

Little Saint Mary's, Cambridge
NEWSLETTER

September 2016: No. 494



September is the month of the Angels as we celebrate Ss Michael, Gabriel, Raphael and all the Angels on 29th. This newsletter contains details of the MU Prayer Breakfast, the parish Retreat to Walsingham and information on our monthly bible study together with the usual intentions for prayer and more.

Highlights of September

Thursday 8th September

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Saturday 10th September

Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (CBS) District Festival

12noon Sung Mass followed by lunch and then Vespers & Benediction

All are welcome. The CBS exists to increase love for the Eucharist among Anglicans.

Saturday 10th September

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust Ride, Drive and Stride

See www.rideandstrideuk.org for more information

A chance to visit (on bicycle, foot or by car) many historic local Churches and raise money for both LSM and those churches

Wednesday 14th September

Holy Cross Day

Low Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7pm *followed by refreshments*

Saturday 17th September

3pm Nuptial Mass of Hanna Weibye & Jon Sanders

Hanna and Jon would be delighted to see members of the congregation at their wedding.

Wednesday 21st September

Feast of S. Matthew, apostle & evangelist

Low Mass 10am, Sung Mass 7pm *followed by refreshments*

Saturday 24th September

Friends of LSM Annual Festival and Harvest lunch

Preacher at 12noon Sung Mass: The Rev'd Hugh Mead, Reader Emeritus at the Temple Church, London. Non-members of the Friends are very welcome to this celebration of friendship & harvest.

Sunday 25th September

Harvest Festival *continues the celebration begun yesterday.*

Thursday 29th September

Feast of S. Michael & All Angels

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

From the Vicar

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Although our church year begins at Advent it is difficult not to think of September as something of a new year too. Not only do schools go back and people return to work after holidays but in Cambridge we are also conscious of the universities coming to life again and new trainee priests arriving at Westcott House and Ridley Hall.

Here at LSM we also begin new things. We welcome Yaroslav Walker as our Pastoral Assistant. Yaro comes to us from a similar role in London having previously been a student of philosophy and theology at Oxford where he also came to faith and began to explore a vocation to the ordained ministry. We welcome him and his fiancée Amy (who is here training to be a secondary school teacher).

We also welcome Fr Max! Odd as this may sound he is being relicensed by the Archdeacon of Cambridge on 20th September as an Associate Priest. He will still be here with us but the relicensing marks his completion of three years as our Assistant Curate and the Bishop recognising that he has passed that initial stage in his ministry, now sharing the same title as Fr Mark. You won't notice any difference but we're delighted that Fr Max has reached this new stage and look forward to his continued ministry here.

Many of you will recall that our annual Friends' Festival took place at Pentecost. Recognising that a vast majority of members of the Friends live away from Cambridge and will be involved in their own parish churches we decided last year to do a new thing and move the Festival to a Saturday to make it easier for distant Friends to attend. Our Festival is thus on Saturday 24th September. There will be a Sung Mass at noon (I'm delighted that the Rev'd Hugh Mead, Reader Emeritus at the Temple Church in London and a long term member of the Friends, is to be our preacher). This will be followed by a hot lunch – with a harvest theme! The event is not just open to members of the Friends but all members of the congregation are warmly invited to come. A further incentive this year is that my predecessor Fr Andrew Greany will be coming along with twenty of the congregation of S. Barnabas, Jericho, Oxford where he presently ministers. It will be wonderful to welcome him home and also to offer hospitality to fellow Christians from Oxford. I really hope a good number of you can be present for this. The lunch is provided free of charge – so no ticket is needed.

That's three new things and there are still two more! The fourth new thing is that you will be pleased to know that we are making good progress on our plans for the Lady Chapel. Sarah Dani, a colleague of our architect and surveyor Iain Frearson from Freeland Rees Roberts, has been working on the plans and they are nearing completion. I'm particularly pleased that Matthew Beesley (who has done a lot of work for us previously, not least in the Lady Chapel twenty years ago) is assisting us with touching up the colours in the altar piece. Plans will be available to view shortly and I hope we may be able to begin work before the end of the year. I'm very excited about this.

At the same time we are looking at a permanent physical memorial to Fr John Hughes, who died in June 2014. The PCC agreed that this should be in the form of Stations of the Cross and that the new Stations should incorporate the current small tiles that are on the church walls. The amazing people at the Cardozo Kindersley Workshop on Victoria Road have produced a wonderful design and are presently carving a sample Station so that donors and interested parties can have a clear sense of what it will look like. It will be a significant piece of public sacred art, a worthy memorial to Fr John and – of course – a powerful focus for our devotion, especially in Lent. I am hoping that the vast majority of the money for this project (£70,000) will come from individuals beyond the congregation who knew Fr John (not least the 1,000 people at his funeral) but of course LSM people will be more than welcome to donate. There will be a flier with lots of information available very soon. Do speak to me if you would like to know more.

Amid all this novelty and excitement at the beginning of 'term' there is also the *cantus firmus* of our daily round of prayer and Eucharist without which I for one would be quite lost. If you can't join us in person for the Offices or Mass always know that we are praying for the whole parish and in your own prayers imagine being here in church as you pray, a reminder of our unity in Christ amid the changes and novelties of the world.

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

Fr Robert.



Calendar and Intentions

for

September 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 September

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

Thu 1st *S. Giles, Hermit*
Fri 2nd *Martyrs of Papua New Guinea*
Sat 3rd *S. Gregory the Great, Bishop & Doctor*

SUN 4th FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 5th
Tue 6th
Wed 7th
Thu 8th Birth of the BVM LM 7:45am, SM 7pm
Fri 9th *Charles Lowder, Priest*
Sat 10th *Of Requiem (Noon Mass: of the Blessed Sacrament)*

SUN 11th SIXTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 12th
Tue 13th *S. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor*
Wed 14th Holy Cross Day LM 10am, SM 7pm
Thu 15th *S. Cyprian, Martyr*
Fri 16th *S. Ninian, Bishop*
Sat 17th *S. Hildegard of Bingen, Abbess*

SUN 18th SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 19th *S. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop*
Tue 20th *John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop & Companions, Martyrs*
Wed 21st S. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist LM 10am, SM 7pm
Thu 22nd
Fri 23rd
Sat 24th *Our Lady of Walsingham*

SUN 25th EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY after TRINITY

Mon 26th
Tue 27th *S. Vincent de Paul, Priest*
Wed 28th
Thu 29th S. Michael & All Angels
Fri 30th *S. Jerome, Doctor*

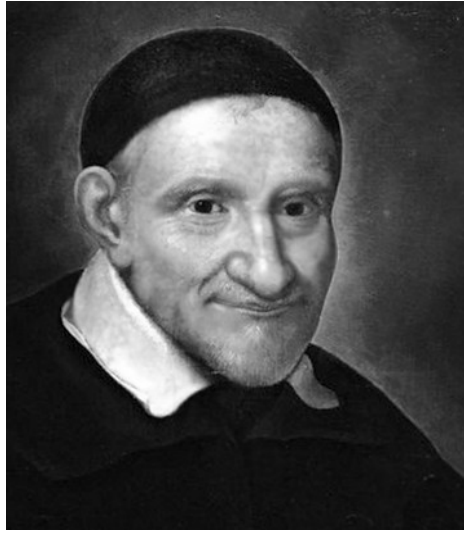
Daily Intentions and *Anniversaries of death for September*

Our Pastoral Assistant		1 st
Papua New Guinea Church Partnership		2 nd
Conversion of England	<i>Ernest Cherry, Queenie Windeatt</i>	3 rd
Our Parish & People	<i>Richard Barlow Poole</i>	4 th
The Homeless	<i>David Mossop</i>	5 th
Those in debt		6 th
Social Workers	<i>Ian Ledsham, Kimji Popat</i>	7 th
Marian Shrines		8 th
Cambridge Theological Federation	<i>Helen Kinnier Wilson, Ivan Buchanan</i>	9 th
The faithful departed		10 th
Our Parish & People	<i>Christine Stevenson, Joyce Bird, Joan White</i>	11 th
Westcott House		12 th
All preachers		13 th
Those who suffer	<i>Lilian Fletcher, Doris White, Patrick Theobald</i>	14 th
All Martyred Christians		15 th
The Church in Scotland		16 th
Religious women	<i>Leslie Norman, Edith Butcher</i>	17 th
Our Parish & People		18 th
The Archbishop of Canterbury	<i>Rose Linsey-Bird, Hannah Dennett</i>	19 th
The Church in Melanesia	<i>Lily Wythe</i>	20 th
Christian witness		21 st
Jimmy's Cambridge		22 nd
Increase in prayer	<i>Michael Rowett</i>	23 rd
The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham	<i>Ian Thompson, pr., Stephen Sykes, bp., Ena Matheson, Nellie Harnwell</i>	24 th
Our Parish & People	<i>Joan Wardill</i>	25 th
Refugees	<i>Richard Bainbridge</i>	26 th
The newly Ordained		27 th
Increase in scriptural learning		28 th
Zeal in fighting evil	<i>Derek Gibbons</i>	29 th
All Christians		30 th

Saints of September

27th September – Vincent de Paul

Merciful God,
whose servant Vincent de Paul,
by his ministry of preaching
and pastoral care,
brought Thy love to the sick
and the poor:
give to all Thy people
a heart of compassion
that by word and action



they may serve Thee
in serving others in their need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Born in 1581 at Ranquine in Gascony, Vincent was educated by the Franciscans and was ordained at the age of nineteen. He was something of a token priest (making a profit out of an ecclesiastical career at the royal court) until his conversion in 1609, when he resolved to devote himself and all he owned to works of charity, working with the marginalised and forgotten in France. He founded communities for men and, with Louise de Marillac, helped to begin the Sisters of Charity, the first community of women not to be enclosed and which was devoted to caring for the poor and sick. Vincent worked for the relief of galley slaves, victims of war, convicts and many other groups of needy people. He became a legend in his own lifetime and died on this day in the year 1660.

The Society of S. Vincent de Paul was founded in Paris in 1833 by a group of Catholic students who, led by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam, aimed to put their faith into action through direct contact and assistance to the poor. Inspired by the work and teachings of S. Vincent, the group placed itself under his patronage. A few years after its foundation, the organisation had grown in numbers and soon spread to other countries. By 1844, the first Conference of Charity had been formed in England & Wales. The Roman Catholic Society founded by Frederic almost two centuries later would continue its work not just in France, but across the world. The work would be undertaken by ordinary people who felt called to turn concern into practical action and to alleviate poverty in all its forms.

Parish Retreat to Walsingham 14th - 16th October



The Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham, Norfolk, has been a place of pilgrimage since the 11th century when Richeldis de Faverches, a noblewoman in the village, had a vision from the Blessed Virgin Mary asking her to build a replica of her family house in Nazareth. After much prayer a spring of water revealed to Richeldis where to build the house and it was erected practically overnight. From that moment on people began to visit this little church and find it a place of healing, forgiveness and profound prayer. Destroyed at the Reformation and rebuilt in the 1930s, Walsingham welcomes thousands of pilgrims every year and has long been popular with LSM.

Our retreat will last from Friday evening (departing around 6pm) until Sunday afternoon (returning around 6pm). The Shrine is a wonderful place and to be heartily recommended to anyone unsure or who has never been before. Our programme will be:

Friday

Arrive, First Visit to the Shrine and supper

Saturday

Morning and early afternoon free

5pm Shrine Prayers

6pm Pilgrimage Mass

8:15pm Sermon, Procession & Benediction (Confession available afterwards)

Sunday

11.am Parish Mass (at St. Mary's Church)

2:30pm Sprinkling at the Well, Laying-on of Hands and Anointing

4pm Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Last Visit

The cost of food and accommodation for the weekend is an excellent value £125. Both the bedrooms and the meals are of very good quality. Depending on the number of people who want to come we will either hire a coach or travel in cars. Please contact Patricia Davies, Churchwarden, for more information or to book: trishviola@icloud.com

Bible Study Group

Clive Brown writes:

A group has grown out of a Confirmation Class to meet and study the Bible under Fr Robert's guidance. We meet approximately every two months, and Fr Robert recommends reading to prepare for the next session. These are excellent and enjoyable study tutorials and discussions, and we would like to share them more widely.

We meet next on Saturday, 1st October at 4:30pm in the Parish Centre, followed by Evening Prayer at 6pm. We are at present studying S. John's Gospel, and will be discussing Chapters 3 and 4 in October.

Please do join us.

From Fr Richard Stanton

Dear friends,

I wanted to drop you a line to thank you very warmly for your gifts, cards, good wishes and especially your prayers on the occasion of my Ordination to the Priesthood and my First Mass. Particular thanks to those who contributed to the magnificent Ordination present from LSM – the glorious chasuble in 'Sarum red' silk damask which I wore for the First Mass on 5 July. Thanks too to Fr Robert for blessing the full High Mass set on the Feast of S. Thomas, to Jill Biddle for her work on the dalmatic and tunic and especially to Lucy McKitterick for her exquisite embroidery and representation of our Crucified Lord on the reverse of the chasuble: a masterful and prayerful piece of work. I was so pleased that many of you were able to travel to Norfolk to be with me for the Ordination and to join in the offering of the First Mass the following Tuesday evening. The vestments will be a happy reminder of our fellowship in the Lord for, I hope, very many years to come.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Richard

PS You are always welcome to visit and it will be a delight to see you!



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SATURDAY BREAKFAST



SEPTEMBER 2016

9am

St. James' Church, Wulfstan Way, Cambridge

(CB1 8QJ, car park or No. 2 Bus from City Centre to Addenbrooke's)

Speaker: Mrs Jean Thomson

(The Bishop of Huntingdon's wife and Ely Diocesan Mothers' Union Vice-President)

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