

***Little Saint Mary's,
Cambridge***

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NEWSLETTER



Epiphany:

***who is this Babe and
whom is he for?***

Highlights of January

Sunday 6th January

Epiphany of the Lord

10.30am High Mass, Blessing of the Epiphany House & of chalk
6pm Epiphany Carol Service & Twelfth Night Party

Wednesday 9th January

Healing Mass

9.45am Prayers for the sick
10am Mass *with laying-on of hands & anointing*

Sunday 13th January

Baptism of the Lord

10.30am High Mass with Holy Baptism
Preacher: The Rev'd Canon Andrew Greany, former Vicar of L.S.M., now Chaplain of Laslett's Almshouses & Priest of Old S. Martin's, Worcester

Monday 14th January

Emmanuel U.R.C. & Little S. Mary's Joint Discussion Forum

7.30pm at Emmanuel United Reformed Church next door.

Friday 18th – Friday 25th January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Low Mass each day offered for a different part of Christ's Church

Tuesday 22nd January

Annual General Meeting of the Cambridge Ward of the Society of Mary

7.30pm Vespers of the Blessed Virgin Mary & Benediction
followed by annual meeting and refreshments

Friday 25th January

Conversion of S. Paul

12.30pm Low Mass
7pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 30th January

Anniversary of the Martyrdom of King Charles I

10am Low Mass & Sermon from the Vicar on Charles' Martyrdom

From the Vicar

Christmastide, 2012-2013.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First, let me offer my thanks to all those who have made Christmas such a wonderful time here at LSM and who gave kind cards and generous gifts to me and Fr Mark. All your work and generosity is truly appreciated.

Approximately 500 people came to one of the Crib Service, Midnight Mass, the 8am Dawn Mass or the Mass of Christmas Day. Given how many regular members of our congregation are away for Christmas, this is a very considerable number. What they received (we pray) was mysterious, beautiful and joyful worship that led them beyond themselves to discover afresh the wonder of God as a vulnerable child. I pray that, wherever you have been at Christmas, this was true for you too.

I hope, also, that you've been able to make Christmas last. For so many it is over on Boxing Day and for plenty of Christians, even, it certainly never goes beyond New Year. Yet, at the very least we should keep everything up and decorated until the Epiphany and there are good reasons to keep the Christmas spirit going until Candlemas on 2nd February. Our Twelfth Night party on the evening of Sunday 6th is part of this (as well as being a chance to say thank you to the choir who work so hard for us); and the continued use of carols at Mass is another part. At home, you might use these days to offer hospitality to those whom you do not see often or have never had round to your house before and – as part of your private prayers – to ask that God would continue to inspire you with the spirit of Christmas. You could sing a carol or two as you potter round the house! In these dark and wet days, the church's wisdom in making Christmas and Epiphany a lengthy

season, is entirely vindicated: not only do we need time to appreciate the mystery of the Word made flesh, but the elongation of our celebration of the Incarnation helps to keep our spirits up amid the gloom and incoming credit card bills.

Which reference neatly brings me to our Christian Giving Renewal Campaign and the Renewal of our Electoral Roll. It might seem something of an abrupt change of gear to move from the wonders of Christmas to Gift Aid, yet, as the 19th-century Canon Henry Scott Holland once remarked: 'the more you believe in the Incarnation, the more you care about drains'.

For the birth of God as a child in a particular place at a particular time means that God is interested in the details and the mess of everyday life, just as we believe that Jesus Christ is present in a small disc of bread and sip of wine in the Mass. Equally, then, there is no shame in talking about money and how we use it and what our use of it says about our priorities in life.

Those of you on the church's electoral roll will soon receive a pack including a letter from me on the subject of giving, so I won't go into great detail now, but for those who are not, can I simply urge you to make a generous response? Developing this church as a place of prayer and encounter with God, and doing more in terms of Christian education, is costly, both in terms of people's time and talents, but also financially. Supporting the many charities and missionary works (an AIDS orphanage, the Calcutta Relief Service, Jimmy's, to name but a small number) is also demanding, as is our desire, as a flourishing parish, to support parishes in other parts of Ely Diocese not so blessed financially and numerically but doing vital work. I am very conscious that time and money are both tight, and that many of you already give with great generosity; but to

those who might be able to give more or differently, I do gently appeal.

An easier, but no less important, appeal to make concerns our church electoral roll. This is nothing to do with voting for your local councillor and everything to do with officially associating yourself with LSM. Even more, by filling in the form coming your way on a Sunday morning soon, it will make it possible (if you wish) for me to telephone, email or write to you. At present our records of members of the congregation are very patchy and we have very few means of contacting you to keep you up to date with events and also to arrange to visit or pray for you if you are ill or in need. In a parish where the vast, vast majority of congregants live some way outside the parish's physical boundary, having good communication links is vital.

May Christ's joy and the wise men's worship be yours this month.

With my love and prayers, I am,
yours in the Lord,
Fr Robert

Reflections on the Mass - II

*What do we mean when we say that the
bread and wine
are the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ?*

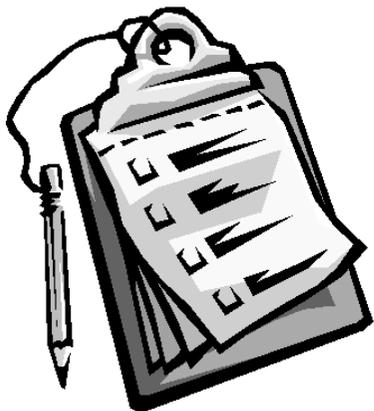
First we mean simply that we are faithful to our Lord's words on the night before He died when He took bread and said 'This is my Body' and took wine and said 'This is My Blood'. When Queen Elizabeth I said 'Christ was the word that spake it; He took the bread and break it; and what His words did make it, that I believe and take it' she wasn't just

being obtuse. She was saying simply that she could not do other than what Christ had said and done.

Secondly, we seek to live out the faith handed on to us from the earliest days of the Church. Clement of Alexandria wrote “‘Eat My flesh,’ Jesus says, ‘and drink My blood.’ The Lord supplies us with these intimate nutrients; He delivers over His flesh and pours out His blood, and nothing is lacking for the growth of His children”. St Cyril of Jerusalem said that “The bread and the wine of the Eucharist before the holy invocation of the adorable Trinity were simple bread and wine, but the invocation having been made, the bread becomes the body of Christ and the wine the blood of Christ”. St Augustine added “What you see is the bread and the chalice; that is what your own eyes report to you. But what your faith obliges you to accept is that the bread is the body of Christ and the chalice is the blood of Christ. This has been said very briefly, which may perhaps be sufficient for faith; yet faith does not desire instruction”. The doctrine that the bread and wine are Christ’s Body and Blood is no modern or medieval invention.

Thirdly, we don’t mean they are just symbols of Christ’s Body and Blood. They certainly are symbols, but they are not *merely* symbols, not least because (at one level) they aren’t particularly effective as symbols: red wine may remind me of blood but bread rarely reminds me of a person or a body. The bread and wine is more than just a symbol.

Fourthly, on the other hand, we do not believe that the bread and the wine ‘hide’ the Body and Blood of Jesus. Rather, they are fulfilling their highest function to be food – for the true food is Jesus Christ, the bread come down from heaven. Bread and wine have become not something other than what they were but completely what they can be: food not just for this life and world but for the life and world to come: for eternity.



ADVANCE INFORMATION

Preparation of a New Electoral Roll

As the Vicar indicated in his letter, we need to draw up a new Electoral Roll: a list of all those who have been regular worshippers for six months or more.

Membership of the Roll entitles you to marry in the church if you do not live in the physical parish and also entitles you to vote for and stand as a member of the

church council. Even more importantly, as Fr Robert has said, it allows him to have a means of keeping in touch with people, especially in a congregation as geographically scattered as ours.

Every six years the Church of England requires every parish to prepare a new Electoral Roll, and the last time this was done was in 2007. Accordingly we will be preparing one in time for the next Annual Parochial Church meeting in April 2013. New electoral roll application forms will be available in church and from the Electoral Roll Officer (Susan Coote) from the beginning of January, which will give plenty of time for everyone to complete and return their forms. The details you give, of course, remain confidential and are not available to other members of the congregation or displayed publicly.

Forum Lunch Club

The Friends of Fulbourn Hospital have run for many years the *Forum Lunch Club*, a monthly lunch for retired academics and professionals suffering from dementia, and their carers, at S. James' Church, Wulfstan Way. It is now so popular that there is a waiting list. At LSM we are exploring starting another lunch, therefore, in our parish centre. To explain more and help us in our thinking, Tish Berkeley, from the Forum Lunch Club, will be coming to speak to us at 7:30pm on Wednesday 16th January. If you would be interested in being part of this project, it would be great if you could come along that evening. For more details speak to Mary Ward or the Vicar.

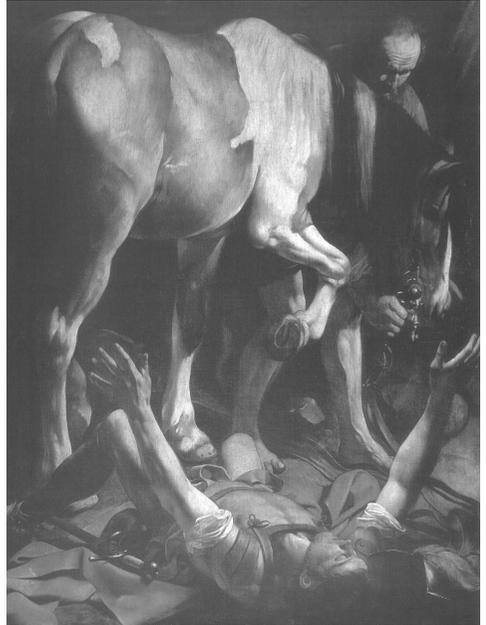


Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for January*

Christian education	<i>Dorothy Ogden, Derek Williams</i>	1st
All theologians		2nd
Those suffering mental illness	<i>Edward Maycock (Pr.) Lena Wheatley,</i>	3rd
	<i>Arthur Clough, Cecilia Scott-Townsend</i>	
Jimmy's Night Shelter		4th
Increased devotion to the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Jennifer Williams</i>	5th
The Parish	<i>Margaret Hulyer</i>	6th
St. Stephen's House		7th
Hospital chaplains		8th
Guild of the Servants of the Sanctuary		9th
Peace in the Holy Land	<i>Silvia Skeil</i>	10th
Religious and political freedom in China	<i>Geoffrey Baines</i>	11th
Increase in religious vocations		12th
The Parish		13th
Advancement of the Gospel	<i>Marjorie Shepherd, Aline Norman</i>	14th
Guild of All Souls	<i>Isabel Nourse</i>	15th
Church Wardens	<i>Marjorie Galletly</i>	16th
Christians in Egypt		17th
Peace in Jerusalem		18th
Magdalene College, Cambridge	<i>Daphne Clavey</i>	19th
The Parish	<i>Pauline Martindale, Donald Harris (pr.)</i>	20th
Local charity	<i>Athelstane Furley</i>	21st
Deacons in the Church of England		22nd
Christian Unity		23rd
Church in South Africa	<i>Robert Garret (pr.), Margaret Hall</i>	24th
Conversion of England		25th
All Anglican Bishops		26th
The Parish	<i>Sebastian Hawkes, Elsie Perrin</i>	27th
Dominican Religious Order		28th
The work of carers	<i>Eric Furley, Beryl Goonetilleke</i>	29th
Society of King Charles the Martyr	<i>Mary Hammond</i>	30th
College of the Resurrection		31st

The Conversion of Saint Paul

O God, who through the preaching of the blessed apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world: grant, we beseech Thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The conversion of the anti-Christian zealot Saul, to the apostle Paul, is related in the Acts of the Apostles, but we should remember that this was a beginning: Saul took some time to become Paul and some time to begin to understand that his call to preach – to Jew and to Gentile – the saving power of Jesus, the Son of God, was something that was a whole life's journey for him. Paul says in his Letter to the Galatians, "God set me apart before I was born and called me through His grace...Three years after (the Damascus Road conversion), I went up to Jerusalem". The preparation for this moment of conversion was his whole life.

The great moment of his encounter with Jesus – depicted above by Caravaggio – was the first 'blinding light' experience of Christian conversion. Today we can mistakenly believe that this is the only way or at least the Only real way that people become Christians and regard ourselves as failures or as second class if we haven't. Yet S. Paul's experience was the exception to the rule, not the rule, and frequently the kind of conversion experience that Paul has is only used by God when He can find no other, more subtle, way to get through to someone! S. Paul, who had spent his life persecuting the Church, needed such an experience as this to jolt him out of his ways. Blessed are those who believe without the need of such bluntness!

This feast has been celebrated in the Church since the sixth century but became universal in the twelfth century.



Calendar and Intentions

for

January 2013

*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.*

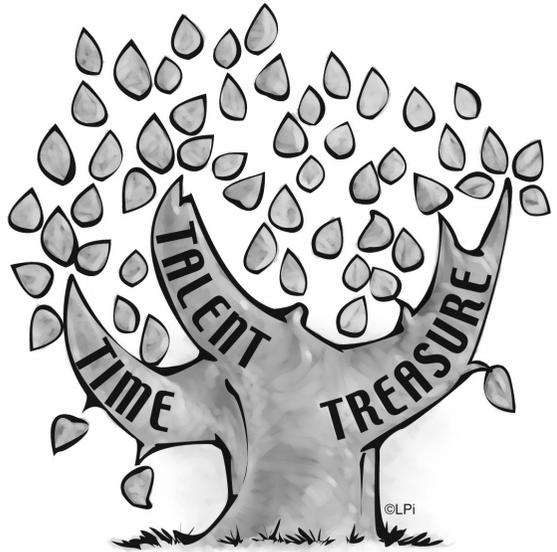
Calendar for January

Tue.	1st	Naming & Circumcision of Jesus: SM 10.00am
Wed.	2nd	SS Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop & Doctors
Thu.	3rd	
Fri.	4th	
Sat.	5th	
SUN.	6th	THE EPIPHANY
Mon.	7th	
Tue.	8th	
Wed.	9th	
Thu.	10th	<i>William Laud, Bishop & Martyr</i>
Fri.	11th	
Sat.	12th	S. Aelred of Hexham, Abbot
SUN.	13th	EPIPHANY I BAPTISM OF JESUS
Mon.	14th	
Tue.	15th	<i>of Requiem</i>
Wed.	16th	
Thu.	17th	S. Anthony of Egypt, Hermit & Abbot
Fri.	18th	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i>
Sat.	19th	S. Wulfstan, Bishop
SUN.	20th	EPIPHANY II
Mon.	21st	S. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
Tue.	22nd	<i>S. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr:</i> Vespers, Benediction & AGM of Society of Mary 7:30pm
Wed.	23rd	<i>for Unity</i>
Thu.	24th	S. Frances de Sales, Bishop & Doctor
Fri.	25th	Conversion of S. Paul: LM, 12:30pm; SM 7.00pm
Sat.	26th	SS. Timothy & Titus, Bishops
SUN.	27th	EPIPHANY III
Mon.	28th	S. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor
Tue.	29th	
Wed.	30th	S. Charles, King & Martyr
Thu.	31st	S. John Bosco, Priest

Christian Giving

or What has Little S. Mary's ever done for me?

It is now customary, each January, to invite each one in our Christian family at Little S. Mary's, to reflect on how we can give back to the Church financially, and of our time and talents, given how much God gives to us here at LSM.



This year's Christian Giving Review will start on Sunday 20th January, when envelopes will be handed out, and you will be asked to complete and return the forms contained in them by Ash Wednesday. We ask that everyone endeavour to complete Part 1 of the *Financial Giving* form. The *Time and Talents* form, on the other hand, should be completed only if you are volunteering for a new task (we already know about and are grateful for those who presently volunteer!)

While the documents will include information about the LSM budget for 2013, Christian Giving is not simply an appeal to help balance our books. It is rather an invitation to each one of us to review our commitment to Christ and to consider how we can manifest that commitment by giving of the gifts we have received. As the Vicar has written elsewhere in this newsletter, quoting our Lord, 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also'.

Looking to the future, we have a particular challenge, as the PCC is considering ways in which we can build up our position in the Diocese as a vibrant centre for the catholic tradition, develop our Christian education and give support and help to rural parishes elsewhere in Ely Diocese. Some of these, particularly in the Fenland, work against severe and disheartening difficulties. As their brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ it is our duty and our joy to show solidarity with them. If you can help provide further resources to carry out this task it would be wonderful. Thank you!

Little S. Mary's Mission Work

There are various places and projects that appear regularly in prayers in church, which we might be aware of without ever knowing who they are or why we support them. So each month I hope to give you just a little information about those places and groups we support so that our prayers can be just a wee bit more informed. This month:

The Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

Who they are...

Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) was established in 1971 in the aftermath of the Bangladesh war, to undertake emergency relief measures among refugees who came to Calcutta. In 1974 CRS was registered as a charity, and has over the years moved from its role as a relief and charitable organization to one of the leading development agencies in West Bengal.

What they do...

CRS attempts to tackle the issues of poverty, poor health, lack of education, unemployment, illiteracy, lack of awareness of rights and responsibilities, the status of children and women in society, marginalisation and children in difficult circumstances. It attempts this through its Total

Education Programme. The Total Education Programme consists of the Health, Education and Women's Empowerment Programmes, which CRS runs in the slums of Calcutta. CRS also co-ordinates its efforts with different Non-Governmental-Organisations working in the same field to learn from one another's experiences and build solidarity on issues of common interest. Advocacy and campaigning are also undertaken to affect decisions at government policy level in the areas of education, child rights, health and women's issues.

The Vision of the founder of CRS, Fr Suburb Bis was:

"We build for a new tomorrow when the new man will rise out of a new Calcutta. A man who will be equal with every other citizen, for he will take responsibility for his city. He will not be a pawn in the hands of his fellow men, who in the name of charity or stability or peace exploit him, by denying him his basic right to mould his own destiny."

Next month: Cam read

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

EASY FUNDRAISING for LSM *by the drip, drip method...*

If you shop on line, please consider signing up to

fund-raising

and raise money for LSM in a completely painless way. £167 has so far been raised by only 15 people at NO extra cost to them.

How do I do this?

1. Go to the website named above, sign up and put an icon on your computer desktop. It takes just two minutes to fill in the form.

2. Start shopping with their partner retailers - over 2,000 are registered:

Amazon, M & S, bay, Vodaphone, John Lewis, Staples etc.... Just a few of those are listed opposite.

When you buy something, they will make a donation based on a percentage of the sale.



Even more...

3. Use heart-searching as your search engine and 1/2p is given to LSM for each search. How many times a day do you search? It soon adds up and has made a significant difference to our total.

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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>
Monday	12.30pm	8.20am	6.00pm
Tuesday	7.45am	8.20am	6.00pm
Wednesday	10am & 7pm	8.20am	6.00pm
Thursday	7.45am	8.20am	6.00pm
Friday	12.30pm	8.20am	6.00pm
Saturday	10am	<i>Said privately</i>	6.00pm

Weekday Festivals

7pm *Sung Mass* (10am on Saturdays)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturdays at 10.30am & 6.30pm, after most masses or by appointment

Coffee is served in the Parish Centre after the High Mass on Sundays and after the 10am Mass on Wednesdays.

There is a **Charity Lunch** after the 12.30pm Mass on Fridays supporting home and overseas charities.

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