

Little Saint Mary's, Cambridge

NEWSLETTER

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*Our hymn shall never vary:
hail, Blessed Virgin Mary!*

*August brings with it Assumptiontide, centring upon the Feast of the Assumption
(August 15th), the Patronal Festival of this Church and Parish.*

Highlights of August

Saturday 4th: 3.00pm Guild of All Souls at S. Mary-at-the-Elms, Ipswich

Sunday 5th: 'J.M. Neale Sunday' (*see page 6*)

Monday 6th: **The TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD:**

7.45am Low Mass; 7.00pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 8th: 9.45am/10.00am: Prayers for the sick and Mass with Anointing

Wednesday 15th: **ASSUMPTION of OUR LADY: PATRONAL FESTIVAL:**

9.20am Rosary; 10.00am Low Mass;

7.00pm High Mass followed by bring-and-share Buffet Supper

Saturday 18th: 7.30pm Assumptiontide Barbecue in the Churchyard Garden

and Parish Centre (in aid of the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership)

Friday 24th: **Feast of S. BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle:**

12.30pm Low Mass (no 7.45am Mass); 7.00pm Sung Mass

Monday 27th: August Bank Holiday: Low Mass 10.00am, not 7.45am

Coming up in September – dates for your diary!

Tuesday 11th: 7.30pm Society of Mary Office and Benediction

(Preacher: Fr James Hill CMP, Vicar of S. Benet-Fink, Tottenham)

Friday 14th: **The TRIUMPH of the CROSS:** 7.00pm Sung Mass.

Sunday 16th: DVD of the opening of the Little S. Mary's Room

at S. Cyprian's Sharpeville after High Mass.

Friday 21st: **S. MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist:** 7.00pm Sung Mass.

Saturday 22nd: Autumn Expedition to Oxford (*see page 7*).

Saturday 29th: **S. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS:** 10.00am High Mass.

*Our weekly **Charity Lunch** in the Parish Centre on **Fridays** at **1.00pm***

continues to support the work of

Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

during August: do join us when you can – £2.50 minimum donation.

In the holiday months lunch 'providers' are always particularly welcome:

sign the list posted on the noticeboard near the church door!

From the Vicar

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A local priest said to me recently that he'd needed some time to think and pray and so, not even thinking of going into his own church, had wandered over to Little S. Mary's to sit in our Lady Chapel. Doing this, he said, had made him realise that his parish had been engaged in all sorts of good works but in the process had failed in the one thing for which it primarily existed – to be a sacred space for contemplation, prayer and worship.

One of the things that has struck me in my first two months here is just how many people visit our church for quiet and prayer – how important it is not only that the building is kept open all day every day but that it is a place primarily of stillness and space. This is something for us to be deeply thankful for and to cherish. Bishop Robert Runcie used to say that he stored up his prayers until he could come to LSM, and the large number of people who are members of the Friends of LSM or are members of our Facebook Group testifies to how valuable this is. We're sending a copy of this Newsletter to all the Friends who are not currently regular members of the congregation, in the hope that they know how important and valued they are to us and to ask for their continued prayers for our life here as well as to assure them that they are still part of our family even if no longer worshipping with us in Cambridge.

This work of creating a place of stillness and worship is ongoing. I hope many of you have appreciated the de-cluttering of the back of the church, together with the reintroduction of an intercessions book where visitors can leave requests for prayer. I hope in the coming months to be able to introduce more prayer cards for sale at the back of church, along with copies of the church catechism to aid people's prayer and discipleship, together with improving access to services, so people know where the crypt is (for example) and that there are candles available in the Lady Chapel and so on. I would also welcome your views on the timings of midweek Masses, so that we can find sufficiently varied and practical times of day that as many people as possible can come. I am pleased to say that the moving of Morning Prayer to 8.20am has attracted a couple of extra congregants.

As we reflect elsewhere in this Newsletter, August is very much a month of glory: not only the final glory of heaven as we celebrate the Assumption of our patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary, into heaven; but also glory on the way, as we mark the Lord's Transfiguration, his shining forth with heavenly glory in the midst of the world just before he carries on his journey to Jerusalem and crucifixion.

LSM must be a place where we find both a vision of our final glory in heaven but also are nourished with glory for our journey through this world. The Mass, where we anticipate the heavenly banquet but are also fed with spiritual food to keep us going now, does both these things, and should be our constant resort, both the source and the summit of our Christian life.

Yet we need to find silence and space when we are not physically in the church building. I hope the weekly office card, the reflections and prayer intentions in this Newsletter, the booklets on sale at the back of church – all these contribute towards your prayers at home and work. There is always more we can do, of course, and one of those things is to create a sacred space somewhere in our homes. It may only be a bookshelf or a corner of a room or the top of a table, but a place where there is a candle, a cross or an icon, where we keep our bible and a prayer book and a cushion or a chair to sit on, a place to which we can resort for our prayers and to be still. It is amazing how easy this is to do in even the busiest and most cluttered of homes and how powerful and aid it can become to our prayer. If you'd like to talk with me further about this, or ask advice, please don't hesitate to make contact.

In our church, in our homes and in our hearts may we know the stillness and the glory of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit more and more.

With my love,

Fr Robert

Wade in the Water

*At High Mass on Sunday 15th July, the Junior Choir, led by Mary Ward, performed the spiritual 'Wade in the Water' – and later in the day, together with friends, did just that at a special swimming party. We have been delighted to receive a report from **Jessica Imogen Field...***

Mary's Swimming Party

Mary's swimming part was on Sunday the 15th of July. It was fun fun fun. There was a bouncy castle in the water. There was a slide that went into the water, on the castle. All of the boys got all the way from the slide's beginning, but ONLY 1 girl achieved it and that was me. (It was pretty hard.) I got water in my eyes but it was worth it.

THANK YOU Mary.

~ ASSUMPTIONTIDE ~

LITTLE SAINT MARY'S PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2012

Tuesday 14th August

6.00pm: First Evening Prayer of the Assumption

Wednesday 15th August: ASSUMPTION of the BVM

8.20am: Morning Prayer

9.20am: Rosary

10.00am: Low Mass (followed by coffee) 6.00pm: Evening Prayer

7.00pm: High Mass

Preacher: The Revd Anna Matthews,

Vicar-designate of S. Bene't's and Diocesan Director of Ordinands

Music includes Parsons' "Ave Maria"

and Rachmaninov's "Bogoroditsye Dyevo"

*The High Mass will be followed by a bring-and-share **Buffet Supper**:
please sign the list at the back of the church to indicate your contribution!*

Saturday 18th August

10.00am: Votive Mass of the BVM

7.30pm: Assumptiontide Barbecue

in the Churchyard Garden and Parish Centre

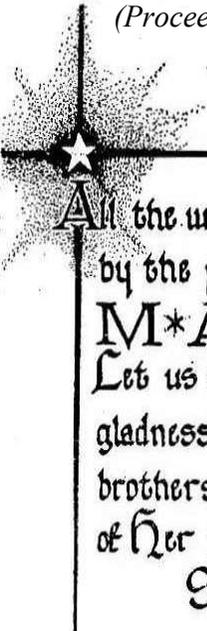
*Tickets £6 now available from the Churchwardens or Robin Osborne
(Proceeds to support the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership)*

Wednesday 22nd August

10.00am: Votive Mass of the BVM

*A parish's Patronal Festival is a very great occasion
in the yearly round of its life, when we come
together as a Church Family to unite our prayers
with those of our heavenly patron for the continued
prosperity of this Church and Parish, and give thanks
both for her model of Christian discipleship in all its
fullness and for her heavenly intercession with and for
us. We hope to see as many of our members and
friends as possible, especially at the Masses on the
day itself: do please try to bring friends, as well,
to share this joyful feast!*

"He that is mighty hath magnified me!"



All the world is illumined
by the presence of
M*A*R*Y
Let us share in Her
gladness then, my
brothers, and partake
of Her joy.
St. Bernard

Other services and events to note

S. MARY-AT-THE-ELMS, IPSWICH...

will be the destination of the Guild of All Souls and friends on the afternoon of **Saturday 4th August**. Vespers of the Dead will be sung at 3.00pm, followed by Benediction, and after refreshments there will be a talk on devotion to Our Lady of Grace of Ipswich, a title under which the Virgin was honoured by our forebears and a devotion which has been renewed in recent years. All are welcome: consult Bill de Quick or Julia Norman for transport arrangements.

O VISION BLEST OF HEAVENLY LIGHT!

Monday 6th August brings with it the major feast of the **Transfiguration of Our Lord**: there will be Low Mass at 7.45am and Sung Mass at 7.00pm: please join us – and bring a friend!

SOME OTHER DATES FOR AUGUST:

- **The Rosary** will be prayed in the Lady Chapel at 9.20am on **Wednesdays 1st and 15th August** (uniting our prayers with Our Lady's on Assumption Day): note the new, slightly earlier time which will allow a more reflective recitation of the Rosary before the Low Mass at 10.00am.
- The Sunday closest to 7th August has, in recent years, been designated '**J.M. Neale Sunday**' at LSM: an opportunity to give thanks, through our hymnody, for Neale's life and witness and especially for his contribution to Church music in the writing and translating of hymns, an appropriate commemoration in a church with so fine a tradition of hymn-singing as ours. Neale's translations include 'A great and mighty wonder', 'O what their joy and their glory must be', and that Michaelmas gem, 'Stars of the morning, so gloriously bright', and among his own compositions are 'O happy band of pilgrims' and 'Christian, dost thou see them', but on **5th August** we can look forward to 'Light's abode, celestial Salem' at the High Mass and 'Before the ending of the day' at Evensong.
- **Healing Ministry**: The Prayer Group will meet at 9.45am on **Wednesday 8th August** to pray for the sick and those who care for them. The 10.00am Mass will include the Laying-on of Hands and Anointing.
- There will be an extra evening Mass on **Thursday 9th August** at 6.30pm, prior to the PCC meeting at 7.00pm.
- **S. Bartholomew's Day** on **Friday 24th** will be kept with Low Mass at 12.30pm (but NOT at 7.45am) and a Sung Mass at 7.00pm: it has been good, in recent weeks, to note an improved participation in the celebration of Sung Mass on weekday Festivals...
- The **monthly Requiem** will be celebrated on **Saturday 25th** at 10.00am.

Autumn Expedition to Oxford

Saturday 22nd September

We're off to **OXFORD** for the Little S. Mary's Autumn Expedition this year, to see some of the highlights of Anglo-Catholic Oxford and to attend the installation of the Revd Professor (but Father, to us) Graham Ward as a Canon of Christ Church as he takes up his appointment to the Regius Chair of Divinity there.

The coach will leave LSM at 9.00am and the cost will be £25. Further details of the itinerary will be available nearer the time, but we do need you to sign up *now* if you would like to come, because the Cathedral staff will be sending formal invitations to the installation.

The list is on the table at the west end of the church: is your name on it? It promises to be a 'day to remember'.

Sale of marmalade for Parish Development Fund

Jo's marmalade production has now finished but there are just four jars of **lemon marmalade** available for anyone who missed out at the Summer Festival – also two jars of **mint jelly**. Please phone **01223 248728** for *personal delivery*.

From Fr Mark

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much indeed for your generous gift of the 'Whitsun Offering'. It remains a great privilege to be a Priest here – and to worship with you all!

With my love,

Fr Mark

Tanya Hockley...

...leaves us on the last day of this month after two years as our Pastoral Assistant – though as she is only going 'up the road' to Westcott House, we hope to still see her when her other commitments allow! Tanya will preach at the High Mass on **Sunday 26th August**, her last Sunday as Pastoral Assistant: do come if you can. We look forward to welcoming Scott McCombe, her successor, in September.



Summer Festival and Gift Day

As we go to press, the total raised at this year's Summer Festival stands at **£5726.06** which is representative both of great generosity on the part of those who made donations and of extraordinary effort on the part of the *very many* people who were involved in organising the various aspects of the day...

THANK-YOU
all very much indeed!

We are expecting 'a little more' still to come in, so the total will be very similar to last year's: quite remarkable when one considers that the weather could hardly have been more difficult – grey skies overhead and damp drizzle in the air as we paddled through the churchyard visiting the stalls (safely dry underneath the splendid new gazeboes), but brilliant sunshine and balmy air later on in the day as we went indoors to sing the First Evensong of Trinity VI.

We give below a summary of the accounts:

Donations (Gift-Aided)	£2771.00
Other donations	£ 310.00
'Sir Gawain and the Green Knight'	£ 761.00
Jubilee Stall (Development Fund)	£ 124.00
Refreshments	£ 500.05
Books	£ 244.00
Cakes	£ 174.16
Tombola	£ 159.09
Children's stall	£ 30.01
Caribbean stall	£ 100.00
CDs and LSM book	£ 20.00
Total (gross)	<u>£5193.31</u>
Tax to be recovered	£ 682.75*
Expenses deducted	- <u>£ 150.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>£5726.06</u>



**note the effect of Gift Aid!*



Calendar and Intentions

for

AUGUST 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 Vicar would be glad of suggestions
for additions to the list of daily intentions.*

Calendar for August

Wed.	1st	S. Peter's Chains: Lammas Day. <i>Rosary 9.20am</i>
Thu.	2nd	
Fri.	3rd	
Sat.	4th	S. John Vianney, Curé d'Ars. <i>GAS in Ipswich 3.00pm</i>
SUN.	5th	TRINITY IX ('J.M. Neale Sunday')
Mon.	6th	The TRANSFIGURATION: LM 7.45am; SM 7.00pm
Tue.	7th	commem. J.M. Neale, Priest
Wed.	8th	S. Dominic, Priest. <i>Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am</i>
Thu.	9th	LM 7.45am <u>and</u> 6.30pm; <i>PCC 7.00pm</i>
Fri.	10th	S. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr. <i>Holy Matrimony 2.00pm</i>
Sat.	11th	S. Clare of Assisi, Virgin
SUN.	12th	TRINITY X
Mon.	13th	commem. Jeremy Taylor, Bishop
Tue.	14th	S. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Wed.	15th	ASSUMPTION of the BVM: PATRONAL FESTIVAL: Rosary 9.20am; LM 10.00am; HM 7.00pm followed by supper
Thu.	16th	<i>GSS at All Saints Landbeach 8.00pm</i>
Fri.	17th	
Sat.	18th	of the BVM. <i>Assumptiontide Barbecue (Churchyard) 7.30pm</i>
SUN.	19th	TRINITY XI
Mon.	20th	S. Bernard, Abbot
Tue.	21st	commem. Richard Crashaw, Priest and Poet
Wed.	22nd	of the BVM
Thu.	23rd	
Fri.	24th	S. BARTHOLOMEW, Ap: LM 12.30pm <i>only</i> ; SM 7.00pm
Sat.	25th	of Requiem
SUN.	26th	TRINITY XII
Mon.	27th	S. Monica: LM <u>10.00am</u> (<i>August Bank Holiday</i>)
Tue.	28th	S. Augustine of Hippo, Bishop
Wed.	29th	Beheading of S. John Baptist
Thu.	30th	
Fri.	31st	S. Aidan
Sat.	1st	S. Giles, Hermit

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for August*

Prisoners and captives	1st
The impenitent and unreconciled	2nd
Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (Friday Lunch charity)	<i>Roma Gill</i> 3rd
Parish priests	4th
The Parish	<i>Geoffrey Lampe (Pr)</i> 5th
Thanksgiving for Jesus Christ, Light of the World	6th
Hymnographers and church musicians	<i>Olive Robinson</i> 7th
The Ministry of Healing: the Dominicans	8th
Our Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council	<i>Irene Morris</i> 9th
Deacons	<i>Eric Paton Hindley (Pr), Mary Hindley, Norman Clift (Pr)</i> 10th
Poor Clares	<i>Arthur Benjamin Dex (Pr), Geoffry Smith</i> 11th
The Parish	<i>Peter Chamier (Pr)</i> 12th
Preparations for Assumptiontide	<i>Gwen Wolfenden</i> 13th
A greater spirit of selflessness	<i>David Paton, Adrian Martinez</i> 14th
The Parish: Thanksgiving for Our Lady of Grace	15th
The materially poor	<i>Ella Cassell</i> 16th
The spiritually poor	<i>Richard Wardill</i> 17th
The Church in Papua New Guinea	18th
The Parish in Assumptiontide	<i>Eric Loinsworth, Blanche Poulter,</i> 19th <i>Maurice Fretten, Edwin Peter Windeatt</i>
Cistercians	20th
Peterhouse and Pembroke	21st
Friends of LSM	<i>John Robinson</i> 22nd
Christian Unity	23rd
The medical profession	<i>Margaret Hutchinson, Elizabeth Wyngard</i> 24th
The Faithful Departed	25th
The Parish	26th
Widows and widowers	<i>Thomas Haynes, Bob Bishop</i> 27th
Those who struggle with the past	<i>Sybil Fleet, Patricia Fleet, Ione Eva Spalding</i> 28th
Persecuted Christians	29th
Victims of abuse	<i>Helen Culverwell, Thomas Wightman Chalmers</i> 30th
Stephen, Bishop of Ely	31st
Parish of the Ascension	1st

Our hope of glory

*Glory is, in many ways, the keynote of this month's two major Festivals: the **Transfiguration** (August 6th), when the disciples on the holy mountain behold God's radiance shining forth in Jesus Christ as He sets His face to go towards His suffering and death in Jerusalem, and the **Assumption** (August 15th), which puts before us the vision of humanity's redemption brought to its heavenly fulfilment in the bliss of God, as Mary's 'yes' to Him is wholly affirmed in His final and complete 'yes' to her and, in her divine Son, to all of us*

O God,
whose beauty is beyond our imagining,
and whose power we cannot comprehend:
show us thy glory as far as we can grasp it,
and shield us from knowing
more than we can bear
until we may look upon thee without fear;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.



Stamp update

Thank you to all who have recently donated stamps for BibleLands: this is very much appreciated. Since November 2009 we have posted **over 15,000 used stamps** to the charity, excluding gifts of stamp albums and 32 kilos of used stamps from the W.I.. About £6,000 is raised each year from used stamps, the sale of which goes directly to support **the Helen Keller Centre** for visually impaired children near Jerusalem.

As some of you may know, the Helen Keller Centre was founded as a home for blind girls by English missionary, Mary Lovell, in the 1890s. Dr Helen Keller visited the School in the 1950s and was impressed by the work. She agreed to her name being adopted for the new centre. The house was opened by BibleLands in 1960 and has been funded by BibleLands ever since. It provides an education for some 70 children age 3 to 13 years, covering all the usual curricular subjects, as well as teaching a range of additional skills that will enable them to lead independent lives.

CHANGE OF NAME

From August BibleLands changes its name to **Embrace the Middle East**. This has been agreed in consultation with overseas partners and in the hope of attracting new supporters. The Annual Review 2011 continues:

“We researched our new name with potential supporters, and it resonated with them: they felt, like us, that ‘Embrace the Middle East’ reflects our Christian calling to welcome the stranger, feed the hungry and help the homeless (Matthew 25), and that the cross at the centre of our new logo emphasises our confidence as a Christian charity.”



Please continue sending your stamps to us, so that the valuable work of the Helen Keller Centre may continue.

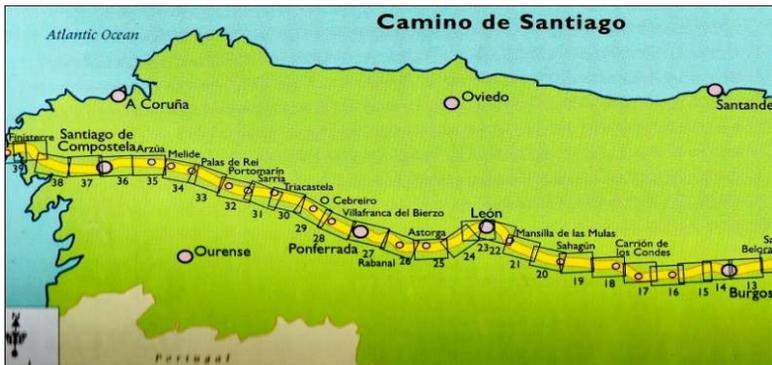
Bill and Julia

And another name change...

Trustees of **USPG** (the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) announced at its annual conference that it plans to change its name to **United Society**, to be known as ‘Us’ from November. Canon Linda Ali, outgoing Chair of the Trustees, said that, ‘Our new name, Us, is directly derived from USPG, so it speaks to our heritage, but it also speaks about inclusivity. There is no “them”; we are all “us.”’

Jo Wibberley's Pilgrimage Walk to Santiago de Compostela

The Way of S. James – 215km (135 miles) in 9½ days



I was accompanied by my younger brother, Henry. Neither of us has undertaken anything like this before. Henry has done the occasional 20 mile walk and before I started training in the Spring I only did the occasional 6-8 mile doddle.



On 14th May we attended the early morning Mass and received a special blessing from Fr John Hughes. We travelled to Portsmouth ferry terminal via an overnight stop at Emsworth to see our 99-year old mother who lives with our sister. Before driving us to the ferry our brother-in-law read us Christina Rossetti's poem "Uphill" which we found most moving. *"Does the road wind up-hill all the way? Yes, to the very end. Will the day's journey take the whole long day? From morn to night, my friend."*

The crossing took 25 hours so we arrived late in the afternoon of 16th and took a bus to Oviedo. On the 17th, Ascension Day, we detoured to León to visit the Cathedral and then on to Ponferrada. We started our walk in the afternoon on the outskirts of the town in the village of Columbrianos where this picture was taken. I am holding my yellow pilgrim passport, also known as a credential, which had to be stamped along the route at least twice a day to prove that we had



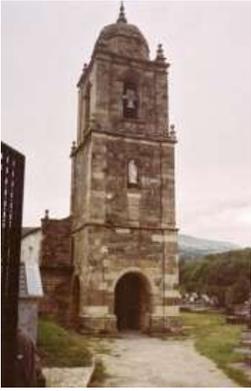
walked a journey of at least 100km to obtain our certificate, which we did on arrival at Compostela. The stamps could be obtained in bars, churches and albergues (hostels).

That afternoon we walked only 12.5 km to Cacabelos. Subsequently we walked between 17.5km and 30km a day, the shorter distances being the days which involved steeper climbing. I feel we cheated a bit by having our luggage transported by taxi and our hotels prebooked but I excuse that as a concession to our age and “infirmity”, my brother suffering from *planta faciitis* which made his foot painful and I have a creaky knee though it bore up well supported with a knee strap. I found my walking sticks extremely useful and kept a good rhythm, tapping like a metronome and on occasion whilst going through dreary suburbs to reach our hotel at the end of the day they tapped out “*Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere mei.*”

On the whole the route was well signed in a variety of ways but if in doubt there was usually a friendly and helpful local to point us in the right direction and wish us “*buen camino*”. Among the many memories of our journey was the beautiful countryside – the spring flowers and the wonderful views. “For the beauty of the earth” came to mind so many times. We also had a great sense of achievement as we walked up hill and down dale in all weathers, though it was mostly fine and not too hot. “*Be our strength in hours of weakness, in our wanderings be our guide; through endeavour, failure, danger, Father be thou at our side.*”



It was a great pleasure to meet so many other pilgrims of different nationalities, travelling in a variety of ways and varying distances. Some we would meet on the road several times and again at stops en route or in the evening. The day I did a longer detour to Samos monastery when my brother took the shorter route, I enjoyed the company of a young Danish couple the whole way. The story of Pilgrim’s Progress came to mind as we met Paddy from Bath, Manfred from Düsseldorf, Heather from Australia, John and Brenda from Vancouver, Daphne from California, Jan from the Czech Republic..... each with their story to tell.



Some of the churches en route were very welcoming, others were disappointingly closed. On the Sunday evening we attended a special pilgrim Mass in Triacastela, mainly in Spanish but with readings also in French, German, English and Korean. On arrival in Compostela on the Eve of Pentecost, we first visited the shrine of S. James, located in a crypt under the high altar of the Cathedral. On the following day, the Cathedral was packed for the Pentecost pilgrim Mass which was preceded by the botafumeiro in full swing, though rather low on incense compared to LSM! The Mass was very moving and memorable, being the culmination of a pilgrimage by people from all over the globe, all united in a common goal of reaching Santiago de Compostela, for whatever reason, regardless of what part of the Christian family we belonged to, if any. I felt particularly at home being able to join in the singing of the *Kyries* in the *Missa de Angelis* setting.

Thanks so much to all who supported me in encouragement, prayer and financially. It was an amazing experience and I was overwhelmed by so much generous support. So far just over £2000 has been given for the Development Fund and the same for the Mothers' Union Wheels appeal, which is absolutely fantastic. If you would like to contribute and have not yet got around to doing so, please contact Richard Martin or myself or use www.justgiving.com writing Jo Wibberley as your friend to visit my pages.



*Above: **We did it!***

Left: The scallop shell, emblem of the pilgrim to Compostela, set into the pavement.



S. James the Great, pray for those who hearts are set on the pilgrim's way!

Lives transfigured

*We look forward to the Feast of Our Lord's Transfiguration on August 6th
with this meditation by Archbishop Michael Ramsey*

‘Glory belongs to the plain as well as to the mountain. The scene on the mount speaks to us today, but we are not allowed to linger there. We are bidden to journey on to Calvary and there learn of the darkness and the desolation which are the cost of glory. But from Calvary and Easter there comes a Christian hope of immense range: the hope of the transformation not only of mankind but of the cosmos too.

‘In Eastern Christianity especially there has been the continuing belief that Easter is the beginning of a transformed cosmos. There is a glimpse of this hope in Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans, a belief that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain ‘the glorious liberty of the children of God.’ The bringing of mankind to glory will be the prelude to the bringing of all creation. Is this hope mere fantasy? At its root there is the belief in the divine sovereignty of sacrificial love, a sovereignty made credible only by transfigured lives.’

S. Mary of Grace

Such was, I believe, the original [*i.e.* 1352] dedication of our church – S. Mary of Grace without Trumpington Gate. In the dedication of our chapel her memory is joined to that of the Holy Sepulchre; and that is very good too. For if those Christians who have inherited a distrust and even a dislike of the Church’s devotion to her, would meditate upon Mary at the Cross, and at the Sepulchre, they would be taught by the Holy Ghost to understand why she holds the place she does hold in the veneration of the great majority of Christians.

It is quite true that there is little about her in the Gospel story, but how significant the littleness becomes when we find that, in spite of it, it is she who stood by the cross of Jesus. Mary had been shut out, during the Ministry, from so much that had filled the apostles with confidence and power and the sense of security. It was not, for instance, for her to find devils coming out of the mad when she adjured them in the name of Jesus. When, so rarely, it is recorded that He spoke of her or sent her messages, they are abrupt and utterly without encouragement. And at the last she is not in the Upper Room with them during those last tremendous intimacies, though it is to be her heart which is to be more deeply wounded than any other heart by the ‘things which must needs come to pass.’ Yet it is her faith which never wanes. It is Mary who stands by Him when

there was nothing she could do to help and there was no way in which He could help her.

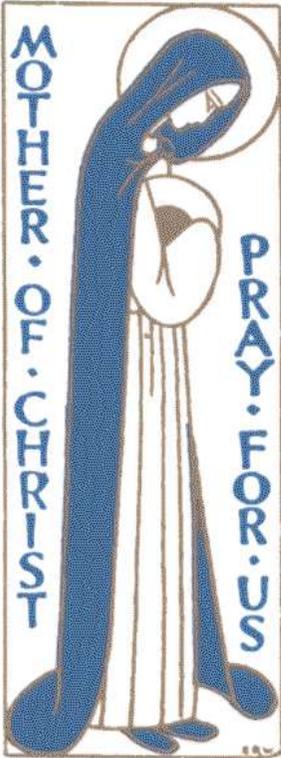
The dear Lord treats us as He treated His apostles. He gives most of us plenty to do, as He gave them. We can be with Him so much. He invites us often to His Table. He often encourages us as He encouraged them, and we should receive His encouragement much more often if we were not looking for it in other directions. And we behave very much as the apostles did when things do not go as we feel they should. If He does not seem to be there when we want Him we say things are too hard for us and get depressed and go away. But that was not the way of the Lord with Mary, nor the way of Mary with her Lord.

It is small wonder then that the Christian generations have called her blessed, delighted to honour her, asked her to pray for them, and found, in their love and reverence for her, a means of nearness to their Saviour. Her station at the Cross is a great glory of the Church. This love for her has flamed into many forms of devotion, some wise, some unwise. A church which has no statue or picture of her is an incomplete presentation of our faith. It is as strange as would be an England without its Cenotaph. And it is curious that many of those who

would be outraged if one were to pass that monument to the Englishmen of whom we are so proud without a token of respect, should be shocked if flowers are set before Mary's statue or a candle lighted in her honour. (It would be stranger still if one who did not object to having a candle lighted in honour of himself at the birthday tea party objected to such a little act in honour of her who was 'blessed among women.')

But we must not leave our devotion unexamined. If it is to be wise and to give the honour we desire that it should, it will be based on reflection and meditation on the sorrowful and glorious mysteries of her earthly life.

*Fr Hankey, Vicar of Little S. Mary's,
writing in the Parish Magazine for May-June 1932*



***Blest in the message Gabriel brought,
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought,
Blest evermore, who brought to birth
The long-desired of all the earth!***

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SERVICES AT LITTLE SAINT MARY'S

Sundays

7.30am *Morning Prayer* **8.00am** *Low Mass*
10.30am *High Mass* **6.00pm** *Solemn Evensong and Benediction*

Weekdays

	<i>Low Mass</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
Monday	7.45am	8.20am	6.00pm
Tuesday	7.45am	8.20am	6.00pm
Wednesday	10.00am	8.20am	6.00pm
Thursday	7.45am	8.20am	6.00pm
Friday	7.45am and 12.30pm	8.20am	6.00pm
Saturday	10.00am	<i>Said privately</i>	6.00pm

Weekday Festivals

7.00pm *Sung Mass* (10.00am on Saturdays)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Fridays at 12.05pm, Saturdays at 6.30pm, or by appointment

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 home and overseas charities.

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