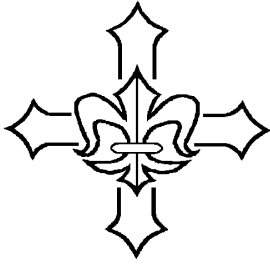


**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester**  
*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 1 April 2007**  
*Palm Sunday*

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

**Sung Eucharist**      *President: David Busk Preacher: David Busk*

Readers	Sam Barrett and Stella Howard
Readings	Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a & Philippians 2: 5 -11
Gospel	Luke Ch 23 vv 1 - 49

Intercessions	Trevor Weedon
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Hymns	509, 439, 86, 511
Communion	92, 83

**Sung Evensong**      *President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock*

Hymns	465, 96, 95
Psalm	69: vv 1 – 6, 13 - 20

**Collect**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** West Street, Pinfold Lane, Granary Close, The Maltings and Oakleigh Crescent

**Charity of the month:** DISH

**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

### ***Amazing Grace discussion***

All who went to see the film 'Amazing Grace' last week, and any others who didn't but are interested in the abolition of the slave trade, past and present, are invited to come and talk about their impressions and thoughts over a cup of coffee in the Vicarage this Tuesday, April 3rd, at 10.30am (after the Eucharist). No need to book - just turn up.

***David Busk***

### ***Maundy Thursday Vigil***

Volunteers are needed to stay in church during the vigil following the 7.30pm Eucharist on Maundy Thursday (5<sup>th</sup> April). It would be good if more than one person could be present at all times. Please sign the list by the south door if you feel you could do this, indicating how long you can stay. It does not have to be for as much as an hour if that is difficult to manage.

### ***Children's Workshop***

On Good Friday (6<sup>th</sup> April) there will be a Children's Workshop in the church hall during the time of the service in church. It will begin at 1.30pm and finish at 2.45pm. Children aged from 3 to 11 are all welcome to attend. We will be making hot cross buns and doing various craft activities based around the Cross.

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**or Jules Shelley (437262;**

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### ***Youth Group***

Following the success of last year's cake stall the youth group are selling a selection of cakes, biscuits and home made sweets and chocolates after the service to raise money for a trip to Greenbelt Arts Festival in August. They worked hard to make them yesterday and some have been made using organic or fair trade ingredients. There are even some that are gluten free. Please come to their stall at coffee after the service, IOU's can be left.

### ***Elections of Churchwarden and PCC members***

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April we shall have to elect a new Churchwarden and at least two new members of the PCC. Please pray for these elections, and if you feel led by God to offer yourself for either of these positions, please speak to me or to the Churchwardens or Trevor Weedon as soon as possible, and at any rate before Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – that is the last day on which we can post the names of candidates in order to give the necessary two week's notice before the APCM.

***David Busk.***

### ***Easter Lilies***

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one these will cost £3:50 each and will be arranged in the nave pedestals. Please be sure to sign the book of remembrance, which will be placed on the south aisle kneeler. Orders and money to Linda Weedon, before Easter please.

***Jean Miller.***

### ***Easter Flowers***

The Flower Guild would be very grateful to receive donations towards the cost of decorating the church for Easter; please give these to Vera Arnold; thank you very much.

***Jean Miller.***

### ***Easter Day Parish Breakfast***

Breakfast will be available in the Church Hall after the dawn Eucharist on Easter Day. Numbers will have to be limited to about 50 because of space and logistics limitations in the Hall. Cost will be Adults £4, Children £2. A few volunteers would be welcomed to help set up the Hall on Saturday afternoon and/or serving and clearing up on Sunday morning. Reservations, offers of help or queries please ***contact Dai or Jean Morgan at church, by telephone on 417502, at [morgan.01339@msn.com](mailto:morgan.01339@msn.com) or [jand.morgan@ntlworld.com](mailto:jand.morgan@ntlworld.com).***

### ***Children's Society Boxes***

It's that time of year already! If you would like your collecting box emptied please either bring it to church or telephone me to arrange collection. Thank you all for your support, last year we raised a total of £276.69.

***Kate Steed. (01480 382101)***

### ***Mothers' Union***

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall on Tuesday April 3rd at 2.00 pm. The meeting will start with our usual service. This will be followed by tea and we shall finish the meeting with The Wave of Prayer from 3.00 – 3.30pm. The coffee morning at Oak Tree Court was well attended and Raised £85 for MU charities. Thanks to everyone for their support. If you need a lift to the meeting please ***contact Jean Morgan on 417502, or Megan Macdiarmid on 437278.***

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

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.

***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.

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### ***Newsletter Compiler***

***Bizz Thackray*** will be the Newsletter compiler from 1 April to 27 May  
email: ***[bizzthackray@hotmail.com](mailto:bizzthackray@hotmail.com)***  
Tel: 457722

***All contributions please by 18.30 on the Thursday.***

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

### **Palm Sunday**

- 08:00 Holy Communion  
09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)  
18:30 Sung Evensong  
18:45 Youth Group

### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- 09:45 Eucharist  
20:00 Stations of the Cross

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

- 09:45 Eucharist  
20:00 Stations of the Cross

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

- 09:45 Eucharist  
20:00 Stations of the Cross

### **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Maundy Thursday**

- 10:30 Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal vows in Ely Cathedral  
19.30 Eucharist with Washing of Feet, followed by Stripping of Altars and Vigil till midnight

### **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Good Friday**

- 11.00 Churches Together Walk of Witness (starting at Huntingdon Methodist Church)  
13.30 Good Friday Liturgy  
13.30 Childrens' Workshop  
19:30 Choir Practice

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Easter Eve**

- 19:30 Confirmation Service in Ely Cathedral  
20:00 Compline

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

### **Easter Day**

- 05.30 Easter Vigil  
08:00 Holy Communion  
09.45 Sung Eucharist  
18.30 Evensong (with invitation to other churches not holding an evening service)

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

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