

NEWSLETTER



Highlights of August

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

Thursday 6th August

The Transfiguration of our Lord

Low Mass 7:45am, Sung Mass 7pm *followed by refreshments.*

Wednesday 12th August

Monthly Healing Mass *with the laying-on of hands & anointing.*

10am preceded by prayers for healing at 9:45am.

Saturday 15th August

Patronal Festival: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am High Mass

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr Berkeley Zych,
Assistant Curate of the Grimshoe Benefice, West Norfolk.

We welcome back the Rev'd Richard Stanton who will be the Deacon of the Mass.

Followed by the **Assumptiontide BBQ** at the Vicarage in aid of the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership (PNGCP). Tickets £10 (including wine).

Monday 24th August

Feast of S. Bartholomew, apostle.

Low Mass 12:30pm, Sung Mass 7pm *followed by refreshments.*

Thursday 20th August

Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary

8pm Vespers & Benediction *at All Saints', Hartford in the benefice of Hartford and Houghton with Wyton. Non-servers are welcome.*

Saturday 29th August

12noon Requiem Mass for departed members of the Barnard Family

(followed by the burial of ashes). Any who knew Stephen, Eileen, Peter, Betty or other members of the family are very welcome.

From the Vicar

25th July 2015

Dear Brothers & Sisters

Since I last wrote to you we have lost three good friends: Sally Head, Laurence Fletcher and Joyce Fletcher. Sally and Laurence were key people in the life of our parish. Sally looked after our garden and was PCC Secretary; Laurence was Churchwarden for many years as well as being an arranger of flowers and a member of several diocesan committees. Joyce, Laurence's wife, was the great love and support of Laurence and all his work here.

At the time of writing this we have only had Sally's funeral but I know that what I write of Sally's will be true of Laurence and Joyce's too: that these were faith-filled occasions where proper mourning went hand-in-hand with thanksgiving and resurrection hope. This was so for a number of reasons, not least the thought that Sally had put into the choice of music, readings and others' involvement before she died. Further, this is a church she knew and worshipped in and which knew and loved her: there was already a good relationship. Finally, and most importantly, these are funerals for committed Christians and so we can say and do what needs to be said and done with confidence, knowing that not only the person who has died but most of those present 'get' what is going on.

I received an email after Julia Wheatcroft's funeral and a letter after Sally's from different people but both saying the same thing: we don't go to church and we're not sure we really believe in God but we were incredibly moved and impressed by the Funeral Masses to which we have just been. They referred to the powerful symbolism, the sense of community and purpose, seeing people receiving Holy Communion, the music and the faith and hope. Perhaps it is an important reminder to us of the converting, evangelical power of a Christian Funeral, especially one in the context of the Eucharist, which provides a structure and framework for everything to slot into and saves both clergy and family from having to make everything up or think of things to do.

This structure is very important because not everyone comes to a funeral full of faith or with their emotions in check – and nor should they need to. The liturgical pattern and the prayer provided by the church for the deceased and for the mourner means that it's quite all right if someone just wants to remain silent, weep unceasingly or only join in with the Lord's Prayer.

Thanks to sin and our fallen world, it is not always easy to believe in the resurrection, and contemporary society discourages it further by avoiding all talk of death. Perhaps it was easier for Sally and Laurence because of their common love of gardening. Keeping close to creation helps preserve us from the dulling and sclerotic effects of modern urban living; the generous bequest of both families to the garden and to flowers will help us perpetuate that here at LSM. I hope you'll notice the new garden leaflet that Sally prepared before her death – it is a beautiful, colour A4 leaflet giving lots of information about the garden and its history and is flying off the book stand at the back of church! Do purchase a copy if you can.

A great encouragement to our resurrection faith is provided for us on 15th August when we celebrate our patron, the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honouring her entrance into heaven – her Assumption, being assumed by God into His kingdom – we are given a first-fruit of Christ's resurrection and a wonderful reminder of our own destination and call. Mary shares in her Son's victory over death and now shares with all the saints in the work of prayer for those of us still on our pilgrimage. I really hope you can be present for the joyful High Mass that day (Saturday) at 10am and then stay on for a BBQ at the vicarage where we can raise some money for the amazing missionary work of the church in Papua New Guinea.

Sally, Laurence and Joyce now walk by sight, not by faith. Freed from their illnesses and infirmities, they are more alive than they have ever been. By baptism we are part of the same family with them and as we pray for them as they grow in their knowledge and love of the Lord in the world to come, so we can be confident of their love and care for us; three more faces added to the cloud of witnesses cheering us on. May we take heart from this and be renewed in our own faith and desire to share the gospel with the world.

With my love and prayers, I am
Yours ever,

Fr Robert

The Borneo Mission Association



As part of our regular reports on the various missions LSM supports, Helen Thompson writes about the successful completion of the work of the Borneo Mission Association.

106 years ago, in 1909, the Borneo Mission Association (BMA) was founded to renew support for God's mission in the island of Borneo.

Since then the church in Borneo has continued to grow and thrive. In 1996 the two Borneo dioceses and the dioceses of Singapore and West Malaysia formed the new Province of South-East Asia. This Province is growing in strength and Christians have gone out from all of its dioceses as agents of Mission.

It is a testament to the success of the mission work carried out in Borneo over the last 100 years that the Borneo Mission Association officially closed with a Service of Thanksgiving at St John's Church, Waterloo, in London on the 13th June 2015. LSM was represented by Fr Max.

Borneo has been an important and personal link for LS. over many decades. The parish has supported the House of the Epiphany, as well as sponsoring ordinands training within it and enjoying their company here in Cambridge. Among them was Michael Buma – who was the last ordinand in training at the House of Epiphany sponsored by LSM – who became the Dean of the Cathedral of Kuching in 2010, and of course Bolly Lapok who went on to become Bishop of Kuching and in 2011 the Archbishop of the Province of SE Asia.

The House of the Epiphany was opened in 1953 during the episcopate of Bishop Nigel Cornwall. It continues to provide training for clergy and laity and recently Archbishop Bolly has asked his former teacher Canon Michael Woods to lead the training programme for the House. His plan is to improve the theological awareness in each of the parishes by offering two layers of courses as well as in-service training for the clergy in the belief that good theological training is essential to strengthen a Christian

community which is strong on numbers and commitment but weak in understanding.

So while we officially stop supporting Borneo financially through the BMA we will of course continue to keep the Church and people in Borneo in our prayers and indirectly support them with our continued link with Us (formerly USPG).

The closure of BMA and the loss of our Borneo link is really a testament to its success and a cause to celebrate God's glory and the sharing of the Gospel in the thriving church of South-East Asia. The Church is now self-governing and self-supporting.

The Vicar writes:

We thank Helen very much for her support of our BMA link and are delighted that she is now taking responsibility for our work with children at LSM. Please pray for her and for our youth ministry that we may help young people in the way of Christ.

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 Wednesday 12th August**.

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 to return to their pew or (for those with moderately serious illness, i.e. not just a cold or a sprained wrist) 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.

For more information on this ministry and on its place in the Church of England explore the website of the Guild of S. Raphael:

www.guild-of-st-rafael.org.uk



Calendar and Intentions

for

August 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*

Calendar for August

LM-Low Mass, SM-Sung Mass, HM-High Mass

Sat 1st S. Peter's Chains. Lammas Day.

SUN 2nd NINTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 3rd

Tue 4th *S. John Vianney, Curé d'Ars*

Wed 5th S. Oswald, king & martyr

Thu 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord LM 7:45am, SM 7pm

Fri 7th of the Sacred Heart

Sat 8th S. Dominic, religious

SUN 9th TENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 10th S. Laurence, deacon & martyr

Tue 11th S. Clare of Assisi, religious

Wed 12th

Thu 13th Jeremy Taylor, bishop & doctor

Fri 14th *S. Maximilian Kolbe, religious & martyr*

Sat 15th ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM HM 10am

SUN 16th ELEVENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 17th

Tue 18th

Wed 19th

Thu 20th S. Bernard, abbot & doctor

Fri 21st *Richard Crashaw, priest*

Sat 22nd of Requiem

SUN 23rd TWELFTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 24th S. Bartholomew, apostle LM 12:30pm, SM 7pm

Tue 25th

Wed 26th

Thu 27th S. Monica

Fri 28th S. Augustine of Hippo, bishop & doctor

Sat 29th Beheading of S. John Baptist

SUN 30th THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 31st S. Aidan, bishop & missionary

Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for August*

Farmers		1 st
Our Parish & People		2 nd
The Friends of LSM	<i>Roma Gill</i>	3 rd
Parish Priests		4 th
The Queen	<i>Geoffrey Lampe, pr.</i>	5 th
The Vision of Glory	<i>Rose Poulter</i>	6 th
Those who suffer	<i>Olive Robinson</i>	7 th
The Dominicans		8 th
Our Parish & People	<i>Irene Morris, Michael Cook</i>	9 th
Deacons	<i>Eric Hindley, pr., Mary Hindley, Normal Clift, pr.</i>	10 th
Vocations to the religious life	<i>Arthur Dex, pr., Geoffry Smith</i>	11 th
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership	<i>Peter Chamier, pr.</i>	12 th
Bishops	<i>Gwen Wolfenden</i>	13 th
Corrupt & evil governments	<i>David Paton, Adrian Martinez</i>	14 th
Our Parish & People		15 th
Our Parish & People	<i>Ella Cassell</i>	16 th
The mentally ill	<i>Richard Wardill, Geoffrey Smart</i>	17 th
County & City councils		18 th
Homeless	<i>Eric Loinsworth, Blanche Poulter, Maurice Fretton, Edwin Windeatt</i>	19 th
Persecuted Christians		20 th
Poets & Musicians		21 st
Faithful departed	<i>John Robinson</i>	22 nd
Our Parish & People		23 rd
Doctors	<i>Margaret Hutchinson, Elizabeth Wyngard</i>	24 th
Those to be married		25 th
Unemployed		26 th
Mothers	<i>Thomas Haynes, Robin Bishop</i>	27 th
Theologians	<i>Sybil Fleet, Patricia Fleet, Ione Spalding</i>	28 th
Amnesty International		29 th
Our Parish & People	<i>Helen Culverwell, Tom Chalmers</i>	30 th
Evangelisation of England		31 st

Saints of August

24th August – S. Bartholomew, apostle.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who gavest to Thy apostle
Bartholomew grace truly to believe
and to preach Thy word:
grant that Thy Church
may love that word which he believed
and may faithfully preach
and receive the same;
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. Amen.



Bartholomew comes from the Aramaic *Bar-Tolmay*, meaning Son of the Furrows (perhaps a ploughman). Bartholomew was born at Cana of Galilee and is listed among the Twelve Apostles of Jesus in Matthew, Mark and Luke and also appears as one of the witnesses of the Ascension; on each occasion he is named in the company of Philip. He is called Nathaniel in the Gospel of John, again in Philip's company.

Eusebius of Caesarea (early c.4th) and S. Jerome (late c.4th) tell us that he evangelised India; historians suggest it was the Bombay region. After India Bartholomew went on missionary work to Armenia along with his fellow apostle Jude Thaddeus. He is said to have been martyred in Albanopolis in Armenia. He is said to have converted Polymius, the king of Armenia, to Christianity. Astyages, Polymius' brother, consequently ordered Bartholomew's execution. A c.6th writer in Constantinople, Theodorus Lector, tells us that in 507 Emperor Anastasius gave the body of Bartholomew to the city of Dura-Europos. The relics were eventually transferred to Rome in 983 to a church which inherited an old pagan medical centre. This association with medicine caused Bartholomew's name to become associated with medicine and hospitals. One of Bartholomew's arms is venerated in Canterbury Cathedral today.

**Monday 24th August Low Mass
12:30pm, Sung Mass 7pm
Andrew Steer,
a Ridley Hall ordinand
who has been on placement at
LSM for the last month, writes...**



“It will absolutely blow your mind”,

said my tutor regarding LSM. He was trying to allocate students on four-week assignments for our Social Context Placements. Coming from a very ‘low church’ background, I had never really experienced church in the High Anglican tradition, and was really keen to know more. With trepidation I volunteered for this placement.

A brisk walk around the parish with Fr Robert furnished me with a fascinating history of LSM, and I began to realise what a unique church it is. I was intrigued by all the symbolism and meaning, from the act of crossing one’s forehead with water as a reminder of baptism, to the habit of bowing and genuflecting.

Morning and Evening Prayer were familiar daily offices, but new to me were ‘the Angelus’ and the custom of singing the canticle. As time went by, I soon came to love these times of peaceful prayer with a small but faithful band of worshippers. The presence of God was palpable in the beautiful stillness of the Lady Chapel.

Likewise with the magnificent services of High Mass and of Benediction at LSM, I found a real sense of God’s presence through the mystery and wonder of these times of intense worship. Celebrating Mass each day was new to me, but proved to be a welcome blessing and a joy to celebrate so often.

From serenity to a full-on engagement with all the senses, I was privileged to go on a visit with GSS (Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary). I was agog at the incredible service of Benediction, with incense, colour, music, singing all creating an intensity of worship and adoration, which was akin to a charismatic experience.

A long car journey through the depths of beautiful Suffolk took us to the tiny jewel of the Church of St Mary, at Kettlebaston. I was really pleased to be asked to serve as acolyte, and for the first time ever, I donned a cassock and cotta for a church service! Another service of Benediction filled me with awe and wonder,

and the whole afternoon was rounded off with a scrumptious cream tea in the church hall.

At LSM, exceptional worship, beautiful music, and deep, evocative rituals combine to create beautiful encounters with our Lord. Yet God is just as present in the sense of community, and everyone at Little Saint Mary's has made me particularly welcome. Whether it was coffee and cakes after services, wine on special occasions or simply relaxing with a pint outside The Mill on Sunday evenings, I was really made to feel part of LSM.

These four weeks have proved to be a source of deep spiritual refreshment for me, after a long and intense year of study. My spirituality has been deepened and broadened, and I have developed a real appreciation of and respect for the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Attention to detail, reverence and quality of worship are key learning points for me, but perhaps the most striking aspect of life at LSM, and what really 'blew my mind' was the depth of love and fellowship amongst its people.

So many thanks to Fr Robert, and all of my new friends at LSM.

The Vicar writes: It has been lovely having Andrew on placement with us. There is something particularly good about having Ridley Hall ordinands on placement because you can share with them the joy of the catholic tradition for the first time and be reminded what it is like seeing this afresh – and how very biblical our faith is, as evangelical ordinands see the bible come alive in the celebration of the sacraments. Some of you will remember another Ridley ordinand we had for a short time two years ago: **John Barker**. Now-Fr John is establishing an Anglican Church in Yerevan, Armenia and is the Archbishop of Canterbury's personal representative to the Armenian Apostolic Church. Armenia is an ancient Christian country (the first country to convert to the faith in fact) and Fr John is doing wonderful and ecumenical work out there. His time with us, he tells me, provided him with foundations for relating to and understanding the worship and traditions of the Armenian Church (he emails to say how very similar it is!). It's very encouraging for LSM to be able to support so many people preparing for ministry in various forms.

The Annual Medaille Trust Concert



Bob DeWolf Writes:

While the rain poured down on Little Saint Mary's Summer Festival in June, a short distance away at the Unitarian Church, a marvellous musical celebration was taking place in aid of the Medaille Trust. The concert is an annual event that a number of us from LSM have become very fond of, always enjoy tremendously, and have become committed to, while helping to raise funds for this important charity. The Trust is one of the good causes that LSM supports through the Social Responsibility Group, so it was good to have a contingent present.

But what a varied programme! There were, among the many contributions, comic songs: one about a murderous Irish daughter (from Tom Lehrer), some Handel played on a saxophone and songs by Tagore accompanied by sitar and double bass. Absolute highlights were four beautiful pieces – classical and contemporary - played by a young musician from the German Lutheran Church on a concert harp. All followed by a wonderful spread of delicious tea and cakes. What more could you ask for?



At half time, Dr Pamela Cressy updated us briefly on the work of the Trust, a charity which supports women, men and children who have been freed from trafficking. Their important work includes providing safe housing and specialist services for rehabilitation. They also work for the eradication of human trafficking and to raise awareness of this modern form of slavery. For more information see www.medaille.co.uk . There is also usually information at the back of the church.

It was a pity that the event coincided with LSM's festival, but it was well worth joining in. The concert already brings together people from several of Cambridge's churches. Such an event would seem to be a perfect occasion for even more churches to participate next year and for their members to enjoy. The event is definitely something to look out for.

Have something to say in next month's newsletter?
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