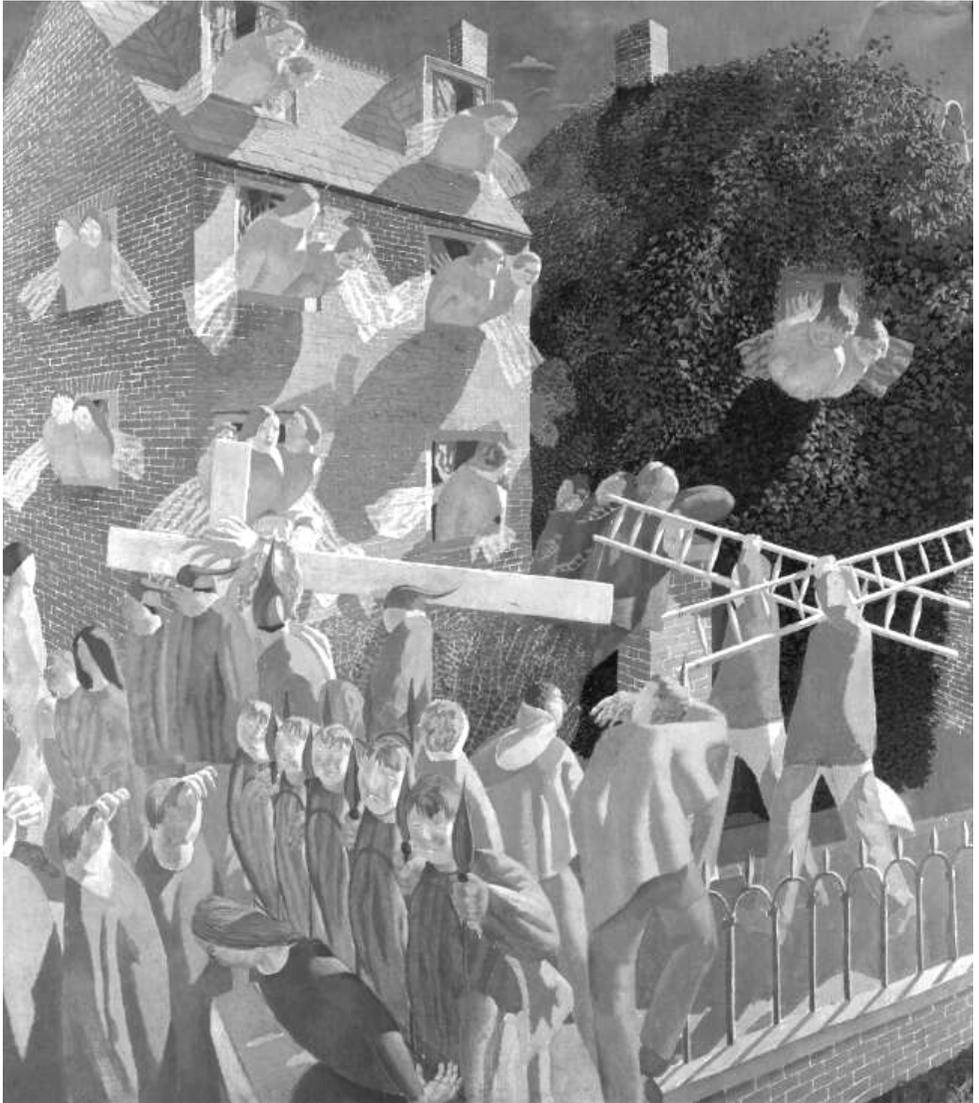


# NEWSLETTER



*...this month we have: How we might help the Syrian Refugees, a trip to CamTrust, Whitworth House, this year's Poverty and Isolation Conference, and the usual Vicar's letter, and Prayers and Intentions for this month.*

## Highlights of March

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**12noon Lectio Divina** – *praying with the scriptures*

**7:30pm Lent Group III** – *exploring the work of Jimmy's, Cambridge*

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Friends of LSM visit to Eton College**

*Depart LSM at 9am. See Paul Huskinson ([kingco@btconnect.com](mailto:kingco@btconnect.com)) for details.*

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March

**12noon Lectio Divina** – *praying with the scriptures*

**7:30pm Lent Group IV** – *exploring the Forum Lunch Club for dementia sufferers*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**10am Monthly Mass of Healing** (with anointing and laying on of hands)

Preceded in the Lady Chapel by prayers for the sick at 9:45am

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March

**12noon Lectio Divina** – *praying with the scriptures*

**7:30pm Lent Group V** – *exploring the work of the Friends of Fulbourn Hospital*

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary**

**7:30pm Stations of the Cross** at S. Clement's Church, Bridge Street

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March

**Feast of S. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

10am Sung Mass

**See the page later in this newsletter  
for details of our keeping of Holy Week and Easter**

**Save the date!**

**7pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the Feast of S. Mark the Evangelist:**

We're delighted to welcome the Rt Rev'd Graeme Knowles, Assistant Bishop of Ely, to celebrate Mass, preach and confirm members of our congregation. Please make a special effort to be present to support our candidates.

# From the Vicar

26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

‘We are now in a post-fact era’. These striking and alarming words reached my ears while listening to an American political commentator explaining on *Newsnight* the success of Donald Trump. By the time you read this it may be that Donald Trump has failed to secure the Republican nomination for President and he has already become old news. Equally, he may be looking increasingly certain of securing it.

I’m not so interested in American politics as in that extraordinary statement: we are in a post-fact era. What the commentator was saying was that it didn’t matter if one was stating things that were simply and incontestably untrue – if people felt like you were right or were sympathetic then not even the facts would dissuade them. More to the point he observed that one of the things the Trump campaign was short on, like many movements and campaigns these days, was facts.

Facts seem to have been replaced with feelings. University students demand ‘trigger warnings’ in case someone says something that might offend them or if a play or novel is controversial; Twitter and Facebook invite instantaneous ‘liking’ of things and the posting of comments without any time for wise reflection. We seem to be at an all-time low in terms of coping with the existence of people who disagree with us. The church is in a state of panic because there are people who are not Christians and in public political discourse now opponents are not just wrong but morally wicked.

Feelings are a dangerously unreliable place to anchor oneself and the extent to which disagreement invites visceral outrage is a measure of people’s fear that their feelings and sense of how the world is are very fragile.

This year March is the month of Holy Week and Easter. I occasionally say to Confirmation candidates that if they never came to church all year but came for Holy Week and Easter, in a sense they would have done their duty. I trust they’ll never take me seriously! What I mean by this is that

the whole Christian faith and the living of the Christian life is both summed up and spread before us by this week. Everything revolves around the Paschal Mystery. Holy Week and Easter is the 'still point in a turning world' as T.S. Eliot put it. It is in the events, the facts of Jesus' death and resurrection – more certainly testified to than almost anything else in the ancient world – that we can put our trust and anchor ourselves.

How do we do this? First, by simply being present. Sharing in the journey from the acclamation of Palm Sunday, through the gifts of Maundy Thursday and the condemnation and death of Good Friday to the resurrection of Easter Night is itself a form of anchoring as we are immersed in and shaped by these events. God's grace means that we are not just 'doing some services' but we are in a real sense sharing in the events as if they were happening now.

Secondly, the fact that death has finally been defeated, that evil is only ever victorious for a time and – perhaps for our generation most important of all – that the universe evolved for a purpose and from and through and for love means that we need not be afraid. When Mother Julian of Norwich said that 'all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well' she was not uttering random cheery thoughts to get you through a damp and grey season but speaking after terrible sufferings and from a hard-won conviction of God's love and purpose. Similarly, in anchoring our lives in the death and resurrection of Jesus we are being made part of a still point amid the turning of the world that takes seriously and folds into itself the reality of death. There is *optimism* based on closing your eyes and sticking your fingers in your ears: this is not Christianity. There is however also *hope*, based on facing the horror, not without fear but without turning back, knowing that even in situations of Godforsakenness there is one with you who has known Godforsakenness too: Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

May Holy Week and Easter be a wonderful, profound and challenging time for us all and may we so share in it that it becomes for us that safe anchor and resilient fact with which we can face all that the world throws at us and do so with grace and love.

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

Fr Robert.

## ‘When is the Lady Chapel going to be done?’

*Fr Robert writes...*

This is a good question! I’m as impatient as you are but I must confess that part of the fault is mine. You’ll recall that in the original plans to implement the 2010 Quinquennial Inspection recommendations the only thing that was going to happen was that the Lady Chapel walls would have the plaster repaired where necessary and then be repainted. With the foolish enthusiasm of a new vicar I decided that we should do better than that and that a more thorough redecoration could be undertaken. This required our architect to find a colleague who could take this on given that his plans originally had not made provision for working on something as substantial as this. It also meant considerable time pondering chair shapes and styles and how we might light the chapel and what manner of stars might adorn a newly-blue ceiling. Some of this is ongoing.

In the course of these plans, however, it became clear that the government *Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund* was to be given a second tranche of money and that we might apply to it for the repair of the Lady Chapel roof. That roof has no felt under it and the tiles and mortar are damaged in various places and the rainwater goods need work. Instead of the uncertainty of leaving this until the next quinquennial it was decided to make an application to have it repaired while we redecorate the interior of the chapel. Applications only closed on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February – hence the considerable wait. If we are successful, however, it will be a major piece of work done at considerably less cost to us than otherwise would have been necessary. Do please spare a prayer for our application!

All being well – and if our bid is successful – we will begin work in October and finish it shortly after Christmas. The result will be a structurally secure and very beautifully decorated Lady Chapel. Something I hope you will agree is worth waiting for!

***Deadline for next month’s newsletter: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March***

Front Cover: *Christ Carrying the Cross*, Sir Stanley Spencer, oil on canvas, 1959

## Tackling Poverty and Isolation Conference

This year's conference will be held at the Meadows Community Centre (St Catharine's Road) on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 10:30am until 3pm.**

This follows on from our first conference held on the same theme last March, which was well received by those attending. This year's conference will provide:

- an update on various Anti-Poverty initiatives in the city
- an opportunity to meet others working in the field
- opportunities to share information and to look at future joint working
- and a chance to be a part of shaping local solutions for local issues.

Morning workshops sessions will include:

- food waste and the food poverty agenda
- Financial inclusion issues including roll out of Universal Credit in Cambridge
- Local solutions to tackling poverty and isolation

Post-lunch sessions will be around working together thematically to find common links with one another and try to identify ways we can work smarter and achieve more.

The final programme will be sent out in due course.

Please sign up now using the email address below and please use this address for any future correspondence in relation to the conference:

[tackling-poverty@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:tackling-poverty@cambridge.gov.uk)

*If you are aware of anyone else who may be interested in participating, please do pass on the information.*

### **Do you enjoy baking?**

If so, we are looking for more people to join the Social Committee, to provide food and refreshments for certain events. If you are interested and think you may like to help us, even on a very occasional basis, please have a chat with Vicki Farmer.



## **Calendar and Intentions**

**for**

**March 2016**

*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 March

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

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> S. David, Patron of Wales  
Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> *S. Chad, bishop & missionary*  
Thu 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

## **SUN 6<sup>th</sup> FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Mothering Sunday)**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> *Ss Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs*  
Tue 8<sup>th</sup> *Edward King, Bishop*  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup>  
Thu 10<sup>th</sup>  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup>

## **SUN 13<sup>th</sup> FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Passiontide begins)**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>  
Tue 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wed 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thu 17<sup>th</sup> *S. Patrick, bishop*  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> *S. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop*  
Sat 19<sup>th</sup> **S. Joseph, Husband of the B.V.M. SM 10am**

## **SUN 20<sup>th</sup> PALM SUNDAY**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> **in Holy Week LM & Address 7pm**

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> **in Holy Week LM & Address 7pm**

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> **in Holy Week LM & Address 7pm**

**Thu 24<sup>th</sup> MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> GOOD FRIDAY**

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> HOLY SATURDAY**

## **SUN 27<sup>th</sup> EASTER DAY**

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **in Easter week**

Tue 29<sup>th</sup> **in Easter week**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> **in Easter week**

Thu 31<sup>st</sup> **in Easter week**

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

The Church in Wales		1 <sup>st</sup>
Jimmy's		2 <sup>nd</sup>
Ordinands	<i>Ceta Cherry, Harold Auckland</i>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Emergency Services	<i>Stephen Barnard</i>	4 <sup>th</sup>
Friends of LSM		5 <sup>th</sup>
Our Parish & People		6 <sup>th</sup>
Persecuted Christians	<i>Geoffrey Clayton, bp</i>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Bishop Stephen	<i>Jessie Rolph</i>	8 <sup>th</sup>
The Forum Lunch Club		9 <sup>th</sup>
Cambridge City Council		10 <sup>th</sup>
Westcott House		11 <sup>th</sup>
The Homeless		12 <sup>th</sup>
Our Parish & People	<i>Elsie Murrell, Helen Dex, Beryl Oliver</i>	13 <sup>th</sup>
Those preparing for Baptism & Confirmation		14 <sup>th</sup>
Churchwardens	<i>Violet Barnard, Elizabeth Lampe, Michael Ogden</i>	15 <sup>th</sup>
Patience	<i>Teresa Pike, Jean Gustard</i>	16 <sup>th</sup>
The people and church in Ireland	<i>Richard Boulind, Ann Robinson</i>	17 <sup>th</sup>
Peace in the Holy Land		18 <sup>th</sup>
All Fathers	<i>Mary McDougall, Eileen Barnard</i>	19 <sup>th</sup>
Our Parish & People		20 <sup>th</sup>
A good keeping of our Lord's Passion	<i>Constance Hennings, Margaret Bottrall</i>	21 <sup>st</sup>
Fulbourn Hospital	<i>Emily Glennie, Nellie Edwards,</i>	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Strength to maintain Lenten Discipline	<i>Merlin Rotherham-Brown, Ken Topley</i>	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Faithfulness in watching with Christ	<i>George Head</i>	24 <sup>th</sup>
<i>No Mass</i>		25 <sup>th</sup>
<i>No Mass</i>	<i>Philip Hall</i>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Our Parish & People		27 <sup>th</sup>
Deeper appreciation of the Eucharist	<i>John Gilling, pr.</i>	28 <sup>th</sup>
The elderly		29 <sup>th</sup>
Spiritual Directors		30 <sup>th</sup>
The PCC	<i>Pamela Horne</i>	31 <sup>st</sup>

# HOLY WEEK 2016

## **PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**10:15am Meet opposite the Mill Pub for Blessing of Palms & Procession with Emmanuel URC, followed by Mass.**

## **MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK**

**7pm Mass with homily**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**10{30am Ely Cathedral Chrism Mass; 7pm High Mass of the Lord's Supper** (*including Washing of Feet, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of Altars & Watch of the Passion*).  
*Preacher: The Rev'd Andrew Bowyer, Chaplain of Trinity College*

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**9am Morning Prayer & Litany (BCP)**

**12noon Preaching of the Passion** (*The Rev'd Alan Ashton*)

**1:30pm Liturgy of the Passion** (*including S. John Passion, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion*) *Preacher: The Rev'd Alan Ashton*

**5pm Children's Stations of the Cross**

**9pm Tenebrae** (*candlelit vigil of the Lord's Passion*)

## **HOLY SATURDAY**

**9am Morning Prayer**

## **EASTER DAY**

**9pm (Saturday) Paschal Vigil & First Mass of Easter**

**8am Holy Communion**

**10.30am High Mass** *Preacher: The Vicar*

**6pm Evensong & Benediction**

# Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign

Cambridge Refugee Resettlement Campaign is a group of volunteers which helps to welcome refugees and those seeking asylum in Cambridge(shire). We work together with the Cambridge City Council on resettling and welcoming Syrians coming to Cambridge through the government's resettlement scheme. The biggest needs at the moment are housing for refugees and foster parents for unaccompanied minors. But if you want to help in other ways, just get in touch via [www.cambridgerefugees.org](http://www.cambridgerefugees.org)

## **Calling on landlords to offer a house to refugees...**

The biggest bottleneck for resettling refugees in Cambridge is housing, and we are urgently searching for landlords who would be willing to rent their property to the City Council in order to house refugees. The Home Office has the following rules about housing for these resettled refugees:

- The property has to be family-sized in Cambridge City area (see map below) and has to have a separate entrance
- The property must be available for a minimum of two years, with a preference for three years.
- The rent paid to the landlord will correspond to the Local Housing Allowance Rate <https://lha-direct.voa.gov.uk/search.aspx>

If you are a landlord and willing to consider housing a refugee, we would be extremely thankful if you get in touch. Please email John-Richard Lloyd: [john-richard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:john-richard@hotmail.co.uk) or contact [crrc@gmail.com](mailto:crrc@gmail.com) to get in touch with us.

## **Fostering refugee children - talk to local foster families to find out more**

Refugee children who are orphaned or have been separated from parents and families need a loving and caring foster family to help them rebuild their devastated lives. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a foster parent - or other support you can provide to children in need - then come along to our coffee and cake morning and talk to experienced foster carers about the rewards and challenges of becoming a foster carer here in Cambridgeshire.

The coffee and cake morning is being hosted by CRRC's Unaccompanied Children's Initiative at Jesus Lane Friends' Meeting House from 11am to 1pm on Friday 26th February in the Aldren Wright Room on the first floor. Drop in for a chat. Kids are welcome.

For information on other events and activities we are organising please see our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/UnaccompaniedChildrenInitiative/?fref=ts>

or contact [adrian.matthews1@ntlworld.com](mailto:adrian.matthews1@ntlworld.com)



### **PLEASE DON'T FORGET...**

**To sign up for the church Electoral Roll  
if you have not already done so.**

Anyone who is a regular member of the congregation should be included.  
Application forms are available at the back of the church.

**If you have changed your address or any other contact details,  
please let us know so that the Roll is kept up to date.**

**The closing date for applications is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.**

(This gives time for the new members to be added to the Roll, in preparation  
for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April)

# A Visit to CamTrust

*from Bob DeWolf*

Earlier this year, I paid a visit to CamTrust, one of the organisations that LSM supports via the Social Responsibility Group. Gill Riley, the office manager was more than happy to show me around, to introduce students and staff and to spend time talking about their work.

CamTrust is a charity that gives students with learning disabilities the life skills needed to help them become more independent. The life skills and work skills that are taught there make a good list: cookery, shopping, health and safety, magazine designing, printing, crafts, travel training and more. But when you hear about some of the activities in particular you get a better sense of how this works, and how they are linking in with community life in Histon and Impington: singing at the Bramley Court nursing home, running a weekly café at the Methodist Church and designing and writing for the quarterly CamTrust magazine, to mention a few.

Imparting life skills is clearly an important part of the work. I heard how CamTrust runs sessions (and expeditions) on how to use public transport. Some students have had to pay for taxis - still expensive after discounts - to get to the centre. Being able to make sense of timetables, judge times and changes and know about different fares can make a huge difference to the students' lives.

Cooking is another life skill which Gill highlighted. The students once a week organise and then cook a substantial lunch for themselves and for staff. It was also lovely to hear how, at Darwin Nurseries (another centre for adult learning), CamTrust's students have taken part in "Fruitful Learning". January's event was to make all sorts of apple dishes. This month it is making marmalade, which they are looking forward to.

The charity has had to transform its finances over the last year or so, as it is no longer primarily funded and staffed by the regional colleges. It has been a big effort, but CamTrust runs several new fund-raising activities, among them monthly pop-up sales, bike refurbishment and the weekly café mentioned above. Their initiatives have borne fruit, and in response, the

local Histon community, and Cambridge organisations too, have responded very well with donations and support.

No doubt some of you are pretty well informed now after you heard John Clarkson, a CamTrust trustee, talk about the charity's work at the first of the Lent Conversations on Social Justice. It was good to see CamTrust kicking off the series. As for my visit to CamTrust, it confirmed my belief that CamTrust is an excellent choice of charity for LSM to continue to support.

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## **The Friends of Whitworth House**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Whitworth House will be held **at the House, 109 Chesterton Road, Cambridge CB4 3AR** at **7pm.on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016.**

This is an important meeting.  
More information from Tim Wheatley 01223 246079  
[tim.wheatley@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.wheatley@btinternet.com)

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## **Kathryn Waite, ordinand on placement for Lent, Holy Week & Easter, writes...**

“My name is Kathryn Waite and I was born and brought up in Folkestone on the Kent coast. My early church experience was of the United Reformed Church, although at the age of ten we moved as a family to a middle-of-the-road Anglican church and I was confirmed by the Bishop of Dover in Dover College chapel when I was 15. I went to medical school at the Royal Free Hospital in London before house jobs in Rugby and King’s Lynn. We moved to Cambridge nearly 20 years ago for senior house officer jobs and we have not moved since! After too many postgraduate exams I became a consultant oncologist, specialising in lung cancer, working part time between the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, King’s Lynn and Addenbrooke’s which continues to be my “day job” along with some undergraduate teaching.

“Since being in Cambridge I have worshipped at St Philip’s Church on Mill Road, which is rather different from Little St Mary’s! Nearly six years ago I felt (surprisingly to me) that God was calling me into Ordained Ministry. I am now half way through my three years of part time ordination training on the ERM (Eastern Regional Ministry Course) while continuing to practise as a doctor. So life is rather busy!

“I am married to Dave who is a civil servant and we have a 13-year-old daughter, Charlotte. In my free time (what there is of it) I love to sing, although I have had to give up singing in a choir regularly owing to my other commitments. I also enjoy cycling, so I can sometimes be seen pedalling around the lanes of Cambridgeshire at the weekends. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all at Little Saint Mary’s and journeying through Lent alongside you.”



## CONVERSATIONS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Responsibility Group at Little St Mary's is holding a series of five CONVERSATIONS ON SOCIAL JUSTICE during Lent, as part of our commitment to thinking through, and acting upon, a Christian response to poverty, hunger and social inequality, as well as direct engagement with problems which are tackled by the charities we support, including mental health, disabilities, vulnerability at home and in the streets. The format of each conversation will be a 15- or 20-minute talk given by a representative of a local charity, followed by a 20- or 25-minute theological reflection.

**2 March** JIMMY'S, Henry Brown (CEO); Paul Dominiak, Dean of Chapel, Jesus College

**9 March** FORUM LUNCH CLUB FOR OLDER PEOPLE, Fiona Blake (consultant psychiatrist); Max Kramer, assistant curate at Little St Mary's

**16 March** FRIENDS OF FULBOURN HOSPITAL & COMMUNITY, John Nicholson (chaplain); Hannah McManus, pastoral assistant at Little St Mary's

The CONVERSATIONS will take place at 7:30pm in the Parish Centre.