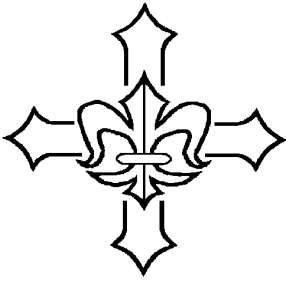


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 24th June 2007

Third Sunday after Trinity

Birth of John the Baptist

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

All-age Eucharist

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See separate Order of Service

Sung Evensong

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Hymns	418, 431, 252
Psalm	82

Collect

Living God
where there is waste, let us bring recycling;
where there is recycling, let us bring reuse;
where there is reuse, let us bring sustainability;
where there is sustainability, let us bring justice;
where there is justice, let us bring love.

Street Prayer Mission: Pettit Road, Windsor Road, Stuart Close and Ravenshoe

Charity of the month: Diocesan Committee for Social Welfare

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

Church opening at the weekend

Today will be the seventh Sunday afternoon that we have kept the church open to visitors. Please volunteer for an hour during the summer, if you possibly can. A rota will be found on the table at the back of the church. Just find a time that suits you and sign in. So far Sunday afternoons from 2.00pm – 5.00pm seem to be the most popular.

Youth Group Tonight and Next Week

There will be no Youth Group tonight. We'll meet again next Sunday evening (1 July) for an outdoor/indoor games night (depending on the weather!) - hopefully we'll be outside enjoying some sunshine.

Youth Group – A Chance to Join In

Are you aged between 11 and 18, or just about to start year 7? Youth group would love you to join in their activities. We meet on a Sunday evening in term time, between 6.45 and 8.30pm, usually in the church hall, but it can be other places. We keep in contact with everyone using E-mail and we will soon be using the church website too. You don't have to come every week and it is completely free to join and take part. If you are interested contact: Jen Weedon (jan_mike_22@yahoo.co.uk) or Janie Prince (janie.prince@surefish.co.uk) or just turn up!

Sidespersons

A new rota for July to December is now available; please take your copy from the letter rack in Church.

Summer Fête

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Summer Fête a success. This includes the Mayor, the Vicar, all the stallholders, people running the Grand Draw, the games and supplying the teas and ice creams, people helping to set up and clear up and of course the people who came to enjoy the event. It was a good day in spite of the weather, and we made approximately £1400, which is an excellent result.

Christian Aid Week 14 - 19 May 2007

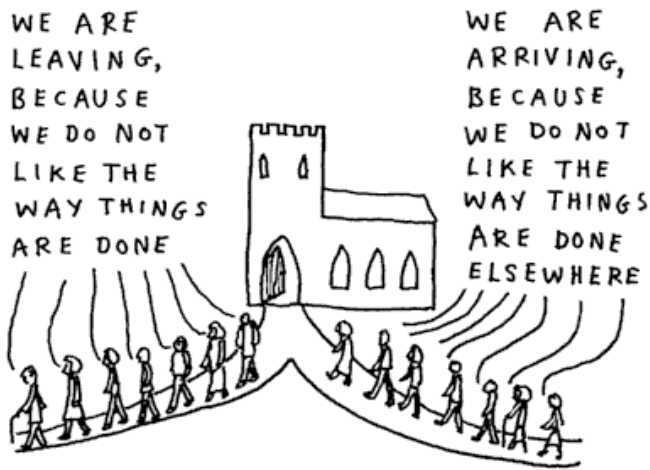
A big thank you to all who gave during Christian Aid Week and to our St Mary the Virgin collectors. The final amount passed to Christian Aid was £1,724.40, more than £200 (16%) above last year's record. I think you will agree that this was an excellent result. Thanks again to all concerned. Trevor Weedon - Christian Aid Week Co-ordinator

Bottles, bottles, bottles!!

St Mary's 0-5s Group will be holding a Bottle Tombola Stall on Gala Day, 7th July. We need donations of bottles please, anything from a bottle of bubble bath to maybe a bottle of wine! Any donation will be gratefully received and all profits made will go to St Mary's Church. If you have something to donate, please give it to Jo Jones at church or at 8, West Street. Many thanks. Jo Jones Tel 395862

Flower Guild Outing

We are planning an outing to Blickling Hall in Norfolk on Wednesday 15th August. The cost will be £18 for coach travel and entry to the house and gardens. Anyone who would like to join us please contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018) for further details.



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A Little Humour To End On

Four brothers each left home in turn for university, and went on to have a successful career in their chosen field. Two became doctors and the other two lawyers.

Many years later, when they had all earned more than enough money for an extremely comfortable retirement, they chatted after dining together at the Ritz in London. They realised that they had been so busy earning money that none of them had spent much time visiting their now elderly mother who lived far away in York. Feeling a little bit guilty, they decided to shower her with the best gifts their money could buy.

One year on they met again at the Ritz. The first said, "I had my Aston Martin dealer deliver the latest top of the range luxury car to Mother. It cost one million pounds."

The second said, "I spent three million pounds on building her a state of the art theatre with Dolby surround sound."

The third said, "I have spent five million pounds on building Mother a large house around the theatre."

The fourth said, "You know how Mother loved reading the Bible, but now she can't read anymore because she can't see clearly.

Well, I met this Abbott who told me about a parrot that can recite the entire bible. It took twenty monks 12 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute £500,000 a year for twenty years to the monastery, but it was worth it. Mother just has to name the chapter and verse and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were most impressed and agreed that his gift would probably bring their mother the most pleasure.

A few weeks later, their mother sent out her Thank You notes. She wrote:

"Alex, I am too old to travel. I stay at home, I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Aston. The thought was kind. Thanks."

"Brian, you gave me an expensive theatre with Dolby sound, it could hold 50 people, but all of my friends are either too frail to visit or have passed on. I've lost my hearing and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Charles, the house you built is so huge. I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Dearest David, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious. Thank you."

Newsletter Compiler

Pam Ayres is Newsletter compiler for July and August. E-mail pamtimayres@aol.com or phone 436395. All contributions by 18.30 on Thursday please.

DIARY

Sunday 24th June Birth of John the Baptist

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *All-age Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
 No Youth Group

Monday 25th June

13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
19:45 *Worship Group (Vicarage)*

Wednesday 27th June

11:00 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

Thursday 28th June

09:30 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
09:45 *Holy Communion*
19:30 *Prayer Group (36A Old Court Hall)*

Friday 29th June

19:30 *Choir Practice*

Sunday 1st July

Trinity 4

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

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

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