

LITTLE S. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE

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NEWSLETTER



*This newsletter contains:
Impressions of the Coronation Street Party; Camtrust at Thirty;
Garden News; plus the usual Vicar's letter,
daily intentions for prayer and more.*

Notable dates in June

Sunday 4th June

Trinity Sunday *Preacher:* The Rev'd Justin White, Senior Provost, The Woodard Foundation

Thursday 8th June

Corpus Christi – the Church's Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion
7.45am Low Mass at LSM; 7pm High Mass **at S. Bene't's** (with procession through the streets with the Cambridge University Brass Band) and Benediction at LSM.

Preacher at 7pm: The Rev'd Jennifer Totney, Director of Contextual Training, Westcott House

Monday 12th June

S. Barnabas, apostle (*transferred from 11th*)

12.30pm Low Mass; 7pm Sung Mass (*followed by refreshments*)

Wednesday 14th June

10am Monthly Healing Mass *with laying-on of hands and anointing with oil*

Saturday 24th June

Birth of S. John the Baptist

10am Sung Mass followed by coffee and cake

Saturday 24th June

12 noon Sung Eucharist at Ely Cathedral in honour of S. Etheldreda

Celebrant: The Bishop of Ely

Preacher: The Archbishop of York

Sunday 25th June

Third Sunday after Trinity

4pm Evensong and collation and installation of Fr Robert as Honorary Canon of Ely Cathedral (*at Ely Cathedral*)

Thursday 29th June

Ss Peter & Paul, apostles

7.45am Low Mass

7pm High Mass *followed by refreshments*

From the Vicar

2nd June 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June is traditionally the month of the Sacred Heart. I used to find this rather bizarre: what is a ‘sacred heart’? Does it mean one has a divine left ventricle or a holy aorta? Well, obviously not! Rather, the Sacred Heart speaks of the heart as the seat of our emotions and feelings – as in ‘she’s a good-hearted person’ or ‘I was heartbroken’. Another way of speaking of the Sacred Heart, therefore, might be to talk about the Divine Compassion. It is a way of saying that Jesus loves us, that His human heart beats with compassion for us. It is a way of speak of Jesus as both human and divine: a person with a human heart that expresses and unites itself with the divine will. God does not love us coldly and indifferently, but with an ardent desire. The love is not just theoretical or official but affective, tangible.

It’s fitting then that the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, should fall in June. On the night before He died Jesus did not give us an idea, a concept or a series of bullet points to convey His love to us but rather an action, a meal. He conveyed Himself to us under the signs of bread and wine. On Thursday 8th June, then, we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist by celebrating the Eucharist and, what’s more, by taking It outside and parading our beloved Eucharistic Lord through the streets to show people that Jesus’ love is tangible, can be seen. I’m more happy than I can say that S. Bene’t’s are continuing to do this with us and that we are rejoined this year by the staff and ordinands of Westcott House, after the interruption of the Covid pandemic. I look forward to being with you at 7pm on Thursday 8th.

Another way in which the love of God is made real to us is through the ordained ministry, whereby God gives us deacons, priests and bishops to be physical incarnations of Jesus’ love and care for us, that we might be inspired to by physical incarnations of Jesus’ love and care for others. After the tragedy of Mother Anna’s death earlier in the year, the Bishop of Ely has asked us to look after the Assistant Curate at S. Bene’t’s, Fr Ed Green. Obviously, Fr Ed has had no supervision since March, and if he remains at S. Bene’t’s he will have the supervision of an interim incumbent and then a new incumbent. This is a very unsatisfactory way to begin the ordained ministry, and so Bishop Stephen has sent Fr Ed to us to complete his remaining two years as an Assistant Curate in a more settled environment. Fr Ed came from us originally, of course, and we continue to delight that his wife Katie is one of our altar servers. Fr Ed will be ordained priest by the Bishop of Huntingdon on 1st July, celebrate his first Mass at S. Bene’t’s on 2nd July at 6pm and provide ministry in that parish until their interim priest arrives

later in July He will then move to be with us from the beginning of August. I know you will make him welcome and keep him and Katie in your prayers as he prepares for priesting and also deals with the many upheavals of these months. I pray we can provide him with stability and a nurturing place to begin his ministry as a priest. It will be a great blessing – albeit for only two years – to have three stipendiary priests at LSM.

I'm sad to report that we are losing +Stephen as Bishop of Ely. Having been acting Bishop of Lincoln for the last year he has decided – and those who make such appointments have concurred – that he is being called in his last five years of stipendiary ministry to be the Bishop of Lincoln on a permanent basis. He has been our Bishop for 13 years and has a great affection for LSM and has been especially supportive of our life here. Lincoln's gain is our loss and we pray for Bishop Stephen as he leaves us later in the summer and is enthroned in Lincoln in the autumn.

I was very touched that as one of his final acts as Bishop of Ely, Bishop Stephen has appointed me an honorary Canon of the Cathedral. An honorary Canonry is, as the name suggests, an honorary position and not one that comes with a change of job or income but rather is an expression of personal kindness from the Bishop. I'm not sure what I've done to merit this act of episcopal recognition but I'm extremely grateful for it and regard it as a mark of approval of our life at LSM. Fr James Owen and Fr Andrew Greany (my two immediate predecessors) were also honorary Canons and so I'm conscious that I am in very distinguished company! The Bishop will install and collate me as an honorary Canon at the 4pm Festal Evensong on the Sunday of the weekend of the 1,350th anniversary celebrations of S. Etheldreda, 25th June. There will be no Evensong & Benediction here that day and I hope that some of you will be able to come to Ely to celebrate with me.

With my prayers and gratitude for our life together, I am,
yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,

Fr Robert.

P.S. Don't forget to welcome Andrew Reid, our new Director of Music!

Impressions of the Little St Mary's Lane Coronation Street Party

From the street ...

by Neil Swan



I had been staying with friends in Oxfordshire and arrived at the Coronation party after the performance had begun. The set was as I had expected. Tables and chairs ran the length of the Lane, turning it into a dining hall some 200 feet long. Every table was covered with a white cloth on top of which were the standard props of a flower arrangement, a jug of water, a bowl of coleslaw and a bowl of salad. Above the tables, Union flag bunting zigzagged like corset stays, holding the scene together. A glance down the lines was enough to establish that this was not a private gathering of LSM faithful but, in the true spirit of street party, was a mix of friends and strangers. Except for the casual clothing and the fact that the spectacle was in colour rather than sepia, our Victorian forebears would have recognised the scene, even if they might have wondered what we had done with their confidence.

I joined a queue for food, a reassuringly British thing to do. Protected from the dual anxieties of uncertainty and unfairness, one can relax and exchange prosaic observations. On this occasion it was the good fortune that the heavy rain of the previous day had passed and that the sun shone.

The queue led to the small tent just inside the northern entrance to the churchyard where the food was being served. As I got closer to front of the line, I began to pick up warnings from the priests who were acting as waiters that the food supplies were almost running out. I must confess that for a moment I was tempted make a reference to the feeding of the five thousand, but resisted it. I once asked a young woman who had been brought up in Bournemouth if it had been lonely being the only child in school and was given such a withering reply that even years later, I regard any obvious comment as a landmine.

I was impressed that the people who were helping and who had the greatest claim on the available food were holding back until others had been fed. Morality is more powerfully communicated by example than by word. To my shame I realised that if we had been applying the morality of the contemporary corporate world (of which I was an enthusiastic participant for most of my working life) the helpers would have had double portions with the guaranteed bonus of unlimited further helpings.

By the time I reached the serving table, all supplies of plates, cutlery, rolls and sauces had run out but there was a small amount of pulled pork left. It

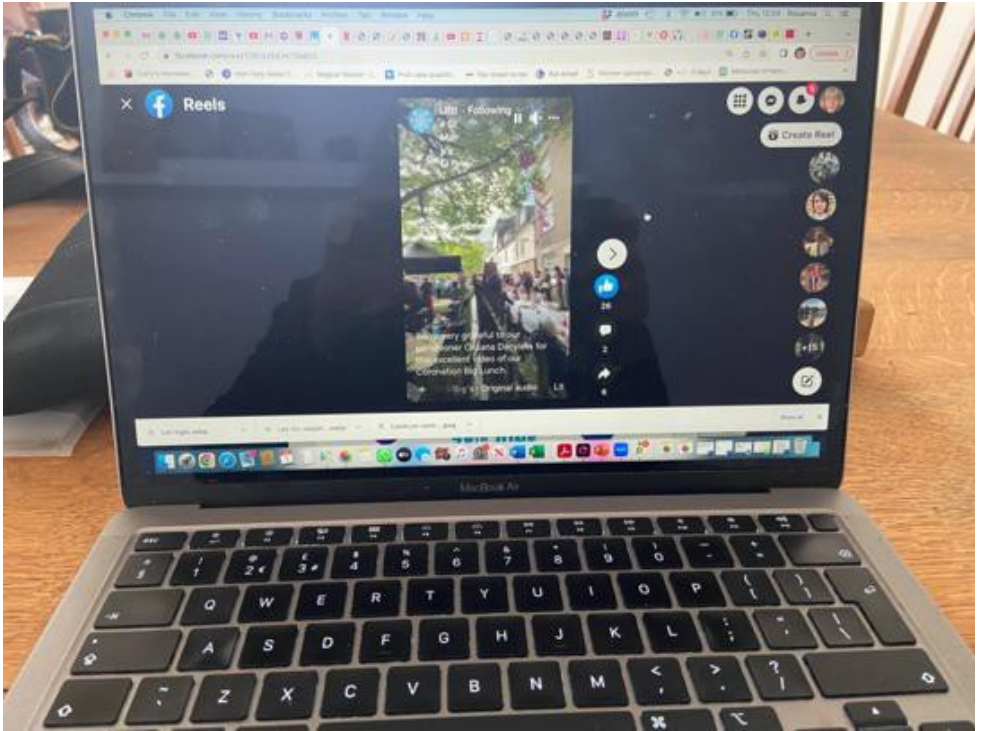
was not the fault of the caterers who had already provided 200 meals when demand had been predicted for only 120. Geoff Howe produced plates and cutlery from the LSM kitchen, allowing the show to go on until the pork ran out. The helpers went hungry, at least as far as the first course was concerned. Supplies of strawberries and cream appeared to be more resilient. The Pimm's was an ever-flowing stream.

Towards the end of lunch, the Junior Choir sang charmingly, reinforced as ever by the adult sopranos who are the rods in the concrete. We all sang a number of competitive rounds before finishing with the first two verses of the National Anthem. I am glad we did not attempt the third verse. The confident hubris of the reference to our enemies - *Confound their politicks, Frustrate their knavish tricks, On Thee our hopes we fix, God save us all* – used to amuse me for its abuse of a divine petition but now the hauteur would be too much to confront.

The party was worthwhile at many levels. It would be naïve to believe that it allowed us to wallow in unbridled patriotism. Patriotism is something that as a nation we are ambivalent about. Waving flags, other than on the last night of the Proms and in time of war, does not tend to stir our passion. Traditionally we have felt patriotism through a quiet pride in our values, behaviour and institutions, even if critics would say we viewed those through a flattering lens. Now there is pressure to put out more flags, forget about the values and trash the institutions, but this feels uncomfortable. Flags are like titles: there are moments to use them but to drag them into daily life is a form of boasting. We like to view patriotism as we would pride in our family. It is something best kept within our breast. That is why the street party struck the right note. We all knew why we were there but what came across was the event's acknowledgement of our need of community and belonging. Sharing food, as we did on those trestle tables, is famously a glue that binds us together, but working together to offer hospitality to strangers creates an even stronger bond. The words "It is better to give than to receive" are not so much a moral endorsement of good behaviour but a recipe for a happy life. After the pomp of the Coronation, the party was a reminder that the greatest pleasure in life is to take delight in simple things.

... and from Orkney

by Charles Moseley



Outside the near gale from the south-east - a bad quarter in that part of the world - scudded across Deer Sound, bringing with it the cold haar that Orkney folk have to get used to. Milo the Lab had been out, ears flapping, for his run along the beach, and, curled up on his bed, was happily snoring. The days before, when the weather really had begun to set in, we had watched the deeply moving Coronation on Rosanna's laptop, our prayers and sympathy going out from a full heart for and to His Majesty as he was consecrated to his burden. On the Sunday, while the wind keened under the door, we felt a very long way from LSM and our brothers and sisters in Christ, knowing that this was the day of the street party we were missing, and rather regretted that we had had to book this trip north at this time.

Then: Rosanna found on Facebook - she is good at that sort of thing, while I am cheerfully hopeless – Oksana’s film of the junketings in our churchyard and the lane, a palpably happy gathering on a day that smiled. Thank you, Oksana: that day clearly reminded us all, even when far away, that getting out of routine, doing something extraordinary, eating and drinking *together*, is awfully good for people, sacramental, even: and we are told, are we not, that Heaven goes in for pretty decent catering at the Lamb’s High Feast. As Rosanna said, as we looked at so many friends on her little screen, the Body of Christ transcends space and time, and we, far away, looking from the spare, dour North we both love to the soft South, were reminded of just how remarkable and various and valuable and rich in generosity and love is our community. A leaven in the lump, indeed!



Calendar and Intentions

for

June 2023

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 intentions.

Calendar for June

Thu	1 st	S. Justin, martyr
Fri	2 nd	of the Sacred Heart
Sat	3 rd	<i>The Martyrs of Uganda</i>
Sun	4th	TRINITY SUNDAY
Mon	5 th	S. Boniface, bishop & martyr
Tue	6 th	<i>Ini Kopuria, religious</i>
Wed	7 th	of Requiem
Thu	8th	CORPUS CHRISTI
Fri	9 th	S. Columba, abbot
Sat	10 th	
Sun	11th	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Mon	12th	S. Barnabas, apostle
Tue	13 th	
Wed	14 th	
Thu	15 th	<i>Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer</i>
Fri	16th	Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat	17 th	of the BVM
Sun	18th	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Mon	19 th	
Tue	20 th	
Wed	21 st	
Thu	22 nd	S. Alban, protomartyr of Britain
Fri	23rd	S. Etheldreda, abbess & Patron of Diocese of Ely
Sat	24th	Birth of S. John the Baptist
Sun	25th	THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Mon	26 th	
Tue	27 th	<i>S. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor</i>
Wed	28 th	S. Irenaeus, bishop Ember Day
Thu	29th	SS PETER & PAUL, apostles
Fri	30 th	Ember Day

Daily Intentions & Anniversaries of death

1st Christian apologists *Robert Loinsworth*
2nd Awareness of the Divine Compassion *Elizabeth Roskill*
3rd Those persecuted for the Faith

4th Our Parish & People

5th Church and people of Germany
6th Melanesian Brotherhood *John Coles, Martyn Price Thomas*
7th The Faithful Departed *Molly Wiles, Nesta Hallam*
8th Love for the Eucharist
9th Vocations to the Religious Life *Beryl Stone, George Lynch*
10th Addicts *Stephen Branch, Johan Procopé*

11th Our Parish & People

12th That we may be an encouragement to others *Geoffrey Styler, pr.*
13th Racial justice & harmony *Dorothy Otley*
14th The sick *Ann Lamb, Richard Evans, pr.*
15th Spiritual Directors *Elsie Watchorn, Maurice Latey*
16th Awareness of Jesus' love for us *Cynthia Clayton*
17th Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

18th Our Parish & People

19th Peace
20th Pembroke & Peterhouse
21st Camtrust *Philip Betts, James Duffy, pr., Gordon Woolveridge, pr.*
22nd Reconversion of Britain *Hilda Mary Rayner*
23rd Our Bishop, Cathedral & Diocese
24th The gift of prophecy

25th Our Parish & People

Caroline Latham
26th An increase in thankfulness *Leonard Bones, Bernard Challis*
27th Better teaching of the Faith *Margaret Shaw, Rumina Djelebova*
28th Those preparing for Ordination
29th Christian Unity *Edward Roberts, bp., John Hughes, pr., Derek Lee*
30th Those preparing for Ordination *Theresa Taylor, Elizabeth Wylie*

Social Responsibility & Global Justice Group Fundraisers

by Jeremy Musson

The LSM Social Responsibility & Global Justice Group is working on a new series of co-ordinated fundraisers over 2023 and 2024 which should be both fun and effective, and an opportunity to do more for the causes which we champion and pray for each week; they will also be a chance for us all to learn more about these causes, and promote them to our friends and families. The first of these was the PNGCP and MAF event which followed the Ascension Day Mass on 19th May, with talks by representatives of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, organised by Richard Chevis and Clive Brown, with food and drink, a very informative and enjoyable event.

1. The next planned fundraising events begin with, later in the summer, an LSM-sponsored bike ride to Ely Cathedral and back (not via the A10!), in aid of the parish of St Cyprian's Church, Sharpeville in South Africa; please let Mary Ward or me know if you are interested. A picnic will be organised in the Dean's Orchard and we will meet the Dean for prayers in the atmospheric Prior Crauden's Chapel. Date to be announced shortly.
2. In mid-October, we are planning a public ticketed event with much-loved scriptwriter Heidi Thomas and her husband, Stephen McGann, the actor who plays Dr Turner, discussing Heidi's wonderful creation the TV series, *Call The Midwife*, an event which will be in aid of Cambridge-based charities which LSM supports, the Whitworth Trust and Camtrust;, a date will be confirmed soon.
3. In the run-up to Christmas, we are planning an LSM quiz run by renowned quizmaster Frank Paul - author of *The Twelve Quizzes of Christmas* – which will be held in the Parish Rooms, in aid of the homeless and food bank charities. Start planning your teams now!

Hamlin Fistula

by *Christine Tipple*
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Here are the seven blankets that we are about to send to the charity's Birmingham office. They will be sent on, with others, to Ethiopia, one to be given to each of the three thousand patients who are to have surgery for fistula repair, or a Caesarean section, pelvis repair or treatment for other birth-related injuries.



Garden News: Gardeners come along!

by Jeremy Musson



The regular once-a-month group gardening sessions have now been revived and take place at 11am after the 10am Mass, for an hour or two on the last Saturday morning in each month. Come along!

Two enjoyable sessions now have helped keep some things in better order, with key beds weeded and paths cleared. These sessions begin with splendid home-made cakes (special thanks for these!) and coffee. There has also been the first regular once-a-month weekday evening session, at 6pm, which ended with an enjoyable visit to the Mill pub at 7.30pm. All are welcome, and a plan for work is produced for each session, and tasks allocated.

While the beloved but overgrown garden benefited hugely from a major trim, the burst of summer growth of some familiar weeds (such as alkanet, *Pentaglottis sempervirens*, and butterbur, *Petasites hybridus*) is really daunting, but the flow of other wild flowers, cow parsley, buttercups and white comfrey are very much welcomed, as is the re-appearance of several familiar semi-wild geranium types, as we strive to keep the semi-wild character of the churchyard.

The ability to look through the whole garden from the street, and catch the vistas through and across the garden to the ancient house and college walls, and the church itself, is important and another benefit of the major trim. The new shrub rose area has now been well weeded and watered, and some of these roses are about to bloom. The newly-fixed pergola has been cleared of dead growth and wires have been added to train the recently planted climbing roses (*Mme Alfred Carrière* and *Open Arms*). A wild flower area has been created along the edges of the path which goes through the pergola - this has been sown with wild flower seeds by the children during the Sunday School.



Each gardening session continues to try and maintain the key paths; these are being heavily weeded to reveal stone edges more clearly. Forgive me if I shout out special thanks to Greg and Romana Nowak, Bill de Quick and Steve Siddall, Barbara Wilcox, Jo Wibberley, Dee Price and Elizabeth Kemp, Bob DeWolf, Abraham and Fiona, and others too, including Frs Robert and Philip, Christine Tipple and Janice Adams, who have all helped at these working party sessions and beyond (also thanks Litsa Biggs for monitoring our roses especially).

Please do let me - jeremy@jeremymusson.com - or Christine Tipple - cestipple@gmail.com - or Jo Wibberley churchwardens@lsm.org.uk know if you are interested in coming along (by message or saying hello after Mass); jobs can be found for all; or perhaps you might be interested in sponsoring some new elements.

New things needed: two new myrtle bushes (*Myrtus communis*) are being ordered (to support flower arranging and contribute to the garden) and a new bay tree (*Laurus nobilis*) is being donated. A new dove tree and a magnolia will also come in the autumn. There has been some new planting including herbs in the bed near the parish rooms, and additional geraniums, phlox and valerian elsewhere. Thanks to the many of you who have kindly donated funds towards these and to the roses this year. We are following the garden management plan which was drawn up in 2022 with advice from renowned garden designer Tessa Hobbs, who continues to guide us, and this plan will be reviewed in 2024.

(It is important to note that all volunteers must wear protective gloves when working on the garden, and wash hands thoroughly after any time spent handling plants.)

Camtrust at Thirty: “Tell me, I’ll forget. Show me, I’ll remember. Involve me, I’ll understand.”

Len Ingle talks to Lucy Callington about how inclusion and a sense of community can transform lives.

“We’ve always been so blessed,” Len is quick to tell me, with trademark humbleness when we meet to discuss Camtrust’s big birthday. “Our charity is so well supported by the community, our volunteers and trustees. People’s generosity always amazes me.”

The enthusiasm the community shows for Camtrust as it enters its fourth decade is more than matched by the passion of its remarkable octogenarian founder, who shows no signs of slowing down, as he points out: “there is still a lot of work to do.”

The charity was created in 1993 to provide life and work skills for adults with disabilities, enabling them to live independently. At that time, Len notes, “although people with learning disabilities were supported in mainstream schools, there seemed to be a drop-off point after that.” Len was struck by the need for ongoing further education programmes for this group, which would enable them to progress towards employment. “The answer was staring us in the face,” he notes. “People needed help accessing further education: So Camtrust was born. And here we are, still doing it today.”

Understanding is key

Len has a mantra, which runs to the core of the work done in Camtrust’s Cambridge Road centre: “Tell me, I’ll forget. Show me, I’ll remember. Involve me, I’ll understand.” It’s a hands-on approach that sees the charity’s dedicated staff and volunteers provide clients with activities tailored to their individual needs, through a bespoke programme involving them in everything from computer skills and cooking to arts and crafts.

Clients are given the opportunity to take part in outings and days out, such as to Wimpole, or Cambridge Botanic Gardens, and they benefit from meaningful work experience and community-based activities throughout the year, such as coffee mornings, plant sales and last year’s successful Christmas tree festival at the Methodist Church.

I try to pin Len down to his highlights of the last thirty years. He looks thoughtful and quietly tells me that the best thing about the work is actually very simple: “The highlights happen every day. They are in the feeling that you get at the end of a day when you have been able to say yes”. He continues, “Seeing the clients’ progression and the value of our service to them is amazing. Independent living is paramount. Our clients can have a voice that is actually listened to.” Strong bonds have been forged over the years and Len is still in touch with many previous students. He shares stories with me of clients who have successfully moved on into the workplace.

Mind the gap

As with many charities, there is a gap between what Camtrust raises in fees and funding and what it actually needs to function. Its work relies on fundraising, which is partly made up from donations and community events like the Histon Feast (where clients sell their legendary strawberry and marshmallow kebabs) and partly from the small printing business and a larger-scale bike repair and reselling initiative.



‘Everything has value’: Bike parts make the perfect Christmas tree. Photo: Camtrust

Len still heads up the bike project on site and remains one of the team's mechanics and tutors. He tells me, "There is value in everything. We do very well out of repairing and selling on bikes, but even if it can't be rescued, every bike is still useful and can be stripped down to use for parts. Then if another bike needs fixing, we can use one of our spare parts and that repair becomes more affordable. We like to reuse, refurbish and recycle here".



The team was also very proud to have been involved in a scheme to provide refurbished bikes for Ukrainian families in the village.

Room to grow

In 2008 the charity moved to its current base in a renovated ex-petrol station on Cambridge Road, but fifteen years on, the charity could do with more space. On an average day, eight clients access the services there, but Len and the team would love to extend their capacity: "More space would be amazing and would mean we can help more clients".

Community at its heart

With community so strongly at the heart of all they do, the team is extending an open invitation to us all to join them as they celebrate thirty years of togetherness with an Open Day at the Cambridge Road centre during the afternoon of 28th June. The occasion will offer presentations and artwork displays by clients, as well as a plant sale, tea and cake.

Current projects include creating a sensory garden at the centre, and work has also started on a healthy eating programme. Community involvement is key, as the lady helping with the food project for Camtrust heard about it by reading HI HUB's feature on the grant it was awarded by the Co-op. Len is incredibly grateful for the many people that cross paths and make connections with the charity, commenting, "every new person brings something different. It's so great to have diverse experiences and expertise for our clients to draw on."

The team is also seeking further village links to help with the plan to offer a practical and supportive work experience programme within the local

community. The team would love to hear from local businesses and volunteer organisations who may be able to offer some client work experience, as well as volunteers to assist with the charity's website, social media and online selling of refurbished bikes.

Realising the vision

Len cannot be drawn on what the next thirty years hold for Camtrust, instead insisting that he takes things, "day by day". His vision for a place of safety and education with inclusivity at its core has not dimmed over time and he believes there is more work to be done.

"My dream," he concludes, "has always been about a core charity with cluster projects around it. My ideal would be to run a retail unit surrounded by residences, so clients can live independently and have ownership of their work, right on the doorstep. That would be tremendous!"

(Article reproduced, with thanks, from *Hi Hub*, the Histon and Impington community website)

News of our Home Communicants

Keitha Jones, one of our long-term home communicants, celebrated her birthday in March and we received this picture of her recently from the Manor Care Home on Milton Road, where Keitha now is. Keitha is visited monthly with the Blessed Sacrament and remembers LSM fondly.



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