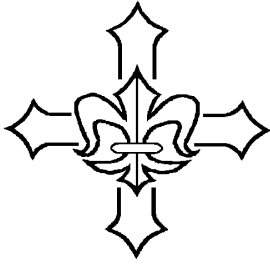


**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester**  
*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007**  
*The Sunday next before Lent*

**Holy Communion**      *President: David Busk    Preacher: Pat Saunders*

**Sung Eucharist**      *President: David Busk    Preacher: Pat Saunders*  
*Deacon: Jerry Craddock*

Readers                  Peter Taylor & Faith Back  
Readings                Exodus Ch 34 vv 29 – end  
                                 2 Corinthians Ch 3 vv 12 – Ch 4 vv 2  
Gospel                    Luke Ch 9 vv 28-43a

Intercessions          Nicholas Leigh Smith

Hymns                    473 (ii), Be still, 316, 271, 446  
Communion              389, 358 (ii)

**Sung Evensong**      *President & Preacher: David Busk*

Hymns                    384, 250, 246 (ii)  
Psalm                     89 vv 5 - 12

**Collect**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Cambridge Road, Cambridge Villas, Meadow Way,  
Harcourt and Almond Close

**Charity of the month:** Corrymeela

**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 would like to receive a Blessing, please come forward with a hymn book, kneel at the rail and bow your head.

## Notices

### ***Baptism***

Today, at the 9.45 Sung Eucharist, we welcome Charles Todd into the Christian family.

### ***Pancake Races***

The pancake races will be held immediately after today's 9.45 service. Please do come and take part, or cheer on the runners. Sponsor money will be shared between East Anglia's Children's Hospices and Christian Aid. If you have not yet found a runner to sponsor, do try to find one who still has room on their sponsor sheet.

### ***A leaving present for Ally, Sam, Joanna and Daniel***

Sadly, the time has come when we have to think about saying goodbye to Ally and her family. Ally's final Sunday as Curate will be on April 29<sup>th</sup>, when she will give the sermon at the 9.45 Eucharist, and a 'do' will be held afterwards in the Church Hall. Those who would like to give money towards a present for Ally and family can hand their contributions to Peter Ballantine.

### ***Lent Courses***

Lent courses will be held this year with the title of *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. They will be based on the book of the same name by Henry Nouwen and will also make use of colour copies of the painting by Rembrandt depicting this moving parable of Jesus. There will be a choice of afternoon or evening sessions, both on Wednesdays. The afternoon sessions will be in the Vicarage from 1.30pm and parents or guardians with young children will be welcome to bring their charges with them. We would aim to finish before 3.00pm. The evening sessions will be at 8.00pm in the Friends Meeting House (Quaker Centre) in Post Street, to finish by 9.30pm. The relevant Wednesdays are February 28<sup>th</sup> March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. No need to

sign up – just come along. It is not essential to read the book beforehand but it is highly recommended in its own right. It is published by Darton, Longman and Todd.

### ***Preparation of New Electoral Roll***

The date for the next preparation of church electoral rolls has been moved forward a year from 2008 to 2007 by the General Synod. The date that governs the timetable for the preparation of the new roll is that of the annual parochial church meeting. This year, our annual meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April. The notice for the preparation of the electoral roll is affixed to a notice board in the south porch. Under the rules, the new electoral roll must be completed not less than 15 days, nor more than 28 days, before the annual meeting. You are, therefore, invited to have your name included on the Church Electoral Roll by completing the application form enclosed and placing it in the electoral roll box on the table at the south door, returning it to the Parish Office, or to the Churchwardens. May I thank you in anticipation of early completion of your application form. *Trevor Weedon.. PCC Secretary.*

### ***Church Forums***

There is a new addition to the Church website. We now have our very own forums - sometimes known as a bulletin board. We are running the latest version of 'Invision Power Board', one of the market leaders in commercial forum software. It's a powerful system, with a great deal built in to make the forum experience as safe and pleasant as possible. Do please consider joining the forums if you have access to the website. If you have any problems with the registration process, or there are questions you would like answering about the forums, do feel free to contact me.

[www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/forums/index.php](http://www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/forums/index.php)  
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### ***Valentine Lunch last Sunday***

The proceeds from this enjoyable event raised the sum of £167.00 towards Church funds. We are most grateful to all who gave their support in any way. Val Pithey.

### ***Flower Guild AGM***

Please would all members note that our AGM will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in the Church Hall. I look forward to seeing you all there.

*Jean Miller (437488).*

### ***Fairtrade News***

To mark Fairtrade Fortnight (26<sup>th</sup> Feb – 11<sup>th</sup> Mar), the Youth Group would like to invite you to use fairly traded coffee at work. How about buying a large tub of instant coffee for your workplace? You can order them from Gill (01480 390473) before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. 500g tubs each of:

- instant cafédirect - £12.95
- organic decaffeinated cafédirect - £14.95
- Traidcraft instant coffee granules - £8.95

### ***Frugal Lunch***

Early notice for forthcoming frugal lunch on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. Tickets, £3.00 & £1.50 available from Val Pithey (454851). Proceeds to Christian Aid.

### ***Lent Concert***

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm, choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in our church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent, with Eric Thiman's 'The Last Supper' as the main item in the programme. It will be conducted by Ken Diffey, with Paul Bryan (organ), Caroline Jones (soprano) and Tony Burnley (Baritone). The Hemingford Ladies' Choir is also contributing two items to the programme. Tickets at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) will be available after the 9.45am service each Sunday, or from Ken Diffey on 458846. This annual event is not only a significant contribution to our worship in Lent, but also a major source of income for

our church funds. Please do try to support it if you can.

### ***St Mary's 0-5s Group***

Help needed! We are looking for volunteers to join the committee for this successful playgroup held at the Comrades Club on Mondays from 9.30 to 11.30 am. This involves mainly getting out toys and arranging craft activities etc. Some of the current committee are standing down at Easter and any offers of help would be greatly appreciated. Contact Donna Atkin 417282.

### ***How is it done? Who would know?***

We are thinking of trying to compile a useful fact file about church events, to be kept in the Parish Office, probably in a large ring binder. If you know key details about a church activity in which you have often been involved, e.g.

Preparing Christingles

Putting up the Christmas tree

Organising breakfast on Easter morning

Making bouquets for Mothering Sunday

- to name but a very few! Please jot them down for others to share. Entries could include the most recent key contact(s), where to order materials and quantities, where equipment is stored, key deadlines in preparing the event, hints for any publicity etc etc. Please let Jules Shelley have your contributions, either via the pigeon-hole, or email: [christopher.shelley1@ntlworld.com](mailto:christopher.shelley1@ntlworld.com)

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Jim Heeley is the current Newsletter compiler on [jskc@btinternet.com](mailto:jskc@btinternet.com) (412264). All contributions please by 18.30 on the Thursday.

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February                      The Sunday next before Lent**

- 08:00            *Holy Communion*  
09:45            *Sung Eucharist – Baptism of Charles Todd*  
                    *(No Children's Church or Vestry Group (half-term))*  
18:30            *Sung Evensong*  
                    *No Youth Group (half term)*

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

- 13:30            *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*

### **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

- 19:30            *PCC Meeting*  
20:00            *Emmaus Home Group (10 Croftfield Road)*

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

#### **Ash Wednesday**

- 09:15            *Ash Wednesday Eucharist (St Anne's School)*  
11:00            *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*  
19:30            *Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes*

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

- 09:30            *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*  
09:45            *Mothers' Union Corporate Communion*  
10:30            *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

- 19:30            *Choir Practice*  
20:00            *Rehearsal for Lent Concert*

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10:00            *Flower Guild AGM*

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February                      Lent 1**

- 08:00            *Holy Communion*  
09:45            *All-age Eucharist*  
16:00            *Rectory Gardens Ecumenical Service*  
18:30            *Sung Evensong*  
18:45            *Youth Group – Ramble in the dark / marshmallows at the Vicarage*

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

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