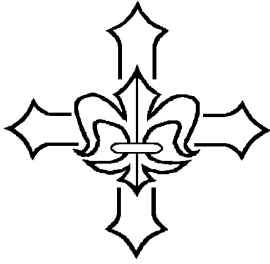


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 7th January 2007

The Epiphany

Holy Communion

President and Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: Pat Saunders

Readers

Megan MacDiarmid, Nicholas Leigh Smith

Readings

Isaiah Ch 60 vv 1-6

Ephesians Ch 3 vv 1-12

Gospel

Matthew Ch 2 vv 1-12

Intercessions

Jim Heeley

Hymns

49(ii), 48, 52, 47

Communion

51, 275

Sung Evensong

Hymns

President and Preacher: Jerry Craddock

48, 393, 242

Psalm 98

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Holmehill, Hayling Close, Cob Place, Fishers Way

Charity of the month: Church Army

Holy Communion. All are welcome at the altar rail. If you are a communicant member of your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here. Or if you wish to receive a Blessing, please come forward with a hymn book, kneel at the rail and bow your head.

Notices

Messages from the Vicar

Many thanks

to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas such a happy one. There is no space to mention individuals, but to all who were involved with music, the Flower Guild, Children's Church and the Youth Group, wardens and sidespersons, servers, bell ringers, "the Christmas Tree men", cleaners and sacristans, the ministry team and anyone who did anything to make the services and the church itself glow with the joy of the Nativity, thank you.

Congratulations

To Megan MacDiarmid, who will be commissioned as Branch Leader of St. Mary's Mothers' Union at the end of the 9.45 Eucharist today. Megan follows Penny Jones in this office, but will undoubtedly bring her own talents and personality to this important role in the life of our church. Please pray for God's blessing to be on Megan as she leads the Mothers' Union here, and on the branch members and their work and fellowship. Please also remember that the Mother's Union is open to all, women and men, who can support its aims, and is not limited to mothers!

Wives' Group

On Tuesday 9th January we will be holding a Beetle Drive at 8.00pm in the Church Hall. New members are always welcome so come and dispel the January blues with some light hearted fun! Contact *Barbara Thirlwall* (457018)

FWO Envelopes

The 2007 boxes of envelopes, for those in this scheme, have been available on a pew at the rear of the Church for the last few weeks. We still have plenty of spare boxes and anyone who would like to join and give in this way please contact *Peter Ballantine* (450432)

Churchyard Working Parties

We will be holding a number of working parties in the churchyard on the remaining Saturday mornings throughout January. We will start at 9.00am and will be doing some general tidying up and leaf clearing etc. Everyone welcome – just turn up at any time and stay for as long as you can.

David Ferris (385070) *Bob Hurd* (458700)

Curfew

Tomorrow is Plough Monday, the first Monday after the twelve days of Christmas when, in former times, work resumed on the land. In Godmanchester it was also the day on which the nightly ringing of the Curfew would be resumed following the Christmas break. For this reason, it is one of the four days of the year on which we currently maintain the tradition of ringing the Curfew. Listen out for it from about 7.55pm until just after 8.00pm. For further information contact *charles.looker@virgin.net*

Pete Marsden

Some of you will remember Julie Anderson, who was on placement here during her Reader training. While she was with us her husband, Pete Marsden, was diagnosed with cancer of the pancreas. Sadly Pete died on Christmas Day. His funeral is at Brampton Church at 1.00pm on Tuesday 9th January, followed by cremation. No black ties by request. Donations in Pete's memory can be made to Macmillan Cancer Relief at the funeral or via Peacocks. Please remember Julie and the family in your prayers at this time. Contact *Pat Saunders* (354764)
pat.saunders5@ntlworld.com

Dear Friends

I would like to say a big thank you to all who wished me well for my operation and during the weeks of recovery. I am very grateful for all your prayers, flowers, cards and chocolates. I am certain that with all your prayers and kindness you all have helped me to recover so much more quickly than it would have normally taken.

Much love to you all

Linda Watson

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DIARY

Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group (venue tba)
- 20:00 Children's Church Planning Meeting (Vicarage)

Monday 8th January

- 13:30 Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)

Tuesday 9th January

- 19:30 Standing Committee Meeting of the PCC (Vicarage)
- 20:00 Wives' Group (Church Hall)

Wednesday 10th January

- 12:30 Churches Together Ministers' Meeting (Vicarage)

Thursday 11th January

- 09:30 St Mary's 0s-5s (Comrades' Club)
- 09:45 Holy Communion

Friday 12th January

- 19:30 Choir Party

Sunday 14th January – Epiphany 2

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist – Children's Church and Vestry Group
- 11:30 Grassroots and Holy Baptism
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group (venue tba)

Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the morning Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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