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Highlights of May

Wednesday 1st May: **Feast of Ss Philip & James**
First Wednesday Group after the 10am Mass - Malcolm Munro leads a visit to the sacred art of the Fitzwilliam Museum.
Pontifical High Mass & Confirmation 7pm - Bishop Rowan Williams celebrates, preaches and Confirms eleven parishioners.

Sunday 5th May: **Sixth Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday**. We 'beat the bounds' of the parish in procession after High Mass, pausing midway for lunch. All welcome.

Tuesday 7th May: **Society of Mary May Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary** 7 pm The Bishop of Ely leads our seasonal honouring of the Lord's Mother.

Wednesday 8th May: **Healing Mass** at 10am *preceded by silent prayer for healing at 9:45am*

Thursday 9th May: **Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord**
7:45am Low Mass, 7pm High Mass

Friday 10th May: **Jane Austen at Home**
7:45pm Music and readings by Emerald O'Hanrahan (Emma Grundy of *The Archers*). Tickets £7 (concessions £5) from Scott McCombe admin@lsm.org.uk or Christine Tipple 01223 350657

Tuesday 14th May: **Feast of S. Matthias, Apostle**
7:45am Low Mass, 7pm Sung Mass

Saturday 18th May: **Choros Gregorianos Concert**
7pm Chants, hymns and readings from the Reformation Era.

Sunday 19th May: **Pentecost and Friends of LSM AGM & Lunch**
10:30am High Mass Preacher: The Rt Revd John Flack, former Bishop of Huntingdon.

Thursday 30th May: **Corpus Christi**
Low Mass 7:45am, High Mass 7pm.
Preacher: Fr Russell Dewhurst, Vicar of Ewell, Surrey

Friday 31st May: **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Low Mass 12:30pm, Sung Mass 7pm.

From the Vicar

S. George 2013

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Thanks to food poisoning on my last day of a few days of holiday in Dublin our APCM this year took place in my absence – and I'm very grateful to Robin Osborne and the Churchwardens for stepping in.

For those of you unsure, the APCM is a legal requirement of the Church of England that every year the parishioners should meet to elect Churchwardens, any new members of the Church Council and receive the annual report – detailing what we've been up to over the last 12 months – the annual accounts and the roll of congregants and parishioners. I should like to thank Sally Head for her excellent production of the report (she has a wonderful gift of remembering everything!), Richard Martin for his tireless work as Treasurer of our six-figure turnover, and Susan Coote for her production of the new Electoral Roll. I am very grateful to all three of them and especially to Paul Huskinson who stands down now as Churchwarden. His guidance and support of the parish during the vacancy and of me in my first year have been invaluable. The final thing that happens is that the Vicar provides a brief report on the year, which is what replaces my letter this month, given that I was unable to deliver one in person at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

I have served as your Vicar for almost a year now (one year on 30th May to be precise!) and it has been a great privilege. One of the greatest privileges is being able to worship with such committed people, turning out week in week out to attend to the Lord and especially in faithfulness to weekday festivals, allowing the sacred not only to inform our Sundays but to shape the other days of the week as well. It is something to be treasured. Another privilege is being surrounded by so many capable and committed people who do so much to make our common life not only continue but thrive. I have lost count of the number of little things so many people do – and the very large amount of things a small number of people do! We are truly blessed to have such men and women in our midst.

One of the reasons why a large and growing number of people are drawn to our church (there were over 200 on Easter morning and bumper numbers throughout Holy Week) is that – on a good day! –

we combine deep seriousness about religion with intelligence and reflection. The poet W.B. Yeats observed that 'The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity' and our great strength is that our tradition of Christianity is one of passionate intensity but also the best of intelligent, thoughtful, reasonableness. People sometimes comment that what they loved about Evangelical Christianity they find here but allied with a desire to use the brain as well which (with the best will in the world) is not always found in every church of Evangelical tradition. Equally, those coming to us from a Liberal tradition find that the head is not used to the exclusion of the heart: faith and reason are inseparable and mutually-informing and grace exceeds but also completes and fulfils nature.

All of this could sound insufferably smug, were it not a preface to my saying that if we have all this on offer why are there still spare spaces in the pews on Sunday?

Part of the reason is beyond our control - both the profound cultural difficulties of communicating with an age heavily inoculated against Truth (with a capital T) generally and Christian truth specifically; together with the practical difficulty of there being almost no parking anywhere near LSM! Part of the reason is within our control, however, and in the main that means to continue what we are doing but to do it better: mysterious but accessible worship, friendly welcome, good teaching and education. It's a great thrill that eleven members of our congregation are being Confirmed this month and I hope we will have new candidates next year together with an opportunity for those Confirmed in early childhood to renew their faith by joining the Confirmation groups too. The provision of coffee, wine and cake after Mass and an encouragement to visitors to stay on for a drink afterwards all contribute to our growth. Every Sunday there are visitors at Mass and it is our privilege to encourage those whom God has sent as visitors to become pilgrims and to come again. I hope some of the small changes we've introduced over the past year will assist in all of this.

My overriding sense, however, is one of gratitude for our fellowship and our partnership in the Gospel. As Dag Hammarskjöld said, 'For all that has been: thanks; for all that shall be: yes!'

With my love & prayers

Fr Robert



Calendar and Intentions
for
May 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 May

Wed. 1st	Ss Philip & James, Apostles: LM, 10am; HM, 7pm
Thu. 2 nd	S. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor
Fri. 3 rd	
Sat. 4 th	English Saints & Martyrs of the Reformation
SUN. 5th	VI SUNDAY of EASTER. Rogation Sunday: Beating of the Parish Bounds after High Mass
Mon. 6 th	
Tues. 7 th	Society of Mary May Devotion, 7pm. Preacher: The Bishop of Ely.
Wed. 8 th	Julian of Norwich
THU. 9th	ASCENSION DAY: LM, 7:45am; HM, 7pm
Fri. 10 th	
Sat. 11 th	
SUN. 12th	VII SUNDAY of EASTER: after ASCENSION
Mon. 13 th	
Tue. 14th	S. Matthias, Apostle: LM, 7:45am; SM, 7pm
Wed. 15 th	
Thu. 16 th	
Fri. 17 th	
Sat. 18 th	
SUN. 19th	PENTECOST
Mon. 20 th	Alcuin of York, Deacon & Abbot
Tues. 21 st	<i>Helena, Protector of the Holy Places</i>
Wed. 22 nd	
Thu. 23 rd	
Fri. 24 th	John & Charles Wesley, Priests
Sat. 25 th	The Venerable Bede, Religious & Doctor
SUN. 26th	TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon. 27 th	<i>of Requiem</i>
Tue. 28 th	<i>Lanfranc, Archbishop & Religious</i>
Wed. 29 th	
THU. 30th	CORPUS CHRISTI:
	LM, 7:45am; HM, Procession and Benediction, 7pm
Fri. 31st	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth: LM, 12:30pm; SM, 7pm

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for May*

Confirmation Candidates	<i>Cicely Gibson</i>	1 st
Local councillors	<i>Richard Masheder, pr.</i>	2 nd
Whitworth House		3 rd
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham		4 th
Our Parish & people		5 th
Theologians		6 th
That all Christians may give due honour to the Mother of God		7 th
Church of S. Julian, Norwich		8 th
All people may be drawn to Christ	<i>Lois Rayner, dss</i>	9 th
Doctors, nurses, carers		10 th
Church choirs	<i>Arthur Mickle</i>	11 th
Our Parish & people		12 th
Church Union	<i>Charles Perrin</i>	13 th
Those suffering with alcoholism		14 th
Additional Curates' Society		15 th
Increase in vocations to the <i>Religious life.</i>	<i>Sarah White</i>	16 th
Friday Charity Lunch	<i>Constance Mary Rosedale, Gwendolen Plumley, Elsie Dolby</i>	17 th
All Bishops	<i>Arthur Walter Cuff</i>	18 th
Our Parish & people	<i>Helen Paton</i>	19 th
Archbishop of York		20 th
Stavrovouni Monastery	<i>Ethel Gibbons</i>	21 st
Bishop Stephen	<i>Herbert Burrell, pr.</i>	22 nd
New parish priests		23 rd
Hymn writers		24 th
Lay Readers	<i>Francis Maycock, pr.</i>	25 th
Our Parish & people	<i>Margaret Verney</i>	26 th
The Faithful Departed		27 th
Cambridge Churches Homeless Project	<i>Eileen Cope, Frank Hollick, John Bagley, pr.</i>	28 th
Our new Churchwarden, Patricia Davies.	<i>William Dempsey</i>	29 th
Increased to devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament		30 th
Protection of unborn children & pregnant women	<i>Inge Fretten</i>	31 st

Saint Matthias

14th May

*Almighty God,
who in the place of the traitor Judas
didst
choose Thy faithful servant Matthias
to be of the number of the Twelve:
preserve Thy Church from false apostles
and, by the ministry of faithful pastors
and teachers,
keep us steadfast in Thy truth;
through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with Thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.*



From the Acts of the Apostles we learn that S. Matthias had been one of the companions of our Lord from the day of His baptism by S. John; for when there was question of electing an Apostle to take the place of the apostate Judas, S. Peter said "Of these men who have been in our company all the time that the Lord Jesus moved among us, from John's baptism until the day that He was taken up from us, of these one must become a witness with us of His Resurrection" (Acts 1:21).

Two men were proposed: Barnabas and Matthias, and the latter was chosen by lot. About one hundred and twenty persons were present at this election presided over by S. Peter, the chief among the Apostles. According to an ancient tradition handed down by S. Clement of Alexandria and confirmed by Eusebius and S. Jerome, S. Matthias was one of the original seventy-two disciples of our Lord (which would certainly make sense). It was after this concurrence that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles at Pentecost, among whom S. Matthias was then numbered.

S. Clement of Alexandria writes that S. Matthias was famous for 'inculcating the necessity of mortifying the flesh with its irregular passions and desires'. Put less oddly, the idea of training ourselves not to give in to every immediate desire - like eating every occasion we feel hunger - makes perfect sense. According to the Greeks, S. Matthias suffered martyrdom in Colchis. Colchis was a district of Asia Minor, situated on the shores of the Black Sea, south of the Caucasus Mountains.

Chants & Hymns of the Reformation

*Psalms and Canticles from France, Switzerland,
the Low Countries, Hungary and Scotland*

Sung by

Χορός Γρηγοριανός
Choros Gregorianos

*with congregational hymns and refrains plus
readings from the Reformed tradition*

**7pm Saturday 18th May * Retiring Collection
for LSM Parish Funds**



Would you like to give one of LSM's new chalices?

*In memory of a loved one
or in thanksgiving
for an anniversary
or a marriage, perhaps?*

In a few weeks' time we hope to introduce four rather than two chalices for distributing the Eucharist in order to reduce delays during Communion at High Mass on Sundays.

The chalices – pictured above – are solid silver and very beautiful, as is appropriate for vessels for the Lord's Precious Blood. They were purchased second hand, on account of their expense, and need a small amount of repair work. While they are being repaired we would be able to inscribe the base with a dedication from the donor. One of the good things about purchasing these second hand is that we will be returning them to the use for which they were originally intended. If you would be interested in dedicating one or both of the chalices or would like to see them, please speak to Fr Robert.

Religious Art at the Fitzwilliam Museum

Malcolm Munro (a member of the choir and congregation) will repeat his illustrated talk on Religious Art and the rise of Landscape and other genres within the religious context on the morning of **Wednesday 1st May**. Meet over coffee after the 10am Mass in the first instance, leaving *en bloc* from the parish room for an 11am start at the Fitzwilliam Museum. All are welcome.

The Inaugural Lecture of the University of Oxford's Regius Professor of Divinity

Our own **Fr Graham Ward** will give his inaugural lecture on the question 'What makes a belief believable' on **Tuesday 14th May at 5pm** in the Examination Schools in Oxford. All are welcome.

Pilgrimage to Loreto, Subiaco and Rome *17th-24th September 2013*

The Society of Mary is running a pilgrimage jointly with Pax Travel (www.paxtravel.co.uk - 020 7485 3003) which is open to all people, not just members of the Society. The price is £869 including flights, half board and fees.

The pilgrimage will start in Loreto, where since at least the 15th century the 'Holy House' has been among the most famous shrines of Italy. Loreto is a small town a few miles south of Ancona and near the sea. The great basilica, decorated by some of the greatest artists, is merely the setting for a small house standing within the church itself. Though the rough walls of the little building have been raised in height and are cased externally in richly sculptured marble, the interior measures only 31 feet by 13. An altar stands at one end beneath a statue, blackened with age, of the Virgin Mother and her Divine Infant. As the inscription, '*Hic Verbum caro factum est*' reminds the pilgrim, this building is honoured as the home at Nazareth in which the Holy Family lived and where the Word was made flesh. From Loreto the pilgrimage goes to Subiaco visiting the Cave (Sacro Speco) where S. Benedict lived and the monastery of his sister S. Scholastica. The pilgrimage ends in Rome, with visits to the great Basilicas, including S. Mary Major, as well as the Catacombs of S. Callistus and the Churches of the Gesù and S. Clemente.

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SERVICES AT LITTLE SAINT MARY'S

Sundays

7:30am *Morning Prayer* 8am *Low Mass*

10:30am *High Mass* 6pm *Solemn Evensong & Benediction*

Weekdays

	<i>Low Mass</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Evening Prayer</i>
Monday	12:30pm	8:20am	6pm
Tuesday	7:45am	8:20am	6pm
Wednesday	10am & 7pm	8:20am	6pm
Thursday	7:45am	8:20am	6pm
Friday	12:30pm	8:20am	6pm
Saturday	10am	<i>Said privately</i>	6pm

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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