



*“Faithful Cross above all other  
One and only noble Tree”*

## Highlights of September

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: **NATIVITY of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:**

10.00am Low Mass

'Ride and Stride' for Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>: 7.30pm Society of Mary Office and Benediction

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>: 9.45am Prayers for the sick and those who care for them;

10.00am Healing Mass.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: **The TRIUMPH of the CROSS:**

7.45am and 12.30pm Low Mass; 7.00pm Sung Mass.

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Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>: **St Cyprian's Day**, when not a Sunday, is celebrated on 16th September, and so it will be an appropriate time to remember Fr David Dinkebogile and the church at St Cyprian's, Sharpeville. We have a film of the dedication of the Little St Mary's Building by Bishop Peter Lee last year, and will be showing an edited version of that after High Mass. There will be lunch after the film show. All are welcome

Fr David has also send us a painting of the LSM Building, which is at present being framed, and which we intend to hang in the Parish Centre.

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Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: **S. MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist:**

7.45am and 12.30pm Low Mass; 7.00pm Sung Mass.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Autumn Expedition to Oxford: coach leaves at 9.00am.

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>: **HARVEST THANKSGIVING:**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: **S. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS:**

10.00am Sung Mass

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>: **TRINITY XVII:**

Preacher at 10.30am High Mass: Fr Nicholas Wheeler, Anglican Mission Priest to the Cidade de Deus, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

## From the Vicar

With all the wet weather we've had over the past few months the path by the church had become rather slippery and – always very health-and-safety conscious as we are – a notice was put up warning of the 'Slippery Path'. It took only a few days for one wag to handwrite underneath – 'to Heaven'! I'm sure it is not the done thing for the clergy to condone graffiti but I couldn't help being rather delighted with this particular addition.

Sometimes it can feel that the path to salvation is indeed a slippery one: one day we are conscientious in our prayers and in alms-giving, the next we've not prayed once and become jealous of someone else's success. Our Mother the Church, meanwhile (of which we are part by baptism and from whom we may not separate) nonetheless makes our life even harder by saying something silly on TV or failing to deal with clerical sex offenders.

So many slips and perilous twists and turns – indeed the path to heaven can appear lined with stumbling blocks and pitfalls. Yet as school and university years begin and holidays fade into the past, September presents us with great reassurance. First, we celebrate the Triumph of the Cross on the 14<sup>th</sup>: the fact that Jesus has already won the victory over our sin and death and that the path to heaven, though slippery, is nonetheless assured. Secondly, we celebrate Our Lady's birth, knowing that in a small insignificant backwater of the Roman Empire among a poor unknown family, God was already at work. Thirdly, we give thanks for S. Matthew and for the Holy Angels: we are given the words of life in the Gospels to keep us from slipping too far from the way and we are surrounded by the angels whom God has given us to care for a watch over us, saving us, whenever we turn to them, from too great a calamity.

Finally, we are given the sacramental life, the place where God's grace is assured regardless of feelings or sins. The Mass and Confession are our places of refuge where we can gain strength for the daily battle of Christian discipleship. The path may at times be slippery, but the gifts from God are not and they are many, and a great cloud of witnesses cheers us on as we journey to the kingdom that Jesus has prepared for us and promised to us. Thankfully, it is a race where there is not just one gold medal but a multitude which no one can number.

## Services and events to note

### WEEKDAY FESTIVALS:

Each week this month brings some Festival of note...

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: **Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary:** Low Mass at 10.00am

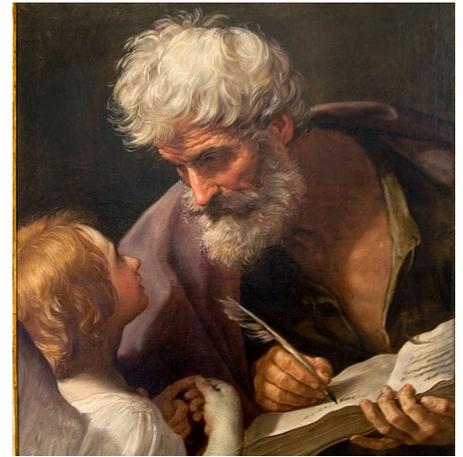
*We give thanks to God for the birth of the Mother of the Lord and the great work He would do in and through her in bringing our salvation to birth*

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>: **Holy Cross Day:** Sung Mass at 7.00pm

*In Holy Week we necessarily reflect on the sadness of the Passion of Christ; this day, recalling the finding of the true Cross by S. Helena in the fourth century, is when we mark the glory, victory and triumph wrought on the Holy Cross*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>: **Feast of S. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist:** Sung Mass at 7.00pm  
*Matthew, the hated corrupt tax-collector and collaborator with the Romans, was so moved by his encounter with Jesus that he repented of his extortion, repaid those he had defrauded and was given the astonishing gift of apostleship and the authorship of a Gospel (the picture on the top right by Guido Reni has an angel guiding S. Matthew's writing of his gospel)*

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>: **Feast of S. Michael & All Angels:** Sung Mass at 10.00am.



*A beautiful feast where we honour the four Archangels mentioned by name in the scriptures (SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and Uriel) together with all the angels – the messengers – of God who spoke to our ancestors in the faith and who care for, strengthen and protect us on our Christian pilgrimage now (the above picture is of SS Raphael (left) and Uriel (right) from the stained glass windows of S. John's, Warminster)*

## Pastoral Assistants

One of our strengths at LSM is our Pastoral Assistant scheme whereby a young person can spend a year working in the parish discerning whether they have a vocation to the priesthood. Not only is this one of several ways in which we contribute to the life of the wider church but it also injects regular fresh blood into our life and thinking. It's been a joy to have **Tanya** with us for the last two years, helping to see the parish through the gap between Vicars, and she – like those before her – contributed to parish life in prayer, liturgy, visiting, administration, presence, preaching and studying, not to mention lots of other unseen work.

We are delighted, therefore, to welcome our new Pastoral Assistant, **Scott McCombe**, who will be joining us on 12<sup>th</sup> September. Scott writes:

'I am thrilled to be starting this month as pastoral assistant at LSM. Partly out of delight to be living and working in such a beautiful city as Cambridge, but primarily because I'm greatly looking forward to meeting everyone at LSM, and finding out what makes the congregation unique. I was raised in the village of Mid Calder, West Lothian, although much of my life has been focused around the city of Edinburgh. I studied at Edinburgh University, originally reading History & Politics, before switching to read Divinity, in which I focused on ecclesiastical history and theology. It is in Edinburgh that my love for Anglo-Catholicism was nourished by being a member of S. Michael & All Saints' church – affectionately known as 'Spiky Mike's' – and so I know I will feel at home at LSM! My hobbies include reading, socialising, walking and real ale.'

Do keep Scott in your prayers; as you do so, please also pray for our former Pastoral Assistants, who are now ministering in God's Church, each carrying with them all they've learned and discovered at LSM:

**John Hughes** is Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge; **David Neaum** and **Rachel Greene** are Associate Vicars of S. Mary the Virgin, Oxford; **Alex Faludy** is Assistant Curate of the Willington Team, Newcastle; **Gemma Burnet-Chetwynd** is Assistant Curate of S. Mary's, Bromley; **Christopher Pickles** is Assistant Curate of the Central Canterbury Team; **Kyle McNeil** is an ordinand at S. Stephen's House, Oxford.

It costs about £10,000 a year to have a Pastoral Assistant: might you be able to help with this vital work? One way is to sponsor our Pastoral Assistant for a day (£30) or a week (£200). If this is something you felt able to do please contact our Treasurer, Richard Martin, on [rx\\_martin@hotmail.com](mailto:rx_martin@hotmail.com) – we'd be very grateful.



## **Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**SEPTEMBER 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 September

Sat.	1st	S. Giles, Hermit
SUN.	2nd	<b>TRINITY XIII</b>
Mon.	3rd	S. Gregory the Great, Bp. <i>Induction at S. Bene't's 7.30pm</i>
Tue.	4th	S. Cuthbert, Bp.
Wed.	5th	of Requiem
Thu.	6th	
Fri.	7th	
Sat.	8th	<b>Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary:</b> LM 10.00am. <i>Cambridgeshire Historical Churches Trust 'Ride &amp; Stride'</i>
SUN.	9th	<b>TRINITY XIV</b>
Mon.	10th	
Tue.	11th	Vespers of Our Lady & Benediction 7.30pm
Wed.	12th	Healing Ministry 9.45am/10.00am
Thu.	13th	S. John Chrysostom, Bishop.
Fri.	14th	<b>HOLY CROSS DAY:</b> LM 7.45am & 12.30pm; SM 7.00pm
Sat.	15th	Our Lady at the Cross
SUN.	16th	<b>TRINITY XV</b>
Mon.	17th	S. Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess
Tue.	18th	
Wed.	19th	
Thu.	20th	Martyrs of Korea and the Pacific
Fri.	21st	<b>S. MATTHEW, Ap &amp; Ev:</b> LM 7.45am & 12.30pm; SM 7.00pm
Sat.	22nd	<i>Autumn Expedition to Oxford: coach leaves 9.00am</i>
SUN.	23rd	<b>TRINITY XVI: HARVEST THANKSGIVING</b>
Mon.	24th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Tue.	25th	commem. Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop
Wed.	26th	Ember Day
Thu.	27th	S. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Fri.	28th	Ember Day
Sat.	29th	<b>S. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS:</b> SM 10.00am
SUN.	30th	<b>TRINITY XVII</b>
Mon.	1st	S. Teresa of Lisieux, Virgin
Tue.	2nd	Holy Guardian Angels

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for September*

Parish of the Ascension	1st
The Parish	2nd
S. Bene't's, Cambridge: the Revd Anna Matthews	<i>Ernest Henry Cherry</i> 3rd
Local schools, pupils and teachers	<i>Richard Barlow Poole</i> 4th
The Faithful Departed	5th
Historic Churches Trust: 'Ride and Stride' on Saturday	6th
The Angel Tree Project ( <i>Friday Lunch charity</i> )	<i>Ian Ledsham</i> 7th
Thanksgiving for Our Lady on her birthday	8th
The Parish	<i>Helen Kinnier Wilson, Ivan Buchanan</i> 9th
Scott McCombe, new Pastoral Assistant	10th
Society of Mary	<i>Catherine Stevenson, Joyce Bird</i> 11th
The Ministry of Healing	12th
Christian Unity	13th
Thanksgiving for the Holy Cross	<i>Lilian Fletcher, Doris White</i> 14th
The suffering	15th
The Parish: S. Cyprian's Sharpeville	16th
Vocations to the Religious Life	<i>Leslie Norman, Edith Butcher</i> 17th
The emergency services	18th
Penitents and confessors	<i>Rose Linsey-Bird, Hannah Dennett</i> 19th
Persecuted Christians	<i>Lily Wythe</i> 20th
Those who work in the financial sector	21st
Fr Graham Ward	22nd
The Parish: Thanksgiving for the harvest	<i>Michael Rowett</i> 23rd
The Shrine of OLW	<i>Ena Matheson, Nellie Harnwell, Ian Thompson (pr.)</i> 24th
Preachers	<i>Joan Wardill</i> 25th
Ordinands: Westcott House & Ridley Hall	<i>Richard Bainbridge</i> 26th
An increase in our compassion	27th
Vocations to the Priesthood	28th
Thanksgiving for the Holy Angels	<i>Derek Gibbons</i> 29th
The Parish	30th
Growth in love	<i>David Walser (pr.), Lester Vellanoweth, Audrey Gullard</i> 1st
The defenceless	2nd

# *Triumph of the Cross*

*September 14<sup>th</sup> – Masses at 7.45am, 12.30pm & 7.00pm*

Early in the 4<sup>th</sup> century S. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine (*pictured on the front cover of our newsletter*) went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Saviour's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.

The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head. Then “all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on.”

To this day the Churches of West and East celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered our Western calendar in the 7<sup>th</sup> century.

*O faithful God,  
whose Son bore our sins in His body on the Tree,  
and gave us the Eucharist to show forth His death until He comes:  
give us grace to glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for He is our salvation, our life and our hope,  
who reigneth as Lord, now and for ever. Amen.*

“How splendid the cross of Christ! It brings life, not death; light, not darkness; Paradise, not its loss. It is the wood on which the Lord, like a great warrior, was wounded in hands and feet and side, but healed thereby our wounds. A tree has destroyed us; a tree now brought us life”  
(S. Theodore of Studios)

## *Can You Help?*

The Friends of Fulbourn Hospital is a charity which provides extra facilities for wards, help and support for individual current and former patients, and advice and support for their carers. It is presently looking for a volunteer to act as Honorary Secretary.

The role involves the usual secretarial functions of arranging meetings, preparing minutes, keeping records and, generally, supporting the Chairman, David Livesey.

If anyone has time to give to this cause, and would like to volunteer for the post, please get in touch with me, Clive Brown, by telephone (01223 467616) or email: [clive@acbrown.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:clive@acbrown.freereserve.co.uk)

## *Fellowship and Films*

Thanks to the ideas and efforts of Graeme Bloom (a new member of our congregation) and Ray Adams, we're experimenting with two new monthly events:

### *First Wednesday of every month*

Coffee, cake and fellowship after the 10am Mass (and before the Play-Reading Group). There's coffee after every Wednesday mass, but we hope to focus especially on the first one of the month. The first get together is arranged for 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with 10.30am for coffee for a 10.45 start. Suggestions so far include speakers, invited guests and then lunch for those that want to do so. We can discuss these and other ideas on 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact **Ray Adams** at [adams@churchillians.net](mailto:adams@churchillians.net) to give your views.

### *One Monday a month (22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 26<sup>th</sup> Nov, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec)*

A film night beginning at 7pm in the Parish Centre on the Mondays listed above. A variety of films to entertain and to encourage thought and reflection, ending with a brief discussion. For ideas about films please email **Graeme Bloom** on [graembloom@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:graembloom@yahoo.co.uk)

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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 & Benediction*

### Weekdays

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