This month we have the Parish Choir’s Pre-Tour Concert, the ‘Stuff of Life’ charity art exhibition and the usual Vicar’s letter, prayers and intentions for this month.
Highlights of July

There will be no First Wednesday Fellowship Group in July and August. We return after our summer break on Wednesday 2nd September.

Friday 3rd July
S. Thomas, Apostle
Low Mass 12:30pm, Sung Mass 7pm followed by refreshments.

Saturday 4th July
Ordination of Deacons at Norwich Cathedral
10:30am Richard Stanton is made a Deacon in the Church of God.

Saturday 11th July
Monthly Healing Mass with the laying-on of hands & anointing.
10am preceded by prayers for healing at 9:45am.

Wednesday 15th July
Eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
7pm Mass of thanksgiving for our local Ward of the Society of Mary.

Wednesday 22nd July
S. Mary Magdalene
10am Low Mass, 7pm Sung Mass followed by refreshments.

The Choir is on tour to Prague from Wednesday 22nd to Monday 27th July

Thursday 23rd July
Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary
7:30pm Joint Mass at S. Agnes Newmarket with the chapters from Bury St Edmunds and Essex

Saturday 25th July
S. James the Great, Apostle
8am Low Mass (NB There will be no sung Mass in honour of S. James that day.)
9am Annual Day Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham departs LSM led by Fr Stephen Anderson.

Advance notice: Saturday 15th August
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10am Patronal Festival High Mass
followed by lunchtime BBQ at the Vicarage. Tickets £10 in aid of PNGCP
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Among the things lacking in contemporary society, surely one of the greatest absences is joy? There is plenty of jollity and much seeking after fun and pleasure, but the profound experience that is joy is one that people seem to have mislaid. This is not just a consequence of being in Cambridge in June when thoughts are dominated by examinations! The latter part of June is dominated by May Week celebrations and yet even these have a sort of frantic quality to them, as if students are attempting to scoop up as much experience as they can before they head out into the world of work.

What are the reasons for this lack of joy? The uncomfortable answer is: a lack of discipline. There is no joy without discipline. I don’t mean by this corporal punishment or masochism, but rather patterns and structures, frameworks of commitment through good and bad. The deep joy that an enduring friendship or a profound commitment to a particular place or community provides, when held to through thick and thin, is unbeatable. It is one that is also increasingly unknown to people. We imagine that just doing what we want will make us happy, and yet it does not. The World Health Organisation suggests that depression will soon overtake heart disease as the number one illness of the western world.

Christians are encouraged to write a Rule of Life: to set down a discipline or pattern of living that will bring them to Heaven and to joy. This can be a short set of sentences on a sheet of A4; it doesn’t need to be (indeed should not be) anything complicated. It needs to be easily memorised and put into practice. It includes prayer, use of time, money and gifts. This month we celebrate S. Benedict, the father of western monasticism (11th July), who produced for his monks a Rule which is still used to guide the Benedictine Order today. The Rule is wonderfully simple and realistic about how a community of Christians can live together. It is well worth a read.

The regular pattern of morning and evening prayer and the Eucharist each day provides a framework within which we can flourish and find joy. There are times when if asked what the psalms and readings were at morning prayer I could not tell you a thing. They passed in one ear and out the other! The simple act of saying them, however, was important, and even if at times I resent evening prayer or am bored by it, in the long term it provides wonderful nourishment and encouragement. I soon miss the Office (as Mattins and Evensong are called) if I
fail to say it for a period of time. A disciplined pattern of prayer therefore is one thing. You may not be able to get to LSM to join us but the back of the Sunday order of service contains the readings and psalms for the week and there is a simple Office card at the back of church to take away too, and use on the train or in the car.

A second discipline that brings joy is the discipline of community. I want to offer thanks both to those who contributed to making our Corpus Christi celebrations so wonderful this year and those who worked so hard for our Summer Festival and Gift Day. The latter was dampened by rain but we still raised over £4,000 and I thought the spirit about the place during the day was the best I’ve known. Coming together to witness to our faith in a God who engages with the very material stuff of our lives, as we do when we process with the consecrated Host of the Eucharist through the streets, is a way of encouraging others to discover the joy of our life together. The Summer Fête not only raises money for our parish but helps us to meet members of the congregation we have not said hello to before and builds up our fellowship together. It also encourages people to come into the church building and see that Christians aren’t as weird as the secular world paints us...

None of these things happens without your sacrifice of time and energy. The joy of all of this is only possible with the discipline that goes with it. As the holiday season sets in, I hope – for the sake of joy – that you will keep to your patterns of prayer and giving, maintaining the discipline of the weekly Mass and coming together as God’s people in this place. I pray too that those for whom patterns and disciplines are very hard will know encouragement and strength. I include myself in that group of people. I know how much better I feel when I have set time aside for prayer and yet how easily I excuse myself from doing it. As with so much that a priest says and writes, please do as I say not as I do!

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

Fr Robert.
The Medieval Brasses in LSM

Between the choir stalls, under the carpet, are two medieval brasses. A member of our congregation, Scilla Hall, tells us more about them:

It is only once a year, at the end of Holy Week, that members of the congregation can see our two medieval brasses; or, rather, thanks to the activities of brass thieves, what is left of them. They lie, side by side, correctly and expectantly, with their faces turned towards the high altar, no doubt believing, as was common at the time, that their memorials would ensure them a secure passage to their heavenly places.

The position of the brasses, centrally, before the altar, was one which would only be given to Masters of the College (Peterhouse). In the case of the larger brass the figure is full length and was clearly magnificent before attacked by thieves. Now only a small label at the foot remains, with just enough of its original inscription to enable identification, since very fortunately the whole was copied by Francis Blomefield, a keen local recorder of the late 18th century. It is of John Holbroke or Holbrook, a notable Master and benefactor 1421-1437. He entered Peterhouse as a Fellow in 1393 and remained resident for the rest of his life, apart from duties to the Crown. He became a DD (Doctor of Divinity) and was noted as a mathematician. In 1429-30 he acted as Chancellor of the University. He was appointed a royal chaplain to Henry V and Henry VI, a post involving predictions as Royal Astrologer! From the Crown he received the rich Norfolk living of S. Peter, Repps, for life. He was thus a wealthy man who could indulge his taste for collecting rare books and other choice items. These he gave or bequeathed generously. His books mostly went to his college, but some to the University Library. To the University he also bequeathed a pair of ivory-handled knives for the use of the Chancellor.

In his lifetime he gave cash to top up the loan-chest in Peterhouse in 1426 and 1436, but his will arranged for his executors to provide the Chapel (LSM) with a set of stone stalls at the east end (the sedilia), still in use.

A visiting specialist in brass memorials declared that the Holbrook brass was of the highest quality and the skill of its engraving showed that it must
have been executed in London – another proof of the wealth behind whoever ordered it and paid for its transport.

The second, smaller brass was pronounced by the same specialist to be of inferior quality and probably produced locally. But at least this one has never been mutilated. It does not attempt a full-length figure but just down to the hem of his gown. The similar style of his headgear to Holbrook’s shows that he was also a DD.

The only Master fulfilling these conditions was William Burgoynne, of a local family noted for its talented, learned sons. William became a fellow of Peterhouse in 1483, a DD in 1506 and Master for life in 1518. He was Lady Margaret Reader in Divinity (later called Professor) 1506-11 and died in 1523. He was, in fact, the last Master to make a will providing for his annual obit (Requiem Mass), with a codicil that any failure to perform this would entail the loss of the £20 he had given for it. He also requested that his exequies should be sung with an organ accompaniment, a novel idea at the time. He bequeathed a couple of valuable manuscripts to Peterhouse library, where they remain.

A small wall-mounted brass tablet in Impington parish church may well be that of his parents, showing the three Burgoynne brothers.

References chiefly taken from Emden, A.B., ‘Biographical Register of the University of Cambridge to 1500’.

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**The monthly Healing Mass**

is now alternating between the **second Wednesday** and the **second Saturday** at **10am**. This is to allow more people to share in it. If you have never been to a Mass of Healing before then why not try this month’s? It take place at **10am** on **Saturday 11th July**.

A Healing Mass is like any Eucharist, except that it additionally includes a time for people to come forward together and be prayed for individually in silence and then (for those with moderately serious illness) to receive anointing – where the sign of the cross is made on a person’s forehead and palms with consecrated oil. It is a gentle and beautiful act of worship.
Calendar and Intentions

for

July 2015

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 or additions to the list of daily intention.
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Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for July*

Blood donors  
Cambridge Foodbank  
Those who have lost their faith  
Those to be ordained  

James Dyson 1st  
Daniel Golding, Eunice Francis 2nd  
Tom Forte 3rd  
Jack Hunter, Alfred Francis 4th

Our parish and people  
Integrity in public life  
South Cambridge Deanery  
The Friends of LSM  
Christian Unity  
Nursing homes  
The sick  

James Owen, pr. 5th  
Dorothy Oakley 7th  
Matthew Richards 9th  
Eileen Thorpe 10th  
Sally Theobald 11th

Our parish and people  
Faithful departed  
Parish Priests  
Fair weather  
Candidates for senior office in the Church  
The bereaved  
Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham  

John Keith Rose 12th  
Audrey Styler 13th  
14th  
Miranda Long 15th  
Jim Campbell, Elisabeth Mary Barnes 17th  
Winifred Eakhurst 18th

Our parish and people  
Persecuted Christians  
Peace in Iraq & Syria  
Prostitutes  
Vocations to the religious life  
Devotion to the Lord’s Passion  
Those to be married  

John Robert Gibson, Gordon Roe, bp. 19th  
Emily Margaret South, Simon Hallam 21st  
John Butterfield 22nd  
Amanda Copley 24th  
Pat Morgan 25th

Our parish and people  
Theological Colleges  
Fulbourn Hospital  
Parochial Church Council  
Victims of human trafficking  
The Jesuits  

Kathleen Waring, Savitri Perera 27th  
Phyllis Mary Price, Neville Russell Woods 28th  
Diana Goodhart 29th  
30th  
31st
Saints of July

3\textsuperscript{rd} July – S. Thomas the Apostle

Almighty and eternal God, who, for the greater confirmation of the faith, didst allow Thy holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of Thy Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe, and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Thomas is mentioned among the number of the Apostles in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke but it is in John’s Gospel that his significance is revealed. First, he is heard encouraging the other disciples to go to Judæa with Jesus; then, not knowing what Jesus meant when He talked about where He was to go, elicited the answer that Jesus was Himself the Way. But probably most famously he was the Apostle notably unconvinced by reports of the resurrection of Jesus, causing Jesus to show him the marks in His hands and feet and side. Thomas then proclaims the words that have been described as the great climax to John’s Gospel by saying to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!”

He travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, India in AD 52 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or Nasranis. After his death, the relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3\textsuperscript{rd} century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Ortona in Abruzzo, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle ever since. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thoma remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.

Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} July 12:00pm Low Mass & 7pm Sung Mass
LITTLE ST MARY’S CHOIR
SUMMER RECITAL

Followed by strawberries and cream

music by Monteverdi, Mozart, Tippett & Dvořák

Saturday 11th July, 2pm

Admission free with retiring collection in aid of the Choir tour to Prague
Pre-Prague Tour Concert, Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} July

from Simon Jackson, Director of Music

On behalf of the choir, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who has supported the Choir in its fund-raising efforts over the past few months. I can hardly believe that we will be leaving for Prague in only a few weeks' time. It has been wonderful to see the Choir and Choristers take on so many extra commitments over the year, and to see how much support there is among the congregation for their activities. Special thanks to Melissa Guiliano and Charlotte Perry, who have coordinated out fund-raising over the last year.

Before we travel, we hope many of you will come and hear us perform some of the music we will be singing while in Prague. On \textbf{Saturday 11\textsuperscript{th} July at 2pm} we will be performing music from our forthcoming tour, including music by Monteverdi, Tippett, Parry and - because we had to sing something from the area - Dvořák. The concert will last an hour, and we will be serving strawberries and cream in the garden afterwards. Tickets £5/£3 concessions. I hope many of you can make it!

\textbf{ON SALE NOW! £10 sold after every Sunday Mass and Choral Service.}

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Director of Music, \texttt{directorofmusic@lsm.org.uk}, or any choir member.

\textbf{BUY ONLINE!} \texttt{www.lsm.org.uk/worship/music/cds.html}
Calling all artists: professional to novice
from Mary Pountain

‘Stuff of Life’ is an Art Exhibition with a difference. Initiated by the Chesterton-based White House Arts, it will take place 14th & 15th November 2015 at Stapleford Granary and offers an opportunity to everyone, all ages, to take part and help raise funds for two chosen charities. Practical Action www.practicalaction.org an international development charity and Rowan www.rowanhumberstone.co.uk a Cambridge charity which provides creative opportunities for learning-disabled adults. The last exhibition raised over £15,000 for charity.

Experienced artist or complete novice, you have the chance to create and exhibit for an artwork in any medium, based on a 12”x 16” canvas and using the theme ‘Stuff of Life’.

The entry fee is £10 which includes a 12” x 16” canvas and hanging fee. Completed canvases need to be submitted by 4th November and will be exhibited and sold anonymously for £45.
You can purchase a canvas from Stapleford Granary, 9:30am-5pm Monday-Friday, or from White House Arts (please email to arrange a time to collect your canvas).

Tel: 01223 420018, Email: info@whitehousearts.co.uk
Further information can be found at www.whitehousearts.co.uk

Have something to say in next month’s newsletter? Contact melissaguiliano@gmail.com before Monday 20th July.

Cover Art is a study of *The Incredulity of Saint Thomas* by Caravaggio. Artist unknown.

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