

**LITTLE S. MARY'S, CAMBRIDGE**

*November 2023: No. 617*

# NEWSLETTER



## Notable dates in November

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November

### **Bible Study**

10.30am the first in a new monthly bible study, led by Fr Ed after 10am Mass.

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

### **Dedication Festival**

10.30am High Mass Preacher: the Rev'd Dr Gregory Platten, Canon Chancellor of Lichfield Cathedral

6pm Evensong Preacher: the Rev'd Jon Sanders, Assistant Curate of Cherry Hinton

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### **2023 Michael Ramsey Lecture**

5.15pm Bishop Martin Seeley *speaks on* The Christian Priest Tomorrow

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

### **Monthly Healing Mass**

10am Low Mass of Healing *with laying on of hands and anointing*

Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> November

### **Food & Faith – young adult group**

7pm drinks, supper, talk & Compline

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November

### **Christ the King**

10.30am High Mass preacher: the Rev'd Prof Simon Oliver, Van Mildert Professor of Theology, Durham, followed by a parish lunch (all welcome!)

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

### **Feast of S. Andrew, apostle**

Low Mass 7.45am; Sung Mass & refreshments 7pm

# From the Vicar

All Saints' Day 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.” So Elisha says to his terrified companion in II Kings 6.16 when they fear they are surrounded by their enemy. It can often feel as if we are battling alone and that those against us are more than those for us. This month of November, when we celebrate the Saints, the faithful departed, the anniversary of this church's consecration and all those who have died in war, reminds us of the great truth of Elisha's words for us too. Even when we are physically alone we are not spiritually alone, and our baptism into the Body of Christ, the Communion of Saints, guarantees this. The misty and dark weather of this month somehow puts us in mind of that which is just beyond the boundary of what we can see, hear, touch and smell, the great invisible world that lies around, through and beyond us and from where God sends us His holy angels and assists us with the prayers of the saints.

We surround with our prayers, and those of the invisible world, those in need, not least **Renata Sayers**, who has now moved to the Arthur Rank Hospice; we pray for John her husband and for Cristina and Philip, William and Ben and all her family. We pray too for the recovery of **Tony Fletcher** after a prolonged stay in hospital but who is now home.

First, I must thank you for your generosity towards the Anglican Hospital in Gaza and the over £1,000 we have been able to send them to assist their rebuilding.

Secondly, thank you to those who have already responded generously to our Giving Renewal. I'm grateful to Ann Auger for piloting our move to the **Parish Giving Scheme**, which is based on Direct Debits and not Standing Orders and will save us both administrative time and money. If you've not yet responded to our appeal I urge you to do so, not only to plug our unsustainable deficit but to allow us to grow and not just barely survive. I recognise that this is a time when many of us are tight for

money (clergy stipends have declined by 33% in real terms since the 1970s) but if we take the name of Christian seriously then giving to the work of the Christian Church will be among our top priorities and I make no apology for our appeal.

I'm delighted that **James West** has agreed to become, and the PCC have appointed him as, Assistant Treasurer and I hope this will lighten Ann's load and also strengthen our work in this area. Finance and safeguarding are two areas which have expanded massively in recent years and it is a testament to Pat Boulhosa and Ann Auger that the parish copes despite limited resources.

I'm pleased to welcome two people in formation for the priesthood on attachment with us at LSM this year. **Matt Regan** writes about himself elsewhere in this newsletter. **Andrew Isaacs** is also joining us (we've only just confirmed this) and I look forward to his writing for our December newsletter. Do please make them welcome and keep an eye out for them after Mass, among the servers and children's group helpers and in the pulpit at Evensong & Benediction!

I scarcely dare mention the word but our Advent preparations will be upon us soon. I hope that a combination of a book to read, some Eucharistic Adoration, a group meeting on Zoom and a group meeting after the Wednesday 10am Mass will together prepare us for greeting the Lord at the end of time, in Bethlehem and daily in our lives. Let me know if you have any thoughts or requests.

Finally, I commend to your prayers the process for the appointment of a new Bishop of Ely. We are very sad to say goodbye to Bishop Stephen (one of his first acts as diocesan bishop was to bless our new parish centre and to make sure LSM had a full-time rather than part-time Vicar) but we are also hopeful for his replacement, that the Lord will send us someone holy, wise and pastoral. The Church of England is not yet entirely without such priests!

Commending you to the intercession of the Saints then, I am,  
yours ever in the Body of Christ,  
Fr Robert

## LSM Trip to India – would you like to join it?



*Clive Brown writes:*

As you may know, one of the mission links that we support is the Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service (CRS) which works among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Kolkata (as the city is now called), and in a number of the outlying villages. It is part of the mission outreach of St Paul's Cathedral. Some of you may have heard the Bishop of Calcutta, the Rt Revd Paritosh Canning, when he preached at LSM last year.

Peter Banks and Neil Swan are planning a fortnight's visit to India at the end of February/beginning of March next year, spending a week in Kolkata, which will give an opportunity to see the work of CRS at first



hand, join in the worship at St Paul's Cathedral, as well as doing some sightseeing. The intention is then to travel to Darjeeling and spend several days there. Darjeeling is in the foothills of the Himalayas and has spectacular mountain scenery as well as being an interesting town. It will also be refreshingly cooler after Kolkata!

Peter and Neil would like to make up a party of five or six people from LSM to go on the trip, and are looking for volunteers to join them. An approximate budget is £1,500 per person.

Kolkata is a beguiling city, but one of the poorest in the world, with many people living on the streets or in squatter slums. CRS runs primary schools, provides basic health care and education, and runs women's empowerment programmes, teaching groups of women and girls skills to earn a living, to free them from a life that often involves servitude and prostitution. No-one who sees the work of CRS fails to be affected by it.

To find out more about it, do look at the website  
[www.cathedralreliefservice.net](http://www.cathedralreliefservice.net)



# Calendar for November

**WED 1<sup>st</sup> ALL SAINTS' DAY**  
**THU 2<sup>nd</sup> ALL SOULS' DAY**  
**FRI 3<sup>rd</sup> Richard Hooker. Anniversary of Dedication of LSM**  
**SAT 4<sup>th</sup>**

**SUN 5<sup>th</sup> DEDICATION FESTIVAL**  
**MON 6<sup>th</sup> Leonard, hermit**  
**TUE 7<sup>th</sup> S. Willibrord, bishop**  
**WED 8<sup>th</sup> Saints & martyrs of England**  
**THU 9<sup>th</sup> Margery Kempe**  
**FRI 10<sup>th</sup> S. Leo, bishop & doctor**  
**SAT 11<sup>th</sup> S. Martin of Tours, bishop**

**SUN 12<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY before ADVENT, REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**  
**MON 13<sup>th</sup> Charles Simeon, priest**  
**TUE 14<sup>th</sup> Samuel Seabury, bishop**  
**WED 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**THU 16<sup>th</sup> S. Margaret of Scotland, queen**  
**FRI 17<sup>th</sup> S. Hugh of Lincoln, bishop**  
**SAT 18<sup>th</sup> S. Elizabeth of Hungary**

**SUN 19<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY before ADVENT**  
**MON 20<sup>th</sup> Edmund, king & martyr**  
**TUE 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**WED 22<sup>nd</sup> S. Cecilia, martyr**  
**THU 23<sup>rd</sup> S. Clement, bishop & martyr**  
**FRI 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**SAT 25<sup>th</sup> S. Catherine of Alexandria, martyr**

**SUN 26<sup>th</sup> CHRIST the KING, NEXT before ADVENT**  
**MON 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**TUE 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**WED 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**THU 30<sup>th</sup> S. Andrew, apostle**

## Daily Intentions & Anniversaries of death in November

A sense of our share in the Communion of Saints	1 <sup>st</sup>
The Faithful Departed	<i>Michael Latham</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Thanksgiving for our Parish	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Fulbourn Hospital and its Friends	<i>Stephen Roskill, Alfred Whitham</i> 4 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Our Parish &amp; People</b>	<i>Dorothy Roberts, Elizabeth Rayner, Sally Coni</i> 5 <sup>th</sup>
Vocations to the Religious life	6 <sup>th</sup>
The Union of Utrecht of the Old Catholic Churches	7 <sup>th</sup>
Conversion of England	<i>Joyce Wolton, Dick Richardson</i> 8 <sup>th</sup>
The sick	9 <sup>th</sup>
Pope Francis	10 <sup>th</sup>
Social Responsibility & Global Group	11 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Our Parish &amp; People</b>	12 <sup>th</sup>
The Church Mission Society	<i>John Meurig Thomas</i> 13 <sup>th</sup>
The Episcopal Church in the US	<i>Eleanor Fynes-Clinton</i> 14 <sup>th</sup>
CamTrust	<i>Dorothy Marlow, Betty Barnard</i> 15 <sup>th</sup>
The Catholic Societies	<i>Alan Huskinson, Michael Waring</i> 16 <sup>th</sup>
Bishops	<i>Betty Clough, Dorothy Pickett, Ann Knight</i> 17 <sup>th</sup>
Spiritual Directors	<i>John Byrom, pr.</i> 18 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Our Parish &amp; People</b>	19 <sup>th</sup>
The King and his government	<i>Joyce Bones</i> 20 <sup>th</sup>
Expectant mothers	21 <sup>st</sup>
Church musicians	<i>Enid Hunter, Stephen Cleobury</i> 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Our Parochial Church Council	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Our Home Communicants	24 <sup>th</sup>
S. Catharine's College	<i>Jan Ellison, Robert Beesley, Joan Waton</i> 25 <sup>th</sup>

<b>Our Parish &amp; People</b>	<i>David Morgan, Val Mendel</i> 26 <sup>th</sup>
Charitable giving	<i>Freda Jones</i> 27 <sup>th</sup>
Peace	<i>Ronald Fletcher</i> 28 <sup>th</sup>
Missionary work of the church	<i>John Clough, Audrey Bunting</i> 29 <sup>th</sup>
People of Scotland	
<i>Ann Watson, William Thurbon, Harold White, Peter Smith</i>	30 <sup>th</sup>



## Meet the Ordinand on Attachment



*Matthew Regan writes:*

Hello everybody, my name is Matthew Regan, and I am an ordinand training at Ridley Hall, and Little St Mary's is my attachment church. I am the moustachioed northerner you may have seen lingering awkwardly at the back of Mass or at the fantastic *Call the Midwife* talk. I am married to Adèle, and it is such a great privilege for us to be worshipping alongside you over the last few weeks. Sadly, our lurcher Lucille is too badly behaved to attend this all-welcoming place of worship (I fear she may be an atheist). Many thanks to all the people who have already made us feel extremely welcome at Little St Mary's.

I am originally from Bradford and for the last nine years I have travelled the country supporting Adèle in her youth ministry. Now the roles have reversed, and Adèle is supporting me in my steps into ministry. I still pinch myself that I am here studying in such an amazing academic city as Cambridge. To say my mother is proud is an understatement.

Adèle and I are keen dog walkers, avid cinema-goers and we have already enjoyed the theatrical delights of the Cambridge arts centre. I'm a keen

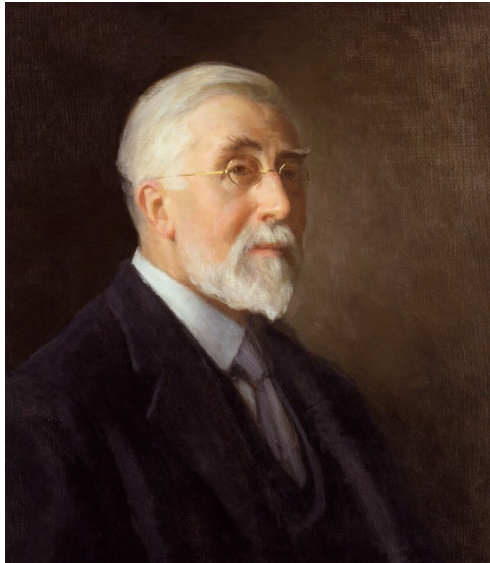
drummer and guitarist and a bit of a Beatles nerd! We are both very happy to be back in the big city after spending the last five years in a leafy village in Surrey. We didn't realise how much we missed the bustle of a big city and great variety of all God's children from across the globe. The history and beautiful architecture of Cambridge has blown us away and made us lost for words at times especially when visiting King's Chapel in the flesh.

I thank God for calling me to Ridley Hall and Little St Mary's. I am looking forward to serving alongside all of you over the coming year and getting to know as many of you as possible.



## Ninian Comper Conference

Oxford Continuing Education is going to hold an event which may interest members of our congregation at Rewley House (near the railway station and Worcester College) in Oxford. It is a study day on Ninian Comper, and will take place on Saturday 2nd March 2024. The event will feature a series of talks on various aspects on Comper's work and an exhibition, including textiles and a rare Comper sketchbook. There will be a special Mass at Pusey House on the morning of Sunday 3rd March. Further details, including the schedule and list of speakers, can be found at the following web address: [www.conted.ox.asc.uk/ninian-comper](http://www.conted.ox.asc.uk/ninian-comper)



# Garden Update

*Jeremy Musson writes:*

We are pleased to report that Tessa Hobbs, our gardens adviser, recently presented us with a number of hardy geranium varieties including *Sylvaticum* or “Mayflower” (bluey-mauve) and *Macrorrhizum* “Ingwersen” (pinkish) which have been planted out in the churchyard garden as part of ongoing works to find that sweet balance between year-round colour and a feeling of a piece of nature in the city that is so valued, as we remove more invasive weeds, more loving plants need to be planted in their stead.

We are also looking forward to seeing a new magnolia and a dove tree added this autumn. We had a good group session on 29th September although rain kept us away last weekend, and have also had a visit from the wonderful Tom Jones to trim back and tidy and dig out an old lilac root, to make way for the dove tree: As ever, anyone interested in offering donations of (Tessa-approved!) plants or time to help in our monthly group sessions, now to be every third Saturday in the month, with some additional, please do contact Jeremy Musson or Christine Tipple on [garden@lsm.org.uk](mailto:garden@lsm.org.uk) or via the office Thanks to the many who have helped even if only once during the year – many hands make light work!



# Poetry

*Elizabeth Kemp shares these poems which can be found in various churches:*



## **Jesus of Norton - Kevin Crossley-Holland**

Infant of the bubbling spring  
well in my heart.  
Child of the sighing marsh  
breathe in my head.  
Son of the keen light  
quicken my eyes.  
Rebel of the restless creeks  
tumble in my ears.  
Disciple of the rising tide  
surge in my blood.  
Teacher of the gruff salt-wind  
educate my tongue.

*The poem is displayed in the round tower church of St Margaret, Burnham Norton (Norfolk). It is dedicated to the memory of David Crombie, Reader and Churchwarden.*



## Latimer's Pulpit - *Malcolm Guite*

Latimer's pulpit, you can touch the wood,  
sound for yourself the syllables of grace  
that sounded and resounded through this place;  
a quickened word, a kindling for good  
in evil times; when malice held the cards  
and played them, in the play of politics,  
when knaves with knives were taking all the tricks,  
when Christendom was shivered into shards;

when King and Queen were pitched in different camps,  
when burning books could stoke the fire for men,  
when such were stacked against him — even then  
Latimer knew that hearts alone are trumps.  
He gave the King of Hearts his proper name;  
he touched this wood, and kindled love to flame.



*The poem has been placed by the pulpit in the Church of St Edward King and Martyr, Cambridge.*