’ with happenings at LSM in a variety of ways. First, of course, is our website, www.lsm.org.uk, which contains an enormous amount of information about the life of the church. Each month the new **Newsletter** is available to download from the site within a couple of days of its publication – particularly handy for those who can’t often get to church, for any number of reasons. You can also find an ‘archive’ of Newsletters from the last five years, together with a growing archive of **Music Lists** for the services.

We have also had a **Facebook group** for a number of years: a splendid way of bringing together our ‘social networkers’, at home and abroad, not least for issuing reminders about special events or feast days. If you are ‘on’ Facebook, join the LSM group by searching for ‘Little St Mary’s Church, Cambridge’.

There is also an **e-mailing list** for members and friends of the congregation, which receives at least one email a week from Tanya Hockley with a reminder of the week’s programme, and also offers an efficient way to organise social events and help us to get to know one another. You can either join the group if you have a Yahoo account – groups.yahoo.com/group/LSMsocial/ – or just join the mailing list in order to receive the weekly mailings, by sending a blank email to LSMsocial-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Not to be outdone, the **servers** have recently adopted a very efficient system which allows the co-ordination of availabilities and serving duties via a secure website, while still accommodating those who do not have internet access. All these opportunities to communicate in new ways do not, of course, mean that we are not mindful of the need to retain and continue to improve the paper and verbal forms of communication and advertising which have served us so well... thus we bring out of our treasure things old and things new, and hopefully reach out to members, friends and strangers in as many ways as we can.

*Of course, one of the many things you CAN'T do electronically
is to make a pilgrimage!*

*So you might like to make a note in your diary (whatever form that takes!) of our
Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham
on **Saturday 21st July**. All welcome, and more details soon!*



Rogationtide: Beating the Bounds

When we go to beat the bounds of the parish on Rogation Sunday, we will be participating in a custom that has been dear to the Christian people of this land for over a millennium. Instituted in fifth-century Gaul, the Rogation (from Latin *rogare*, ‘to ask’ or

‘beseech’), was introduced to the English Church in 747 – a time for the faithful to go in procession led by the clergy, carrying crosses and banners, giving thanks to God for His goodness and blessing the fields, crops and animals. Around the same time, the division of the country into parishes took place, and so the Rogation Procession came to include the notion of ‘beating the bounds’ – checking the boundaries were in order. Over the centuries, the relative emphasis given to the sacred and secular parts of this has fluctuated widely, and by the nineteenth century the custom of beating the bounds was, in one sense, obsolete owing to more efficient mapping and record-keeping. Yet even though geographical parishes are, to an extent, less important in Cambridge than elsewhere (many of us cross several parochial boundaries in order to come to church!), the custom as it has been revived here is an important witness both to the Christian tradition which we have received and to the relation of the church to the people around it, and is also an effective way of celebrating our locality while praying for God’s blessing on all, man and beast, who live and work here.

***“O let the Earth bless the Lord:
yea, let it praise Him, and magnify Him for ever!
O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord:
praise Him, and magnify Him for ever!
O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord:
praise him, and magnify him for ever!”***

*Owing to lack of space, our next article on the **Catholic Societies**, looking at the Guild of All Souls, is unavoidably held over to next month. For those who were interested in last month’s description of the **Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament**, remember that all are welcome on **Wednesday 2nd May at 8.00pm** for the Office and Benediction, followed by refreshments.*

The Resurrection

Still is the earth, above, the lightening sky
stretches its sheltering arms in varied hue,
ranging from gold to amber, mauve to silver white,
as slowly the majestic sun breaks dimly through:
with bated breath all nature waits,
the sun seems poised and still -
then with a sound like rushing wind
the garden seems to fill.

Then all the world is bathed in light
that pales the shrinking Sun,
and touches every leaf with gold
and opens every one:
swift like the wind the Presence goes,
the great Iconoclast,
the very grass seems brighter where
those noiseless feet have passed.

And all the air seems charged with life
like a perfume strong and sweet,
and hope shines in each upturned flower,
and Mary falls at her Master's feet.



Daphne Foreman

Lift up your hearts!

In the ever-turning wheel of the Christian year we progress from Israel's longing for a Messiah and the promise of our Lord's coming at Bethlehem, through His birth and manifestation to the Gentiles, via His teaching, miracles and acts of mercy, to His suffering, humiliation, death and burial. Then on Easter morning we celebrate God's vindication of His Son, His glorious rising to life again. And on **Ascension Day**, the fortieth day after Easter, we come, as it were, to the end. On earth we can go no further. We have followed Him from the Manger to the Mount, and now 'a cloud receives Him' out of our sight.

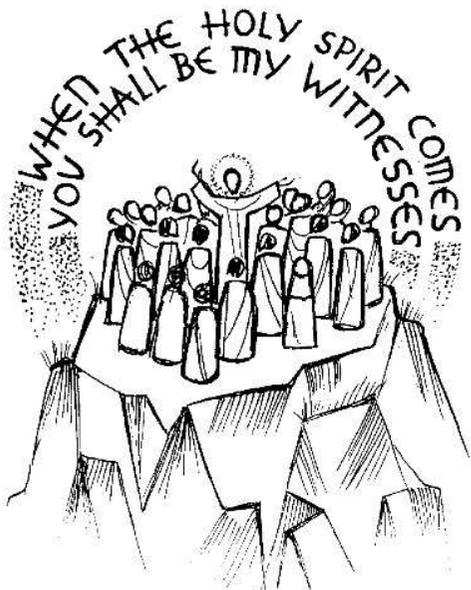
Hail the day that sees Him rise! Ascension Day proclaims that **Jesus Christ reigns**, that He is exalted over all things. Yes, Christ reigns! But what about the cruelty and violence we see all around us, the threat of war, famine and

disaster across the world? What about our own acts of selfishness and spite? If Christ reigns, why do we not see all things under His just, gentle rule? Perhaps the only answer, hard though it is, is faith: the writer to the Hebrews tells us that ‘we do not yet see all things subjected to Him, but we behold Him (i.e. with the eyes of faith’ crowned with glory and honour’. It is the very fact that He *does* reign that will finally permit His Kingdom to come ‘on earth as it is in heaven’. Like a great commander in an army, who has the measure of his enemy, retains the loyalty of his foot-soldiers intimately and knows that the victory is ultimately his, so He reigns, surveying all that we do and are, from the greatest to the least, from world-changing decisions in the White House to an old woman alone and afraid, regarding it all with His eyes of mercy. So Ascension Day teaches us that the power which lies behind the very fabric of this universe is exercised by Him who, in the days of His flesh, stooped to wash His disciples’ feet.

If we believe this, we will be able to meet life patiently, constructively and fearlessly. The power to do this comes from the abiding gift of the Holy Spirit, which we celebrate on **Whitsunday**. When the disciples came down from the Mount, they awaited the coming of the Holy Spirit and were indeed rewarded with power from on high, the power which sends us out into the world with a job to do and the capacity with which to do it. We are all, in a very real sense, ‘apostles’ – men and women sent out into all the problems and joys of life.

Christianity, then, is not wishful thinking. The Faith of the Church is realistic: it teaches us to face the facts as we find them, and to do so in the confidence that the Holy Spirit, ‘the Comforter, who will abide with you for ever’,

will give us all the strength we need. Our eyes are, indeed, fixed on those things which are above, where Christ reigns in the glory of the Father, but our feet are planted firmly on the earth, the earth that God loves so much. Will you let this Ascensontide and Whitsunday renew your vision and your trust? Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up unto the Lord!**



***Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of Thy faithful
people, and kindle in us all
the fire of Thy love!***

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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 High Mass on Sundays
and after the 10.00am Mass on Wednesdays.

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

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Diary and other information to: admin@lsm.org.uk

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