

GODMANCHESTER PARISH NEWS

The Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this just after the sudden death of Peter Ballantine, which has left so many of us feeling shocked and bewildered. There will no doubt be space later on to write more fully about Peter, and probably much more will be said and written by other people, but here I want to put down in the raw some of my feelings – not all of which are directly concerned with Peter.

The sudden death of someone we care about produces a complex series of emotions apart from simple grief. We are never prepared for it, although we know in our heads that something like this happens all the time to someone, somewhere, and not a few of us will have experienced something similar before. There are always loose ends, a feeling of being robbed of the chance to say good-bye, a train of greater or lesser 'what ifs' and 'if onlys'. But what I have felt equally strongly over these past couple of days is the sense that a life where there has been any love at all – and there are mercifully precious few without any, and of course in Peter's case a great deal – is bound up with the lives of others in a way that leaves no room to doubt the supreme value of that love. 'Any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in Mankind,' said John Donne. We all feel diminished by the thought that we will no longer hear Peter's voice, grasp his hand, benefit from his cheer and help and friendship and wisdom. Peter's death feels as if a branch has been ripped off our tree, a part of ourselves extracted. But that is another way of recognising the value of the life now ended among us. The pain we feel is the obscure face of love.

And that love is eternal we really have no reason to doubt. The Gospel for today, May 17, the first Sunday after Peter's death, comes from John chapter 15. 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love...My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you....This is my command: Love each other.' What Love commands, Love makes possible. In that good friend of Jesus, *our* Peter, we have seen that command bear fruit among us, and that does not change now Peter is removed from our sight to the place where the light of God drives away all shadows. For this and for so much more besides, in the midst of sorrow we give thanks to God.

With love,

David

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This month's cover

The Sedici Choir returns to church this month for another evening of unaccompanied words and music. Colin Thirlwall tells us what to expect on page 7.

Mothers' Union

At the May meeting Nicholas Leigh Smith came and talked to us about his work as a District Judge. He started by giving us a concise account of the history of the District bench up to the present day. We learned that there has been a local justice system, as we would recognise it, from the early 13th century. Through the C14th to 16th the Squires were entrusted with the keeping of the peace. Later they became more educated, went to university and studied for the Bar before running family estates. We were interested to hear that Sir Walter Raleigh was a squire, farmer, barrister of Middle Temple, JP, sea captain, privateer and Royal favourite. He ended up having his head cut off for treason. So JPs were responsible for local justice and local government and they were respected and trusted. Why create Stipendiary Magistrates? In the C17th Middlesex, with its two great cities of London and Westminster, was the centre of trade and power. The JPs for the county were adept at inventing fees for legal proceedings and were therefore named 'Trading Justices' and called 'the scum of the earth' by one commentator. Thus a professional chief magistrate was appointed. In 1735 Sir Thomas de Viel

became the first 'Court Justice' and he rented a house in Bow Street for £30. He was followed by Henry Fielding, who in turn was succeeded by his brother John, who was blind – hence 'blind justice'. From his home in Bow Street he continued running his court, home and the Bow Street Runners, London's first police force. This was seen as a turning point for London and law and order prevailed.

The stipendiary Magistrates of the 19th and 20th centuries were feared by prisoners and lawyers alike up until 1960s and 70s. Sir John Harmsworth, on hearing a man screaming hysterically in the cells at Marylebone, said to the dock officer, 'Gaoler, do I hear someone assisting the police with their enquiries?'! Things have changed now and district judges work with the lawyers to put their best case forward.

Nicholas then told us about the type of case he hears and what his job entails. We were fascinated by the barrister's outfit, especially a small purse, made of the same material as the gown, which was attached at the shoulder and hung at the back with a strap at the front. It seems that this purse used to contain the coins given in payment to the barrister and if he felt proceedings were going on too long he pulled the strap, thus jingling the coins as an indication that more coins should be placed in the purse if he was to continue! It was a really fascinating history lesson and talk and we all enjoyed the afternoon immensely.

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At our next meeting on 2 June Joan Cameron is going to talk to us about her trip to Uganda.

Jean Morgan

Wives' Group

For our May meeting we visited the D'Arcy and Everest Meadowsweet Nursery at Pidley. Angela, the owner, established the nursery in 2000 and, despite a constant battle against rabbits, mice and moles, has created several inspirational designs for alpine gardens, and uses poly-tunnels for propagation. Angela's speciality is planting up troughs, pots and unusual containers in attractive displays with an amazing variety of sempervivums, saxifrages and other alpines. This inspired some of us to buy several plants with ambitions to create our own masterpieces! Angela will be displaying examples of her handiwork at Chelsea, Gardeners' World and other major shows. She also runs RHS workshops, and gives talks to groups. We were all astonished to learn that she does not employ any helpers and runs her business single-handed which filled us with admiration for all that she has achieved.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9 June when we will have a Treasure Hunt/ Quiz at 8pm in the Church Hall.

Barbara Thirlwall

Men's Social Group

Shaking hands with the Queen.

In the normal course of events there is a certain British reticence about talking of one's achievements, but Buckingham Palace produces such a fascinating behind-the-scenes video/DVD of its investiture ceremony that Peter wanted to share his CBE moment with us. And we're so pleased he did!

Five investitures take place annually, masterminded by a little department with a big name – the Central Chancery of the Lord Chamberlain's Office. Invitations are dispatched, medals ordered, names and medals married up, and on the day itself, checks and double checks carried out to ensure you are who you say you are! Good humour is much in evidence. 'When the Queen shakes your hand,' said one official, 'she is actually telling you to go away, so please do so! Your time is up.'

For the ceremony itself Beefeaters are transported across London from the Tower to the Palace in a horse-drawn covered wagon, similar to those seen in wild west films! But, happily, somewhat cleaner. At 11 am sharp the Queen enters the State Ballroom, by now filled with relatives, and what follows is a beautifully choreographed pageant in which the monarch takes a gleaming assortment of medals from satin cushions and places them, hopefully in the right order, on the lapels, or over the heads, of her subjects, exchanging a few words

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with everyone as she does so. Quite delightful.

The investiture over, families reunite outside where it is not unknown for even the stiffest of stiff upper lips to wobble. 'Never known a day like it,' said one old gentleman. 'The happiest day of my life,' said a lady in a wheelchair, wiping her eyes. Our politicians may let us down; the Queen never does.

Congratulations to Peter and to everyone who has been honoured in this way. Our June meeting is a BBQ at 7 Allen Farm Close. Details to follow.

Peter Irving

Charity of the month

Diocesan Committee for Family and Social Welfare

The Committee is composed of representatives from each Archdeaconry in the Diocese as well as from non-denominational churches and interested diocesan committees. There are four social workers, and the aim is to help all people in need of social advice or attention. The clients (usually suggested by the clergy or pastoral care workers) are people who have often not realised, in their distress, that help is at hand. One of the greatest achievements of the Committee is the setting up of Child Contact Centres across the diocese, where divorced and separated parents can meet

with their estranged children in a warm, friendly room.

The Committee is financially helped by parishes from across the diocese, and I am proud to say that Godmanchester has been one of its most generous supporters.

Jean White

Who's who in the parish

Rebecca and Andrew McKie



Rebecca and I moved to Godmanchester six and a half years ago, when our elder daughter Molly was three and just before Nancy was born. Tom followed in 2005.

I was born on January 23 1969 in Paisley, Renfrewshire, the son of schoolteachers. I grew up on the Isle of Arran and in Glasgow, where I was baptised at St George's Tron by George Duncan, and grew up in the Church of Scotland. After Hutchesons' Grammar School I went to university, from which I graduated in Philosophy, before going round America

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on a lecture tour. I then worked mainly as a freelance journalist, and for think tanks as an editor and researcher.

I met Rebecca in London (where I was by then working mainly for The Daily Telegraph) through mutual friends. Rebecca (née Cassidy) was born in Peterborough – her father, who had recently left the RAF after 12 years, had just joined Perkins Engines – on May 2 1971. She went to the King's School there, before going on to university in Bristol, where she read French and Art History. She then moved to London to work for the fine art magazine Apollo before becoming an editor at the National Gallery.

We were married at St Saviour's Pimlico (where Andrew had recently become one of Richard Chartres's first confirmations) in May 1996. We lived first at Camberwell and then Peckham, attending St John the Divine, Kennington, where Molly was christened, before moving out of London. Rebecca was by then an editor at the magazine publishers Boston Hannah and Andrew, after a spell as deputy comment editor at The Daily Telegraph, was working as its Obituaries Editor.

The move to Godmanchester was, we both thought, one of the most fortunate events of our lives. We have made many friends, many of them through the church, of which we have been congregants since our arrival. Living next door to the vicarage made it harder to avoid turning up! But we have found in it one of the greatest pleasures of living in Godmanchester.

Molly and Nancy currently attend St Anne's, and Tom joins them there in September. The family members are more likely to share an enthusiasm for libraries, galleries and jaunts abroad than the gym or athletic track.

Now that I'm serving as one of the churchwardens, I hope to get to know properly many of the faces I recognise from services. I know that Rebecca, who helps out at Children's Church and on the coffee rota, would also like that. If either of us haven't met you properly (or even if we have), please say hello.

If one of our children runs into you, please tick them off, and forgive us.

Andrew McKie

Correction

With reference to last month's 'Who's Who in the parish' Chris Higgins has asked us to point out that he learnt bell *hanging* not bell ringing at the Whitechapel Foundry. The mill in Godmanchester was at the end of Berry Lane before crossing Lee Brook, which was formerly known as Leeds Brook.

Conscience as defined by a small boy:

Something that makes me tell my mother before my sister does.

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A tale of two pantomimes

It's Paul Sibley's turn to take us down the Youth Group memory lane this month!

*I am the fairy of the wood,
I go about a-doing good.
Some people call me Good Queen Bess,
But others say, I'm just a mess.*

My memory, which was good when I was younger, is very poor these days, but those words are well and truly burnt into what there is left. They were the opening words of a pantomime the Church Youth Fellowship staged when I was in my early teens. I was wearing a tutu, stripy tights, and Doc Marten boots when I delivered them. Needless to say, the last line was particularly appropriate! (Un)Fortunately, I don't have a photograph.

Interestingly, a pantomime stands out in my memory from the time when I had the immense pleasure of leading the Church Youth Group in the 1990s - still not quite sure how that came about. It was one of those things that took on a life of its own. I don't think any of us who were involved with it could have imagined how it would turn out when the idea to stage a pantomime was first suggested. We were allowed to take over the church: the Nave became our auditorium, the nave platform our stage, and the chancel our dressing room. It nearly didn't happen though. After all the hard work put in by young people and adults alike, most of the youngsters were very ill with a flu-type virus. But 'the show must go on', they rallied round, and we were able to nurse

them through. It was a great event, and I was so very proud of them all.

Although my memory won't allow me to recall as much detail as I would like, my time as a member of the Church Youth Fellowship in the 1960s and 1970s, and as leader of the Church Youth Group in the 1990s, both live in my mind as happy times. There are, I'm sure, many events and people from both eras, that could and should be mentioned, but I would be sure to forget something or someone important. Suffice it to say that it was the people, both members and leaders (you know who you are), who made the group so special, and something that lives on as a happy memory.

Paul Sibley

The Last Night of the Proms

On the evening of Saturday May 9 the walls of the Godmanchester Comrades Club echoed with a Lincolnshire brass band at high volume. The Foss Dyke band did not let us down. 'Us' are those Godmanchester citizens and others who had wistfully bought tickets for 'the Last Night of the Proms'.

It was a large band. I'm afraid I failed to count its members as I was too entranced by its music. We had superb solos from both a trumpeter and euphonium player, and were treated to many foot-tapping familiar tunes in the first half. The Director of Music enjoyed some shameless PR for future events; he even said that if we purchased tickets for a

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‘Shows’ concert at Lincoln Drill hall and then turned up for the Waddington Air Show, we’d be entitled to a free flight and the attendant would tell us ‘where to go!’

The second half of the Band’s programme contained music associated with ‘The Last Night’. It also contained a tune called Nicea by Himes within which could be recognised the melody for ‘Thine be the Glory’. A particular favourite for me from the second half was Elgar’s Nimrod.

After that we were plied (literally) with red white and blue balloons. Union Jack hats were donned and we lost all inhibitions in a patriotic flag-waving to Land of Hope and Glory, Rule Britannia, Jerusalem, and (well done Foss Dyke) the National Anthem.

Judging by the laughing faces afterwards, the bar had done well, and it had been a much-enjoyed evening.

Margaret Caroe

Cadbury Dairy goes Fairtrade **

The Fairtrade Foundation has announced that Cadbury Dairy Milk, the UK’s top-selling chocolate bar, is to achieve Fairtrade certification. The move is expected to result in the tripling of sales of Fairtrade cocoa for farmers in Ghana.

Another Evening of Words and Music with Sedici

Following on from the very well-received concert by SEDICI last October the choir will be presenting another evening of unaccompanied music and words in the Parish Church on Saturday 6 June. The evening will start with canapés and wine from 6.30 pm with the concert at 7.30 pm. Tickets (including refreshments) are £6.50 and are available from Colin Thirlwall (457018) or on the door. The concert is being organized by the Friends of St Mary’s Godmanchester as part of their re-launch and the proceeds will go to support work on the fabric of our church.

The Sedici choir performs under the musical directorship of Pauline Munford and its members share a love of singing and performing in the challenging environment of a chamber choir, performing both sacred and secular works. The individual musical tastes of the choir members vary considerably and include classical, liturgical, rock, folk, jazz and medieval. Many of the singers are also members of local madrigal groups, other chamber choirs, church choirs, community choirs and choral societies.

Colin Thirlwall

Is a lame duck a politician whose goose has been cooked?

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God the three in one **

This month we celebrate Trinity Sunday. The doctrine of the trinity is one of the most important of the Christian faith, for it goes to the very heart of what God is like. The Bible is quite clear: there is one God, but he is revealed in three ‘persons’ – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever wondered at what point in the Bible God is revealed as being more than one person? Well, you don’t have to read very far: only to Genesis 1:26, where God (Elohim – a plural noun) says: Let US make man in OUR image. (Gen. 1:26)

The Bible reveals a pattern: God the Father lives in heaven and has never been seen. God the Son became the incarnate Jesus Christ, who made known to us the Father, and God the Holy Spirit, who is unseen, has been sent to live within and to equip his people, the Church.

The Trinity is basic to our salvation – for these three persons in the one Godhead have combined to save us from our sins: it is the WILL of the Father, the saving WORK of the Son, and the indwelling WITNESS of the Holy Spirit. (John 14:16, 23-26).



Very Many Congratulations

To Karl and Heidi Bland (née Shepherd) on the birth of their daughter Floella Kathleen Elizabeth who was born on the 3 May weighing 6lbs 15ozs.

COME AND ENJOY OUR SUMMER FETE

Our annual Summer Fete will be held in the Vicarage Garden on

Saturday 20 June 2009 at 2.00 pm.

There will be games, a bouncy castle, a bottle stall, a book stall, a gift stall, cake stall, nearly new stall, plant stall, bran tub, ice-creams and teas.

Please come and support us – the Summer Fete is one of our two major fundraising events of the year.

Worried that your life is changing beyond recall? **

A wise farmer rotates his crops: no one thing should always be grown in the same place. Change and diversity are the key to long-term health. It is the same for us: for us to be at our most productive, we must not be surprised if God suddenly rests us from ‘growing corn’, and gives us something else to do. Often it is

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something we would never have imagined!

Life is lived in seasons: in each of our lives, there is a time to do this, a time to do that. Too many of us lose our sense of self-worth and direction because we don't understand when we're leaving one season and entering another in life.

We struggle and want to hang on to what we had. But sometimes God wants to give us something new, to make us productive at every stage of our life. God will never put you in a place too small to grow. You may be asked to grow in ways that seem uncomfortable at first, but he is out to develop you fully, in every aspect of your being – not just the ones at which you are already good!

Prayer – a beginner's guide **

Are you someone God wants to hear from? The message of the Bible is that however unworthy, sinful and useless we may feel as human beings, God can't wait to hear from us and is sitting, hand poised, ready to pick up the phone the second it rings.

Is he worth talking to? He's the one person who knows us inside out; the one person with infinite power at his fingertips; the one who has the true perspective on an entire world's story. He is not a slot machine to pay into in the hope of one day getting 'an answer to prayer', but a person. Who likes us.

How might you begin to pray? What sort of a person are you? Do you like a good gossip? Then gossip to God. Are you the

strong silent type? Then be silent in his presence. Say hello... say the Lord's Prayer ... say 'Oh God' and mean it... deliberately be silent and still for one minute ... read a story from a Gospel and imagine what you would say to Jesus if you were there... tell him about what is worrying you or thrilling you ... copy the great pray-ers of the Bible and of the Church... write a letter to him ... listen and look for a few moments in a place you consider holy... You can't go wrong. Prayer is good. God longs to hear from you. He's worth it.

Sleep or sneeze **

People who sleep for less than seven hours a night are three times more likely to catch a cold than if they slept for eight hours or more. Sleep is closely linked to the strength of the immune system, which is why people feel tired when they are ill or have an infection.

Prof Ron Eccles of the Common Cold Centre in Cardiff observes: 'With our busy lives, particularly the young who like to stay out late at night, we are probably suffering more colds than we need to.'

<p>Departing guest: 'Well, good-night. I hope I haven't kept you up too late'.</p>
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<p>Polite host: 'Not at all. I'd have been getting up soon, any way'.</p>

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Looking at You – daily life in the 21st century

Here comes the sun **

Last year one in ten parents ignored ‘safe sun’ messages and put their children at risk of burns and skin cancer. They admitted never using sun-screen on their children despite the dangers to young skin, a recent survey found.

Children are especially vulnerable to the sun’s ultraviolet rays – they have sensitive skin, and spend large amounts of time outside. One episode of sunburn may be enough to trigger changes that result in the potentially deadly melanoma skin cancer. It can take up to 15 years before the first signs of cancer appear.

Cancer Research UK’s SunSmart campaign urges adults and children alike to use factor 15 or above. About 75,000 new cases of skin cancer are diagnosed each year in Britain.

Diet drinks that – aren’t! **

You can’t win.... it seems that diet drinks may actually make you put ON weight rather than lose it, a study has claimed. It seems that artificial sweeteners can make it harder for us to regulate our intake of food, and so therefore may lead to over-eating. In a recent research, rats at Purdue University in Indiana were given low-calorie yoghurt, and gained more weight than rats given a sugary version.

It seems that sweet food provides a ‘orosensory stimulus’ which tells our body that a lot of calories are about to be consumed. When this does not happen, the body gets confused, and people feel an urge to eat more, to compensate for the food’s low calorie content. (Which would explain why obesity levels and the use of artificial sweeteners have risen simultaneously.)

Doctors instead advise that anyone wanting to lose some weight ‘should try and re-train their palate so that they enjoy foods without a lot of sugar’.

Godmanchester in Bloom In June

This month sees the judging in the Front Garden Competition. Leaflets with details have been distributed to all households in the town and hopefully there will be an air of expectation as the third and fourth weeks in June approach. To ensure residents without a front garden don’t feel left out we will be awarding Anglia in Bloom certificates for the best kept window box and best hanging basket. Anglia in Bloom judges visit the town on 9 July. More about this next month.

John Thackray

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April PCC Minutes

Minutes in full of PCC meetings are displayed on the south door noticeboard. Here are some key points from the April meeting

Briefing on the Salvation Army Hall

David Busk welcomed David Lewis and John Callaghan to the meeting. David Lewis and his wife are being transferred to South Shields in the summer and are not being replaced. This brings into question the future of the SA hall in Silver Street. It would be a great shame to lose this very useful building – currently used for Tuesday coffee mornings and lunches amongst other things. There is a general feeling that there may be an opportunity to look at the use of the hall as a Churches Together facility. If it is possible to have somebody to take on the role of caretaker and to carry out administration on bookings etc, this may be the cheapest way to keep the building open. It is the feeling of Godmanchester Churches that they would like to keep the hall as part of the facilities for the Christian community in Godmanchester. David Lewis will report back after meetings of Churches Together and the SA Divisional Commander.

Mission Action Plan

David Busk reported that, following the successful Lent MAP groups, the MAP sub-committee has collated the material and, on consideration, feels that some of the issues involved would benefit from 'quick fixes'. These proposed quick fixes are:

- * Coffee at back of church instead of the church hall.

- * Banners on the pillars to brighten the church

- * Car service to church for those requiring it.

- * Child-friendly final hymn at the 9.45am Service.

After discussion the decision was made to implement all four quick fixes.

Ministry News

The PCC approved the renewal of Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) for Jean Morgan (Pastoral Care), David Ferris (Pastoral Care) and Peter Dawe (Evangelist). Gillian Bathurst-Hoile's renewal is due later in the year. Linda Watson is studying to be a Licensed Lay Minister.

David Busk reported that the Diocese remains keen to sell the vicarage. A meeting has been called by Ely to discuss the matter. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.

Finance Committee

Colin Thirlwall distributed the bi-monthly report to PCC members. The projected overall deficit for 2009 is estimated at £13,500. This will have to be covered by non-regular income from social events and concerts and from reserves. Social events and concerts are expected to cover about half of the projected deficit. For 2008, it was noted that the unclaimed tax rebate of approx. £4,000 is currently allocated to the Development Fund. It was agreed to proceed with the proposed repairs to the church fabric,

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committing funds for the general repair work straight away and looking for possible grants and loans in the future.

Fabric Committee

A preliminary meeting has been held with the architect to discuss a number of alternatives regarding chancel lighting. A model hawk has now been fixed as a pigeon deterrent and we wait to see whether it has any effect.

Church Hall Committee

The project to pave the outside frontage of the hall has been dropped as the cost was prohibitive. A revised proposal is to provide a gentle slope up to the side door to enable easy access to the hall without the need to use the kitchen door.

Churches Together

The Churches Together committee was looking into the possibility of organising a "Passion Play" for future years.

Re-launch of the Friends of St Mary's Godmanchester

The re-launch of the Friends of St Mary's will take place on the occasion of the Sedici concert on Saturday 6 June. It is the Friends' intention to raise funds by arranging concerts, speakers and other activities within the church and for the community throughout the year. A comprehensive programme will be available later in the year at the Friends' AGM

It is hoped that members of the PCC will feel encouraged to become part of this exciting venture.

Our Status as an Enrolled 'Environment Body of ENTRUST

The PCC decided that the Church should abandon its status as an Environment Body of ENTRUST, because grants were now managed through other bodies.

Any other business

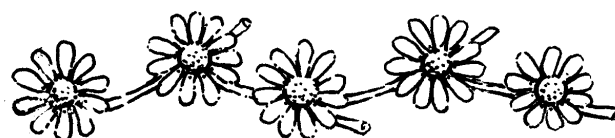
100 Club – If we had 100 members, £45 would be distributed in prizes and £55 given to the Church for fabric needs. The 100 Club needs more members – please join and get friends and neighbours to join.

Andrew Wright

PCC Secretary

And finally...

Sunday 24 May, and the sun had got his hat on. Big time. Many thanks to everyone who supported Island Hall for the Church Plant Sale and the National Gardens Scheme open gardens. The two events between them raised £2,250 for good causes (£500 for the church). After last year's deluge the hot weather returned with a vengeance, and so did the visitors. Most of the plants had sold by lunchtime, and visitors were still pouring into the gardens only minutes before closing time! Thank you Christopher and Lady Linda Vane Percy for your generous hospitality. Certainly a day to remember!



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Churches Together in Huntingdon & Godmanchester
June 2009 diary of church activities

Thu 4	19:00 Thursday@7, All Saints, Huntingdon. Speaker: Adrian Woodbridge
Sat 6	08:30 Ladies' breakfast, Barley Mow, Huntingdon. Speaker Shirley Bowers Fair & Ethical Trade stall at the Riverside Gala
Sun 7	14:00 Family Fun Day, Coneygear Park – organised by HCC, but support from other churches welcomed.
Sun 28	GAP youth event at Westfield School in St Ives. Theme, 'talking to God' (see Note 2)

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** Items taken from *The Parish Pump*, the Church News Service on line.

Registers
Baptisms

3 May	Ruby Alice Jordan
10 May	Hannah Rosemary Busk

Funerals:

8 May	Margaret Dear
20 May	Robert Sproats
29 May	Peter Ballantine

Wedding

23 May	Matthew Paul Nickerson and Gemma Theresa Twigden
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Lectionary

7 June	Trinity Sunday Isaiah 6:1-8; John 3:1-17
11 June	Corpus Christi Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 6:51-58
14 June	Trinity 1 Ezekiel 17: 22-end; Mark 4:26-34
21 June	Trinity 2 Job 38:1-11; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-end
28 June	Trinity 3 Lamentations 3:22-33; 2 Corinthians 8:7-end; Mark 5:21-end

Dates for your diary

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Mon	1	10.45 am	Churches Together Clergy Meeting	Salvation Army Hall
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (436 737)
		8.00 pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	2	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		2.00 pm	Mothers' Union Meeting	Queen Elizabeth School
		7.30 pm	Shalom Service	
		t.b.a.	Men's Group Barbeque	7, Allen Farm Close
Wed	3	11.00 am	Holy Communion	The Chestnuts
		7.30 pm	Bible Study	10 East Chadley Lane
		7.30 pm	Listening Skills	59 London Rd
Thu	4	7:30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
Fri	5	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	6	8.30 am	Women's Prayer Breakfast	Barley Mow, Hartford
		7.30 pm	Sedici Concert	Church
Sun	7	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist Service	
		11.30 am	Baptism: Dominic Adams	

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		13.00 pm	Carers' Service	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
Mon	8	6.45 pm	Youth Group – Film Night (tbc)	38 London Rd
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (436 737)
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
		8.00 pm	Parish Praise Worship Group Meeting	10 East Chadley Lane
Tue	9	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		7.30 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Church
		8.00 pm	Wives' Group – Treasure Hunt or Quiz	Church Hall
Wed	10	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Oak Tree Court
		7.45 pm	MAP Group Meeting	Vicarage
Thu	11	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		7.30 pm	High Mass (Corpus Christi)	
Fri	12	1.00 pm	Wedding Gareth Barry/Juliet Bird	
		7.30 pm	Choir Practice	Church Hall
Sat	13	12 noon	Wedding: Robert Dimmock/Lisa Irving	
Sun	14	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		11.30 am	Thanksgiving for Lydia Williams	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
Mon	15	6.45 pm	Youth Group – Games Night	38 London Rd
		1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (436 737)
		7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation	St Mary's, Buckden
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	16	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
Wed	17	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Woodley Court
Thu	18	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
		10.00	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club

G O D M A N C H E S T E R P A R I S H N E W S

		am		
Fri	19		NO Choir Practice	
Sat	20	2.00 pm	Church Summer Fete	Vicarage garden
Sun	21	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist (children in church)	
		11.30 am	Baptism – William, Timothy & Freya Jones, George Wilson	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
Mon	22	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (436 737)
		7.30 pm	Governors' Meeting	St Anne's School
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	23	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
Wed	24	9.45 am	Holy Communion	McCartney House
		7.45 pm	MAP Group Meeting	Vicarage
Thu	25	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	
		10.00 am	St Mary's 0s – 5s	Comrades' Club
		9.45 am	Holy Communion	
Fri	26	7.30 pm	Choir Practice	
Sat	27	3.00 pm	Priesting of Mary Jepp	Ely Cathedral
Sun	28	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
		9.45 am	Sung Eucharist	
		6.30 pm	Sung Evensong	
		6.45 pm	Session with Year 6s	Church Hall
Mon	29	1.30 pm	Stepping Stones	22 Porch Close (436 737)
		8.00pm	Signing Group	18 Windsor Rd
Tue	30	7.30 am	Morning Prayer	

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