

# NEWSLETTER



*This month we have news from our friends in Calcutta and Peru, the Cambridge Archdeacons Cycle Ride, a Charity Canvas Art Exhibition, a report on the Choir's Summer Tour and the usual Vicar's letter, prayers, and intentions...*

## Highlights of November

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### **All Saints' Day & Dedication Festival**

Preacher at 10:30am High Mass: The Rev'd Andrew Mitcham SSC,  
*Vicar of Walsingham, Houghton & the Barshams.*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### **All Souls' Day**

Requiem Masses at 7:45am, 12:30pm and 7pm (High)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

### **Homelessness Project Training Evening**

7.30pm Supper, presentation and questions for any interested in volunteering

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November

### **First Wednesday Fellowship Group** (*after the 10am Mass*)

Jo Wibberley speaks about the work of the Mothers' Union.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November

### **2015 Michael Ramsey Lecture**

5:15pm Bishop Geoffrey Rowell *speaks on* 'Making the Church Poetical: John Keble, his influence now and then'.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November

### **Monthly Healing Mass**

10am preceded by 9:45am prayers for healing in the Lady Chapel

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

### **7:15pm Guild of All Souls' Office**

8pm **Annual Requiem** *for departed members of the CofE Catholic Societies*

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November

### **Children's Advent Afternoon**

2pm Advent activities

3pm Guided Mass for children

4pm Refreshments

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **Saint Andrew's Day**

Low Mass 12.30pm, Sung Mass 7pm

## From the Vicar

James Hannington, Martyr, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Now the clocks have gone back we're reminded it really is autumn and winter is around the corner. The church's calendar reflects the natural calendar: as the light dims and the leaves fall, so the church dedicates the month of November to the Holy Souls, those who have died. It seems very normal at this season for our minds turn to our mortality and those whom we see no longer.

So why does the church encourage this? Why do we indulge this sadness and gloom? Surely the Christian faith is a joyful and hopeful thing? Well, indeed it is, but it is precisely this because it looks at reality without flinching – it faces the truth and does not shy away. And the truth is that people die, that we lose those we love and that it hurts and there is no quick way round it. Christianity believes that the world is 'fallen', by which we mean that it isn't as it ought to be. One way in which the world is not as God intended it to be is that people die and a great gulf of separation is set up between us. In reflecting on these things in November, the church reminds us that she is a place and a people that is concerned with reality, with how things are, not as how we'd like them to be. Christianity is no escapist substitute for life: but then how could a religion that centres on a tortured man dying on a cross be anything else?

Yet we focus on these things in this month, not just because they are what we must face – Christians aren't just honest facers of tragedy – but exactly because of the hope that is given us, primarily in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a triumph and victory over what Saint Paul calls the 'last enemy' that is death. Flowing from the reality of Jesus' resurrection, moreover, are the lives of the saints, Christians through the ages who – by the way they lived and died – have witnessed to the fact of life after death; who have lived in ways that showed there are worse things than dying, who have demonstrated the values of the kingdom of heaven. The eternal value of every life in the eyes of God was shown by the care of Mother Teresa, for example; the value of creation and of material things was shown by Saint Francis of Assisi; the gift of life after death shown by the countless

martyrs, not least those who died in the concentration camps of the twentieth century. God calls all of us to lives of sanctity and each pathway to being a saint is unique to each of us.

The church celebrates all the saints on 1<sup>st</sup> November and prays for all the faithful dead on the day after, 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Yet this is not a clear distinction, for beyond those whom the church recognises by name as saints are the great multitude of the holy known only to God, and who among them still need our prayers and who are already perfected in glory (so far as we can talk of ‘already’ and time, in the context of the world to come) is not clear. What is clear is that we can face the sombreness of death and the reality of loss, because it is not the last word: the last word (literally the ‘omega’ in the last book of the Bible, the Revelation to Saint John) is Jesus. Jesus, who rose from the dead, who took death into Himself and was raised from it on the third day. Because of Him we can face this month of the Holy Souls without fear – death is not the last word, life does go on beyond the grave and, what’s more, by being baptized into His body, we are part of the same family, the same body as the dead. We now share the same homeland, we are fellow-citizens with the saints, as Saint Paul puts it, and so, because of that, we also share a common language: prayer. The dead pray for us as we pray for them. It is the language of the Christian family. This month especially reminds us that we ought to be learning it. For yes, the dead are gone and we see them no longer and that hurts; but yes, too, we are still in the same family and we can still communicate, in the words of our prayers. The saints witness to the extraordinary possibilities of life with God in this world, and on those first two days of November, and throughout this month, we not only ask their prayers for those of us who are still on our earthly pilgrimage but we assist the dead with our prayers, as they continue their pilgrimage into the mystery and the joy that is God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Fr Robert.

PS: If you’re wondering what is happening with the Lady Chapel, don’t despair! We are consulting various bodies and exploring lighting schemes...



# Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service

The latest initiative of the Friends of CRS is to start a 'Freedom Business' in Kolkata. This will involve forming a company to employ women from the slums who have been trained in sewing and embroidery to make textile products for sale both in India and in the UK.

The new company will be called **Nari Dana** which means 'women's wings' in Bengali. A core of 30 women are already working under the leadership of Ritu Ghosh, the production manager, and after a year of training they are already producing excellent wares. This is an exciting new project which will give many poor women a new beginning and protect them from the alternatives which are often grinding domestic service or prostitution. It will provide a livelihood for the women and also enable funds to be generated for CRS.

We have a selection of Nari Dana products such as cushion covers, bags and scarves which were made by the women, and as part of our commitment to help the Cathedral Relief Service, we shall be holding a stall after 10:30 Mass **on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November** to sell these items.

The items are intricate, of great quality, and reasonably priced between £12 and £20 each. Ideal for Christmas presents!

Please come and visit the stall, we promise you won't be disappointed.

### **Garden Working Party**

There will be a garden task on the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November just to give the garden a tidying up and to see that winter flowering plants get a chance. Further details contact [suelmunro@btinternet.com](mailto:suelmunro@btinternet.com)  
01223 880730

### **Looking for a house-sitter?**

One of Fr Andrew's daughters is in the UK from Christmas Day evening until the New Year (with husband and two children). If you need someone to house-sit, or know someone who might, please contact Fr Andrew Greany [andrewgreany@btinternet.com](mailto:andrewgreany@btinternet.com)

**Charity Canvas Art Exhibition**  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 10:30am - 4pm**  
**at the Granary, Stapleford, CB22 5BP**

You are invited to the third Charity Canvas Art Exhibition entitled 'Stuff of Life', organised by White House Arts. All proceeds will be divided between the local charity, Rowan, and Practical Action's weaving project in Bolivia and Peru.

The Exhibition will have over 300 canvases produced by professionals, amateurs and novices, and will include a huge variety of media and styles (painting, embroidery, patchwork, mixed media etc.) All canvases will be for sale anonymously for £45 at the exhibition.

There will be live music, refreshments and free parking during the exhibition at this exciting venue.

*More information can be found at:*

[www.whitehousearts.co.uk](http://www.whitehousearts.co.uk) and [www.staplefordgranary.org.uk](http://www.staplefordgranary.org.uk)

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**Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**November 2015**

**Calendar for November**  
**HM-High Mass**

**LM-Low Mass, SM-Sung Mass,**

<b>SUN</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY &amp; DEDICATION FESTIVAL</b>
<b>Mon</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>ALL SOULS' DAY LM 7:45am &amp; 12:30pm HM 7pm</b>
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Hooker, doctor
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup>	
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup>	of the Sacred Heart
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup>	Willibrord, bishop
<b>SUN</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY before ADVENT (Remembrance)</b>
Mon	9 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Margery Kempe</i>
Tue	10 <sup>th</sup>	Leo the Great, bishop & doctor
Wed	11 <sup>th</sup>	Martin of Tours, bishop
Thu	12 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	13 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Simeon, priest
Sat	14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Samuel Seabury, bishop</i>
<b>SUN</b>	15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY before ADVENT</b>
Mon	16 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret of Scotland, queen
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh of Lincoln, bishop
Wed	18 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth of Hungary
Thu	19 <sup>th</sup>	Hilda of Whitby
Fri	20 <sup>th</sup>	Edmund, king & martyr
Sat	21 <sup>st</sup>	of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<b>SUN</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>CHRIST THE KING (Sunday next before Advent)</b>
Mon	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clement, bishop & martyr
Tue	24 <sup>th</sup>	
Wed	25 <sup>th</sup>	Catherine of Alexandria, martyr
Thu	26 <sup>th</sup>	
Fri	27 <sup>th</sup>	
Sat	28 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>SUN</b>	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>
<b>Mon</b>	30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>S. Andrew, apostle LM 12:30pm, SM 7pm</b>

## Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death* for November

Our Parish & People		1 <sup>st</sup>
Faithful departed		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Our Parish & People		3 <sup>rd</sup>
Anglican theologians	<i>Alfred Whitham</i>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Parliament	<i>Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Rayner, Sally Coni</i>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Vocations to the religious life		6 <sup>th</sup>
Evangelists & Missionaries		7 <sup>th</sup>

Our Parish & People	<i>Dick Richardson, Joyce Wolton</i>	8 <sup>th</sup>
Deepening of our prayer		9 <sup>th</sup>
Pope Francis		10 <sup>th</sup>
Peace		11 <sup>th</sup>
PCC. <small>Churchwardens</small>		12 <sup>th</sup>
Parishes of South Cambridge		13 <sup>th</sup>
The sick	<i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i>	14 <sup>th</sup>

Our Parish & People	<i>Dorothy Marlow, Betty Barnard</i>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Queen	<i>Alan Huskinson</i>	16 <sup>th</sup>
Bishop Stephen	<i>Betty Clough, Dorothy Pickett, Ann Knight</i>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Jimmy's & the CCHP	<i>John Byrom, pr.</i>	18 <sup>th</sup>
Cambridge Street Pastors	<i>Lena Blockley</i>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Persecuted Christians	<i>Joyce Bones</i>	20 <sup>th</sup>
The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham		21 <sup>st</sup>

Our Parish & People	<i>Effie Hunter</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Ordinands		23 <sup>rd</sup>
The unemployed		24 <sup>th</sup>
Friends of Little S. Mary's	<i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley</i>	25 <sup>th</sup>
Medaille Trust	<i>Val Mendel</i>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Mental health care	<i>Freda Jones</i>	27 <sup>th</sup>
Children at LSM	<i>Ronald Fletcher</i>	28 <sup>th</sup>

Our Parish & People		John Clough	29 <sup>th</sup>
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Church in Scotland	<i>Ann Watson, William Thurbon, Harold White, Peter Smith</i>	30 <sup>th</sup>
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## **The Church in Peru Marches Forward**

*from Clive Brown*

The Anglican Church has been in Peru since the 1840s with the first church being built in Callao. The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Miraflores, Lima is the present building where the church moved to in 1949. In 1977 the Diocese of Peru was formed when the decision was taken to establish a Peruvian Anglican Church. The diocese forms part of the Province of the Anglican Church of South America, which also includes the Dioceses of Argentina, Northern Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

In December 2014 we received correspondence from the Bishop of Peru, the Rt Revd William Godfrey (Bishop Bill) saying:

*'The Province has approved our plan to appoint new assistant bishops to take forward the regions of the Diocese, and this is in a process of discernment at the moment. It will ensure good leadership in all the areas of Peru where we are working now and will do in the future. One new area of ministry which is growing is Chiclayo, in the north, where, thanks to generous giving by friends in England, we have been able to buy a good plot of land for developing our mission. Another mission which is growing rapidly is Santa María Magdalena in Juliaca (near Lake Titicaca) where we recently had 20 confirmations.'*

Since then the first Peruvian Anglican Bishops have been consecrated and welcomed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. Alejandro Mesco, Juan Carlos Revilla and Jorge Luis Aguilar will work with Bishop Bill with the intention of the Diocese of Peru becoming its own province. Each bishop will be responsible for an individual diocese within the country once the province is set up.

In a letter to Bishop Bill, the Archbishop described the consecration of the first three Peruvian bishops as a 'bountiful spiritual harvest'; and said that he received news of the development with 'immense joy'. Archbishop Justin went on to say:

*'During my visit in September 2015, I learned how this diocese has grown from eight churches and four clergy in 1998 to an impressive 50 clergy and 50 communities in 2014, and you are still growing...you set an example to the whole Communion, and we rejoice that the church marches forward. I also noted with delight the emphasis on discipleship and the heavy use of Lectio Divina. May God continue to prosper the efforts of the workers and congregations in this fertile mission field. I solemnly urge you to preach the message, to insist upon proclaiming it (whether the time is right or not), to convince, reproach and encourage as you teach with all patience.'*

Apart from all the great work that has already been done, Bishop Bill also informed us of the following:

*'A new mission near [Lake Titicaca] is in La Rinconada, an informal mining area where 80,000 people live and work at 17,000 feet in freezing conditions with no doctors, schools or basic infrastructure. It is a lawless and dangerous place to minister. Women and children, in inadequate clothing and malnourished, grub for gold in the shale tips. Young girls are kidnapped or lured into other areas of Peru and used as prostitutes. There are several murders a week. Please pray for Martin, the young priest who works there.'*

If you would like further information about the work of LSM Global and the global communities that we support, or would like to be involved, please contact the chair Gillian Beard, secretary Clive Brown or any member of the team.

### **Prayer Circle** *from Sue Munro*

A Prayer Circle is a group of people who will pray for anyone who phones in wishing for prayer on a particular day for something special to them. It may be a job interview, giving a talk, a hospital appointment, attending a funeral for someone close, an exam, for healing or for anything that causes someone to seek prayer. Anyone in the circle may take a request and they then ring the next name in the circle.

This would not take a lot of your time. All you need is a telephone and to be willing to pray when required to. You must be discreet and not talk about what you are asked to pray for with anyone other than those in the circle. It can be highly supportive and effective for a relatively small amount of input and can be rewarding to take part in.



*If you are interested please contact:*  
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### **Cambridge Archdeaconry Cycle Ride** **Talk on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 11 am** *from Jo Wibberley*

This year is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union, and as it is also my last year as a Cambridge Archdeaconry Vice-President I am cycling to all 144 churches in the archdeaconry to raise awareness of the Mothers' Union, who we are, what we do, and to dispel some misconceptions. So far I have cycled around 550 miles and visited 125 churches since May and dispelled quite a few misconceptions, including that it is only for mothers. I

have left the Cambridge deaneries until last and hope to complete the tour by the end of November.

I shall be cycling to **LSM on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** and have been invited to talk about the Mothers' Union after the Wednesday 10am Mass and coffee.

Come along to find out what it is about the Mothers' Union that anyone would want to do such a crazy cycle ride!



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Image on the Front Cover: 'In Parenthesis' by David Jones, 1935

Deadline for articles in next month's newsletter, **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**  
email: [melissaguiliano@gmail.com](mailto:melissaguiliano@gmail.com)

**LSM Choir on Tour and the Lessons We Brought Home**  
*from Charlotte Perry*



Four months from tour, and what have we taken away with us from our amazing time in Prague. Looking back at photographs of the Charles Bridge in Prague, with its saints, angels, kings and queens, I was reminded that our tour did not simply stay in Prague – we have brought our experiences back with us across the water to share with you.

**Singing in new spaces:** There is artistry to singing in certain spaces, and, just as an artist may choose to vary her medium – using paper instead of canvas, or chalk rather than oils – in order to express herself better and to become a more experienced artist over time, so do choirs benefit from learning to sing in a variety of venues. Over the tour we sang in the austere Martin ve Zdi, the tiny and beautifully formed Sv Vavrinec ( which we reached by funicular as the way was so steep) and to a full house at Kostel Sv Jakuba at Kutná Hora, a baroque masterpiece built on such a scale that it greedily ate up sound. We quickly became aware that we could not just sing the same way at every venue, as we would risk either deafening the audience or not conveying the excitement and emotional range of the pieces we had brought with us. We learned to adapt, even when tired, and came home a better and more confident choir, more ready to embrace the challenges of new repertoire, and more flexible in our range of dynamic, tone, and colour.

**Learning to fund-raise:** Asking for money is sometimes hard to do. Especially during hard times when many people no longer have the financial resources they might have expected. It is a difficult proposition. However, with the help of the ever-resourceful fund-raising team and the overwhelming generosity of the LSM family we reached our goal. Along the way we learned that although it seems there may be only so much cake a person can consume or so many CDs of metaphysical poetry they can listen to, our choristers (the Richard Bransons of the future?) could push through this barrier with their newly-discovered powers of salesmanship and sell one more cookie to send us on our way. These skills will not simply stay mothballed for the next time we go on tour – we hope to use events throughout this year to raise money for charities who help people in need, thus sharing our time and fund-raising talent to impact our community.

**Valuing each other:** For some of us, the idea that we had to stay with the same people for five whole days, sharing tables, seats, conversation, money, and rooms, seemed a little daunting – would tempers fray in the heat and the close proximity to people that we might barely know? There was, in the end, nothing to worry about and plenty to be grateful for: I have made and deepened friendships and learned much about myself and other people. The bonds created on tour not only have made us better singers, but also better people, more able to appreciate each others' differences.

**Sharing ministry:** Finally, but most importantly, the choir tour has taken us into the world outside LSM to share the message of God's love in Prague and in Cambridge through caroling, concerts and events. For many, appreciation of music is both a first step and a constant companion on a route to God, a way of expressing what prose cannot. We hope that through our music we were able to plant a seed of God's love, and that it may blossom into greater understanding and faith with Him.



## Our new Ordinand on attachment from Westcott House

*She writes...*

My name is Catherine Darkins, but you can call me Cat.

I grew up not so far away from Cambridge in a town called Haverhill. I lived there all my life until I went to university in Canterbury. I studied Theology at Canterbury Christ Church University. It was during my second year that I heard my calling, and decided to start exploring ordained ministry. I was heavily involved in the life of my university Chapel and became their sacristan. I was also apart of a team called The Lighthouse that provided hospitality for students on a night out.

After I graduated, I spent a year in North London working as Pastoral Assistant. Each Pastoral Assistant is different and I spent much of my time in our local primary school and assisting with the general day-to-day worship at church. A highlight of my year was leading the confirmation classes. I also became particularly acquainted with the really important tasks of the church like making service sheets!

Whilst I was still finishing up the discernment process I came back to Cambridge and worked as a Nursery Nurse. My particular skills with children involve how to have lots fun and get messy whilst doing it! I have just begun my first year of three years ordination training at Westcott House, after which I will hopefully return to Canterbury Diocese to begin my curacy.

In my spare time I like to play board games with my friends. I am also very creative and enjoy knitting, sewing and crafting. Recently I have joined two of my great passions and begun to make prayer blankets.

I feel very honoured to be able to join you all at LSM and look forward to the next few years together.

