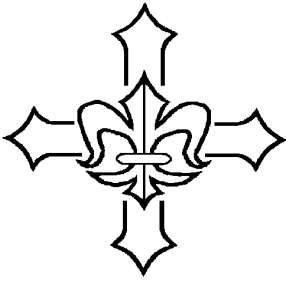


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 13 May 2007

Easter 6

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Derek Billings

Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Peter Moger

Reader:	Jean Morgan
Reading:	Acts 16: 9 – 15
Gospel	John 14: 23 - 29
Intercessions	Ann Tilley
Hymns	475, -----, 123, 484 (t 167),
Communion	281, 276ii

Grassroots with Baptism

See separate order of service

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: Pat Saunders

Hymns	114, 337, 242
Psalm	147: 1 – 7, 12

Collect

Risen Christ
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: Saxon Close, Pipers Lane/Laroc Close, Lavender Grove, Cow Lane

Charity of the month: Tear Fund

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

I will be away from the evening of Monday April 30th to the afternoon of Wednesday May 16th. For all pastoral matters during this period please contact Jerry Craddock (458011). For other church matters please contact one of the Churchwardens, David Ferris (385070) or Jean Morgan (417502).

David

Ally's Induction

Ally's induction is to be on Monday 14 May at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church Buckden. The fewer cars we can take the better as parking can be tricky. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you intend to go and indicate if you want a lift.

Thank you. David Ferris and Jean Morgan

Mothers' Union

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Jean Morgan, 2A Earning Street, on Tuesday May 15th from 10.30 to 11.30 am. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle. Please do come along and bring your friends. If you need a lift please **contact either Jean Morgan on 417502 or Megan Macdiarmid on 437278.**

Ely Choirs' Festival – 19 May

The annual Diocesan Choirs' Festival will be held in the Cathedral on Saturday 19 May at 5.30. As usual, members of our choir are taking part and it is hoped that they will be supported by some members of our congregation, particularly since the festival service was designed by Ally Barrett in her capacity as a member of the Ely RSCM Committee. The service, entitled 'New Life', contains some very exciting and uplifting music, making this an event not to be missed. The congregation is advised to be seated by 5.00.

Spring Barbeque

Sunday 20 May in Church Hall 12.15 for 12.30pm. Tickets (£5 & £2.50)

from Val Pithey (454851).

Summer opening

We are hoping to continue the practice set by Penny Jones of keeping the church open on either/or Saturday and Sunday afternoons during the summer months. But it will depend on the number of volunteers. If you are able to give an hour, please sign the rota at the back of the church. If you are unable to give a commitment immediately, **please phone Liz Irving (382144)** when you are.

Child protection training sessions

Yvonne Quirk, who is the Diocesan Advisor on Child Protection, will be conducting two identical training sessions for all whose roles in the church bring them into any regular contact with children or young people. This includes leaders and helpers for the Children's Church, Youth Group, Vestry Group, Stepping Stones and St Mary's 0-5s, all in the ministry team, the Churchwardens, adult servers, and members of the choir. If you are comprised in this list, and if you have never attended such a session or have not been to one in the past four years, diocesan policy **requires** that you should do so. The sessions will be on Saturday May 19th at 10.00am and Tuesday May 22nd at 7.00pm, both held in the church hall and lasting about 2 ½ hours. They will be free, but we may ask for a few pence for refreshments. There is a maximum of 25 places for each session. Please choose the time that suits you best, and let me know as soon as possible if you plan to come to one. Remaining places will be offered to people from other local churches.

David Busk (436400)

Ivor Warboys

Rolley Warboys wishes to thank Ally, Pat, Paul, David and all the members of the congregation, who have been praying for his son. Ivor died on April 29 in South Africa after a long illness. Rolley also very much appreciates the support given to him at this sad time.

Ruth Ekblom would like to hear from anyone who may have an unused piano or keyboard for a beginner to learn to play. Please contact her on **374809**

Summer fete – 16 June 2007

Please support the Summer fete - this is an important fundraising event for St Mary's.

Below is a provisional list of stall holders. It seems unlikely that we will be able to run the Draw this year unless we have a volunteer soon. We also need volunteers to run the Book stall and help with the Teas (I am always grateful to the usual band of people who just turn up every year to pour tea, wash up etc). Please think about whether you could undertake these tasks – it is only once a year and the more people involved the better. All the stalls need donations and cakes will be needed for the Teas and the cake stall.

Donations can be given to the stall holders nearer the time.

GAMES - Youth group - Gordon Peacock

BOUNCY CASTLE - Jennie Parker

TEAS - Pat Alburey - (Christine Parker)

BOTTLE STALL - Jack Shimmons

BOOKS - Volunteers needed

GIFTS - Catheryn Turrell - (Pam Ayres)

CAKE STALL - Mothers Union

NEARLY NEW - Olwyn Hurd

PLANT - Shelley and Jim Heeley

FLOWER STALL - Jean Miller

GAMES, BRAN TUB etc -Children's Church

ICE CREAMS - Jean Morgan

GATE TICKETS - Choir members

All offers of help, particularly on the day, will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your support.

Christine and Mike Parker (459640 or christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com)

Moving house

I am having to move out of my current house before I can move into my new home, so I won't be available on my usual phone number for the time being. ***My mobile number is 07790 703675. Pat Saunders.***

May Revels

At the kind invitation of Christopher and Lady Linda Vane-Percy, the May Revels were held at Island Hall last Sunday and very much enjoyed by all. Thank you to all helpers, May Maids, dancers and those who donated prizes and cakes. The afternoon raised £502.40 for church funds.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY (15 MAY) DUE TO COFFEE MORNING AT JEAN MORGAN'S HOUSE

Newsletter Compiler

Bizz Thackray will be the Newsletter compiler from 1 April to 27 May

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All contributions please by 18.30 on the Thursday.

DIARY

Sunday 13th May

Easter 6

- 8:00 Holy Communion – Rev'd Derek Billings
9:45 Sung Eucharist –
Children's Church & Vestry Group
11.30 Grass Roots with Baptism – Ivanna Jarmila Coe
- The Rev'd Peter Moger
18:30 Sung Evensong
18.45 Youth Group at 38 London Road, (new home of Mike & Jen)

Monday 14th May

- 13:30 Stepping Stones – Baptist Church Centre
19:30 Ally's Installation at Buckden & The Offords –
St Mary's Church, Buckden

Tuesday 15th May

- 19:30 Parochial Church Council Meeting – Church Hall

Wednesday 16th May

- 10.30 Holy Communion – Woodley Court
15:00 The funeral of Mr Fred Deller in church

Thursday 17th May

Ascension Day

- 9:30 St Mary;s 0s – 5s – Comrades Club
9:45 Mothers' Union Corporate Communion
14:00 St Anne's School Eucharist
19:30 Godmanchester Mayor Making – Town Hall
20:00 Sung Eucharist with Michaelmas Group

Friday 18th May

- 19:30 Choir Practice
20:00 Rehearsal for Ely Festival

Saturday 19th May

- 10:00 Child Protection Training Session – Church Hall
15:00 Wedding: Richard David & Michelle Anderson

Sunday 20th May

Easter 7

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Children's Church & Vestry Group
12noon Spring Barbecue
18:30 Sung Evensong
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Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the morning Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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