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All the fun of the Summer Festival!

This month, as well as the Summer Festival, we have:

- *Lucy McKitterick writes about our homelessness project*
- *The sermon preached at Barbara Chamier's memorial service*
- *Prayers, reflections and anniversaries for July*

Highlights of July

Wednesday 3rd July

S. Thomas, Apostle

Low Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7pm

Wednesday 10th July

Healing Mass with laying-on of hands and anointing with the oil of the sick

10am *preceded by silent prayer for healing at 9:45am*

Friday 12th July

Digby Mary Magdalene

7:30pm The première of our summer play

Saturday 13th July

Summer Festival

10:30am – 6pm

(see later in the newsletter for more information)

Sunday 14th July

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Preacher at the 10:30am High Mass:

Fr Greg Seach, Dean of Clare College

Sunday 21st July

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Preacher at the 10:30am High Mass:

Fr Jeremy Caddick, Dean of Emmanuel College

Monday 22nd July

S. Mary Magdalene

12:30pm Low Mass, 7pm Sung Mass

Thursday 25th July

S. James, Apostle

Low Mass:7:45am, Sung Mass 7pm

Saturday 27th July

Annual Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

Coach departs LSM at 9am and we return to Cambridge at about 7pm.

From the Vicar

29th June 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It has seemed strange for much of my first year at LSM not to have Barbara Chamier in her customary place at the front of church on the right-hand side, prayerfully fidgeting and organising those around her. She was such a feature of my life here as an undergraduate that I have to keep reminding myself that she has died. Churches are great repositories of memories and for many of you there will be particular people or events in this parish's history that are especially important. 'These stones which have echoed their praises are holy,' the great dedication festival hymn puts it, and I know from reading the intercessions book that this isn't true just for regular worshippers but for visitors as well. The holding of memory is an incredibly important thing because it gives us background and context and a sense of being part of a story. It was G.K. Chesterton who said that the Church is the most democratic of all institutions because it includes and enfranchises the dead as well as the living, and when we mourn the loss of a member of the Church on earth we ought to recall that the loss is far from absolute.

It is important, however, that in being a place that holds and cherishes memories we don't fall into the trap of thinking that, like Queen Victoria keeping Prince Albert's room exactly as the dear man left it, our task is to preserve everything in aspic. Fewer people than ever are members of trades unions or public libraries, join political parties or run Scout and Guide groups; yet the one institution that has not seen a fall in membership, but rather a large rise in recent years, is the National Trust. In an age of constant change and when we feel as if no-one is holding memory, nowhere is giving shape to our past and so to our present, the chance to support (and simply experience) buildings and places of historic significance and great continuity is more valued than ever. The church can learn from the National Trust in being proud of its heritage and traditions (and in investing in beautiful buildings) but we must not be tempted, as it were, to reverse into the future. The National Trust, for all its glory, is in essence about the work of preservation. The Church, however, is in essence about the work of salvation and leading people forward into new life both now and eternally. Oddly, some of the things that make us seem

old-fashioned here at LSM are actually very forward-looking. The fact that priest and people face the same way – East – at the Eucharist makes a profound point about the fact that we are a pilgrim church that has not yet arrived. We stand and face towards the place of the rising sun looking and longing for the Lord and for our arrival in ‘our true native land’ (as the hymn at Benediction tells us), rather than looking inwards assuming we’ve already got there.

Our life in the parish can seem just cyclical (another Summer Festival, another St James’ Day, another Harvest...) but by going round and round it means there is always opportunity for new people to join in and for those already part of the church to move deeper into the mystery of our salvation. We are not simply repeating things like an endless re-enactment of the Battle of Naseby or something.

The work of discerning how we develop and what – using our histories, our strengths, our traditions – God is calling us to do newly is one that requires prayer and attentiveness. If we have a few moments this summer for reflection, and asking God to show us something of where He is leading, this is something He may well do by teaching us more about ourselves now and helping us to understand and befriend our past; not as a prison but as a resource and springboard for what is to come.

With my love and prayers, I am,
yours in Christ,

Fr Robert

People for our prayers

Percy Hayes had a major operation in America early in June which was successful and he is doing well and recovering slowly. Despite the slowness of recovery (to be expected given the seriousness of the procedure) he is in good spirits and is walking around and playing. Following the operation he is to have some radiotherapy and some more chemotherapy so it looks like the family will be in the States for some time to come.

Denise Inge, the wife of Bishop John Inge (formerly of Huntingdon) has been diagnosed with cancer: a sarcoma which doctors say they have only a 30% chance of curing. It is a very worrying time for Denise as she prepares for treatment.

Little S. Mary's **SUMMER FESTIVAL**

and Gift Day

SATURDAY 13th JULY

8am **Low Mass of Our Lady** (NB *earlier time*)

10:30am *onwards*

Stalls, refreshments and displays

Cakes, home produce, books, tombola, sideshows; morning coffee, displays by local artists; wild Churchyard Garden and church open for viewing

12noon **Angelus and Prayers**

12:05pm **Choristers' Concert**

12:30pm — 2pm **Lunches**

3pm **The Digby Play of Mary Magdalen**

Admission £5 (under-16s £1)

4:30pm **Cream teas**

6pm **Choral Evensong and Benediction**

The Vicar will be at the church door to receive donations to the church for two short periods during the course of the day; Gift Aid envelopes will be available for tax-free giving, and your contributions will be gratefully received.

Your generous support is invited: *Little S. Mary's is committed not only to meeting its own costs - including having a full-time priest, maintaining our lovely mediaeval building (keeping it open all and every day) and to regular giving to home and overseas Missions and Charities -but also to making a major contribution to the rest of the Body of Christ, supporting poorer churches in other parts of the Diocese.*

This year's Summer Festival presentation is

The Digby Play of Mary Magdalen

(in the words of a recent editor, 'the most extravagant play in the whole of early English drama')

The Digby *Mary Magdalen* is a play of redemptive conversion set against the backdrop of the key events of salvation history, with breathtaking scope and breadth - from Magdala to Marseille, from the Mouth of Hell to the Gates of Heaven. Following patristic tradition, LSM presents a life of Mary Magdalen, perfect penitent and chosen apostle, whose life and calling joyously express the unfathomable mercy of God. Join us this July!

Friday 12 July, 7:30pm

(followed by a glass of wine)

Saturday 13 July, 3pm

(followed by cream teas)

Admission £5 (under-16s £1)

YOUR help needed...

- **Calling all cake-makers!** As many contributions as possible for the cake stall will be very welcome. Please bring them along on the Saturday morning.
- We will also welcome, among other things: **bottles** for the Friends' tombola (give them to Paul Huskinson) and **books** for Mandy and Adrian Ray's bookstall.
- We will be assembling gazebos and erecting stalls from **8:30am** (after Mass) on Saturday morning: *please* come lend a hand (or even two!)
- **Publicity** is crucial to the success of the day: there are posters on the table at the back of the church - could you take one away with you and get it displayed in a shop, business, café, pub etc.? Please also remember to *invite* your friends to come with you!

We look forward to seeing you and your friends at the Festival!



Calendar and Intentions
for
July 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 July

Mon. 1st *of the Precious Blood*
Tue. 2nd
Wed. 3rd **S. Thomas, Apostle: LM 10am, SM 7pm**
Thu. 4th
Fri. 5th *of the Sacred Heart*
Sat. 6th *Ss Thomas More & John Fisher, Bishop, Martyrs*

Sun. 7th **SIXTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon. 8th *for Unity*
Tue. 9th *of Requiem*
Wed. 10th *for the sick (10am Mass)*
Thu. 11th S. Benedict, Abbot
Fri. 12th
Sat. 13th *of the BVM*

Sun. 14th **SEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon. 15th *S. Swithun, Bishop*
Tue. 16th *S. Osmund, Bishop*
Wed. 17th
Thu. 18th *Elizabeth Ferrard, Religious & Deaconess*
Fri. 19th Ss Gregory of Nyssa, Bishop & Macrina, Religious,
Doctors
Sat. 20th *S. Margaret of Antioch, Martyr*

Sun. 21st **EIGHTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon. 22nd **S. Mary Magdalene: LM 12:30pm, SM 7pm**
Tue. 23rd *S. Bridget of Sweden, Religious*
Wed. 24th
Thu. 25th **S. James, Apostle: LM 7:45am, SM 7pm**
Fri. 26th Ss Anne & Joachim, Parents of the BVM
Sat. 27th *Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop*

Sun. 28th **NINTH SUNDAY after TRINITY**
Mon. 29th Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Tue. 30th William Wilberforce
Wed. 31st *S. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for July*

Thanksgiving for our salvation	<i>James Dyson</i>	1 st
Newly-ordained priests	<i>Daniel Golding, Eunice Francis</i>	2 nd
Those burdened with doubt or anxiety	<i>Tom Forte</i>	3 rd
General Synod	<i>Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis</i>	4 th
Greater devotion to the Divine Compassion	<i>James Owen, Pr.</i>	5 th
Politicians		6 th
Our Parish and People	<i>Dorothy Oakley</i>	7 th
Christian Unity		8 th
The Faithful Departed	<i>Matthew Richards</i>	9 th
The sick and their carers	<i>Eileen Thorpe</i>	10 th
Benedictine Order	<i>Robert Runcie, Bp., Sally Theobald</i>	11 th
Those who have abandoned the Faith	<i>John Rose</i>	12 th
Our Summer Festival	<i>Audrey Styler</i>	13 th
Our Parish and People		14 th
Flood victims	<i>Miranda Long</i>	15 th
Diocese of Salisbury		16 th
Sufferers from mental illness	<i>Jim Campbell, Elisabeth Barnes</i>	17 th
Increase in religious vocations	<i>Winifred Eakhurst</i>	18 th
Theologians	<i>John Gibson, Gordon Roe, Bp.</i>	19 th
Those persecuted for the Faith		20 th
Our Parish and People	<i>Marguerite South, Simon Hallam</i>	21 st
Evangelists	<i>John Butterfield</i>	22 nd
The King and people of Sweden		23 rd
The Unemployed	<i>Amanda Copley</i>	24 th
All on pilgrimage	<i>Pat Morgan</i>	25 th
Parents		26 th
The Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham	<i>Kathleen Waring</i>	27 th
Our Parish and People	<i>Phyllis Price, Neville Woods</i>	28 th
Those who mourn	<i>Diana Goodhart</i>	29 th
Amnesty International		30 th
The Jesuits		31 st

Saint James the Apostle 25th July

*Merciful God,
whose holy apostle Saint
James,
leaving his father and all that
he had,
was obedient to the calling
of Thy Son Jesus Christ
and followed Him even to
death:
help us, forsaking the false
attractions of the world,
to be ready at all times
to answer Thy call without
delay;
through the same Christ our
Lord.*



S. James, often called 'the Great' (to distinguish him from James, son of Alphaeus, who is also known as James the Less) was a son of Zebedee and Salome and a Galilean fisherman who, with his brother John, was one of the first apostles called by Jesus to follow Him. The two brothers were with Jesus at His Transfiguration and with Him again in the garden of Gethsemane. They annoyed the other followers of Jesus by asking to sit one on His left and the other on His right when He came into His glory and they were present for the appearances of Christ after the resurrection. James was put to death by the sword on the order of Herod Agrippa, who hoped in vain that, by disposing of the Christian leaders, he could stem the flow of those hearing the good news and becoming followers in the Way. James' martyrdom took place in AD 44.

Around 200,000 people every year go on pilgrimage to S. James' shrine at Compostela in northern Spain. It is thought that, although martyred in Judea, James had previously preached the Gospel in Spain and his fellow Christians then carried his body back to Spain where it is now interred at Santiago de Compostela. There is no historical evidence earlier than the 8th century for this tradition but the relics of S. James were authenticated in the nineteenth century. Although he may well not have evangelized Spain there is no reason not to believe that his body - or part of it - finally found its way there.

Cambridge Churches' Homeless Project: a progress report

Lucy McKitterick writes: Some of you may have read in the February Newsletter of this year an outline of the current situation of the homeless in Cambridge, together with an invitation to a meeting of representatives from churches across the city interested in setting up a project to provide accommodation in our church buildings, one night a week each, next winter.

This March meeting was a great success with almost 60 people present from a total of 17 interested churches. Fr Brian Leathard, Rector of S. Luke's Chelsea, and Steven Platts from the West London Churches Homeless Concern gave an inspiring talk and film presentation describing setting up and running a similar project in their part of London, partly in response to the reality of the King's Road whose up-market retail scene saw designer clothes and smart cafés by day and homeless men and women shivering in doorways by night. Their experience was a great encouragement in thinking about such a venture in Cambridge, as also was the presence of representatives from so many different Christian traditions gathered together with this common concern: our Parish Centre saw a lot of discussion and conversation and the meeting concluded with Fr Robert leading us all together in prayer.

As "homework" from this meeting the representatives were asked to go back to their churches and talk to their congregations about what their response to the proposals might be, and to report back at a further meeting in May. This second meeting, though understandably full of questions, displayed an impressive level of commitment and interest from a current total of 22 churches, so that we have to date five with a regular night of the week pencilled in for next winter, two still in discussion but hoping to offer the same, one keen to join as soon as their building work is completed and a further two or three offering to host over the Christmas period to give the regular churches a break. Added to this are about 12 other churches keen to offer groups of volunteers, either by teaming up with a host church or by forming a "pool" of volunteers ready to help where needed.

LSM's own response to this exciting and enormously worthwhile project has been through the creation of a working group who have met on a number of occasions to talk through what we are able to

contribute and how it will work for us. As a result we are hoping to offer a hot dinner and space to sleep on Tuesday nights next winter for ten guests who would otherwise be obliged to sleep on the street, and in October we will be hosting a recruitment evening with supper and speakers for members of our own congregation and others who would like to be involved. We will be looking for all kinds of volunteers, both for the first part of the evening in serving and washing up and (most importantly) talking to our guests, and others to stay overnight (which does include sleeping and finishes in good time for those who will be working next day). Barrie Woodman from the Cambridge Street Pastors will be providing some basic training in the kinds of issues we are likely to meet and a professional support worker from one of Cambridge's existing homeless organisations will be available every evening of the winter to make sure arrangements go smoothly and to remove any problematic items before the guests are allowed to join us.

The planning for this project has been extensive and is being done in conversation with Hope Cambridge, the Street Pastors, the local council, police and the other homeless organisations in the city. Through these past few months of meetings it has been good to see a growing acceptance that the churches of Cambridge may have something to offer and not least because we are outside the politics of housing benefit and long-term goals; both the *Church Times* and the *Tablet* ran articles recently on the need to engage with the homeless at a level which includes both the emotional and spiritual aspects of a person's humanity and which goes beyond services addressing mainly their physical needs. While the practical purpose of the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project is to work with the existing system in providing food and shelter where most needed, it is the warmth of our welcome and our readiness to see our guests as individuals like ourselves which will really make the project alive.

So if this is something you might like to be involved with, or if you have further ideas or experience to share, please be in touch either with me (l.r.mckitterick.01@cantab.net), or with Matthew Renshaw (mpr34@cam.ac.uk) who will be co-ordinating our LSM volunteers, Fr Robert or a Churchwarden: you will be very welcome in a project which is already bringing different Christian traditions together in practical discipleship and which will (we hope and pray) make homelessness in Cambridge a less frightening prospect in the winter of 2013-14.

Sermon preached by the Vicar at Barbara Chamier's Memorial Service, 22nd June 2013

You may not be aware of this, but Barbara was unwittingly involved in the assessment of candidates for ordination. For one of the ways I think Fr Greany assessed how good new Pastoral Assistants or ordinands on placement were was in how well they handled Mrs Chamier. Barbara, it is fair to say, could be a handful. To describe her as 'opinionated' would be like describing King's College Chapel as 'not unattractive', and many people here today can testify to having been on the receiving end of a Chamier explosion... I begin like this because I well remember a remark made to me by a parishioner once that he didn't want an address at his funeral because, as he put it, 'while I'm lying down here I don't want you lying up there', pointing to the pulpit. And Barbara was a fearsomely honest person who liked straight-talking.

To make sure that a sermon at a memorial service honestly names all sides of someone is not just an act of honesty, however. It is also an act of trust in the God who loves us precisely (as S. Paul says) while we are still sinners, and that was a trust that Barbara had at the heart of her being. Oddly, the very fact of her being at times incorrigible was a witness to the fact that she knew that there were no limits to God's love and forgiveness. The assurance that, as S. Paul puts it in our second lesson, 'neither things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God' - it was this assurance that set Barbara free to live life to the full.

Now, this address could well go on for several hours, for I have been inundated with reminiscences and memories and stories about our dear Barbara. Whether it was her attempting to get police protection for a parish pilgrimage to Oberammergau on the grounds that the son of the Duke of Kent would be with us, or the fact that on many a Sunday she was still rushing up and down church delivering eggs to people when the clergy procession was already making its way down the nave; whether it was her extraordinary knowledge of geography and places such that no parish trip would be complete without her at the front of the coach, microphone in hand, giving forth on the local flora, fauna and history. She really was someone who lived life to the full.

She was also someone who knew, as our Lord tells us in our Gospel reading, that in heaven there are many mansions, that there is space for a very wide variety of people. Barbara had very clear views and never held back from expressing them, but it also never occurred to her that other people's erroneous views would disqualify them from sharing the life of the church with her here or indeed in heaven. All sorts of things might be said of which we do not approve, but the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, the life together with others, was something to which Barbara was totally committed and from which she never strayed. That sense of fellowship was one of the largest aspects of her contribution to our life here at LSM. Whether it was as founder of the Friends of Little S. Mary's or the organiser of pilgrimages and trips and tours, Barbara was driving force. Encouraging,

organising, planning and cajoling, Barbara made things happen. Right into her nineties she organised monthly lunches at the University Centre, a place that for her was almost a second home, while she organised the purchase of a house in France when she was in her eighties.

And linked to that are two other of her characteristics that we must name: she was generous and she was courageous. Generous in giving her time, her talents and her money. Whether it was taking underprivileged schoolchildren on holiday to France or teaching in the Sunday School, for she had a wonderful rapport with children (famously acting out the Animals who came into the Ark Two by Two and literally rising from her seat to be 'the great hippopotamus [that] stuck in the door!'). She took people to lunch whom she thought needed encouraging and would always have a warm word for children and their parents.

She was also courageous, not only gaining a university blue in swimming, but in taking her degree from her beloved Newnham College finally in 1998 at the head of almost 900 women who previously had not been allowed to graduate. She was courageous in her devotion and support of her husband Peter, in her willingness in an era when women were still expected to stay at home, not only to stand up for herself and not caring what the world thought of her (and what a gift that is in our age of crippled self-esteem!) but to stand up for others and strengthening other women to live fully. All her adventuring and travelling – taking parties to Prague with the Cambridge Society or leading a group to France in the year 1999 to see the eclipse – this, right into her nineties, was another sign of her great courage.

'God's compassions fail not, they are new every morning.' Jeremiah tells us today, and that fresh sense of God's compassion, that awareness of His newness, His youth even, is what gave to Barbara the gift I want to close this sermon by reflecting on: the gift of childlikeness. She was very good at seeing the world from a child's perspective and she had an unerring ability to spot whether a child was unhappy or in distress and she would always do her best to provide consolation. She helped for many years in the Sunday School and enjoyed that not only because children kept her young but because they were like her – they could be naughty, yes but they also had an excitement about life, a sensitivity to others, an innocent fearlessness; and in those things Barbara perhaps unconsciously saw herself.

And it will be those things, together with her humour and the fact that she knew when she had done wrong, which will be making her journey into the mystery of God such a thrilling one. For the woman who never seemed anything like as old as she was is now shedding her 95 years, rising up in the light and love of God, discovering what it is to be even more fully alive than even she managed in this life, and God is working His good purposes in her, preparing her for that ecstatic blissful vision of Himself which we pray, in union with Barbara, will be ours too one day.

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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)

Coffee is served in the Parish Centre after the High Mass on Saturdays at 10:30am and 6:30pm, after most masses or by appointment

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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