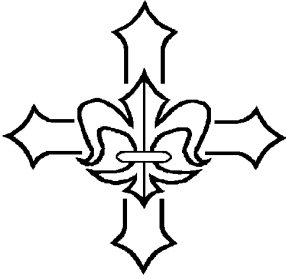


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 8th July 2007

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Jeremy Craddock

Worship in the Park

Grassroots with Holy Baptisms

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: David Busk

Hymns	352, 383, 248
Psalm	65

Collect

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: London Street, Betts Close, Barringer Court,
Earning Street, Sylton Close

Charity of the month: USPG

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

Grassroots

Jessica Ivy Taylor and Hannah Louise Rose Lutman are to be baptised today. Please pray for Jessica, Hannah and their families.

Coffee after church – change of suppliers

The Youth Group have offered to supply Fairtrade coffee for after church out of the profits they make for the group from running the Fairtrade stall. This is a splendid gesture on their part and will also help to benefit producers struggling to make a living. I would therefore like to say, firstly a very big THANKYOU to all who have until now so kindly supplied their own coffee for all to drink after church. Secondly, I would like to ask people now please NOT to bring coffee any more, as the Youth Group have undertaken to meet our needs. (We do still need you to help with serving it, in case there was any doubt!). My thanks to all, past, present and future, who help us get our caffeine fix after services.

David

Wives' Group Coffee Evening

Tuesday 10th July at 7.30pm - Our charity coffee evening in support of Age Concern will be held at Corpus Christi Farm, Offord Hill, the home of Jean Lenton. Raffle, cakes, bring and buy. Everyone most welcome (gentlemen included).

Evening Bible Study Group

The Evening Bible Study Group will meet at 8.00pm on Wednesday 11th July at 10 East Chadley Lane, GMC. As the third part of our "get-to-know-your-Bible-in-a-year" programme, we shall be looking at the Exodus story. The idea is to create a broad base to give us a context to discuss particular issues/books/periods, in more detail next year.

Other topics will include

- The establishment of the Monarchy
- The loss of the Monarchy
- The Wisdom Literature
- St Paul
- The Synoptic Gospels - Mark, Matthew and Luke
- The Johannine Church
- The Revelation
- The Early Fathers

Jeremy Craddock (458011).

Midsummer Lunch

Advance Notice of a Midsummer lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday 5th August 12.15 for 12.30 pm. Tickets available from Val Pithey (454851) next week.

Flower Guild Outing 15th August

We still have seats we need to fill to make this outing to Blickling Hall and gardens viable. Cost £18 (£10.50 if NT members). Please contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018) for further details.

July Concerts in St Mary's

July is a good month for concerts in the church so don't miss the opportunity to hear a wide range of excellent music with refreshments or cream teas available. Your attendance supports the musicians as well as benefiting our church financially.

The City of Cambridge Brass Band

On Sat 21st July at 8.00pm we welcome this well-known competition band to our church for an exciting and varied programme of brass band music. The group produce a magnificent sound so don't miss this chance to hear them. Tickets £6, concessions £5 available at all services from Colin and Barbara Thirlwall, the Town Office and the Parish Office. Help with refreshments gratefully accepted.

Valentine Singers

The Valentine singers, a choir from the edge of East London, will be giving a short concert in church on Sunday the 29th July from 3.30 to 4.30pm as part of a tour. The concert will be followed by cream teas in the vicarage garden (weather permitting). Their programme will range from sacred to secular music including a selection from HMS Pinafore. Admission will be free with a retiring collection for the Development Fund. CDs of the choir will be available. Volunteers to make scones and help serve teas please contact Colin or Barbara Thirlwall (457018).

The Corps of Drums Society

In June 1996 (yes, eleven years ago) we had a three day Festival in our church involving wonderful flower displays, three different bands, and organ recitals. The first event on the Friday evening was a Military Band Concert and Beating of the Retreat by the Band of the Royal Anglian Regiment (TA). This event began in the gardens of Farm Hall but was cut short by rain intervening which caused hurried arrangements to transfer the event to our church. Many of you may remember this and perhaps even got wet during the changeover.

One of the members of the Corps of Drums Society who lives locally has written to us asking whether anyone has any photographs of their display, either at Farm Hall or in the church, the first time the band had played in his home town. If anyone recalls taking any pictures do please make contact with Nigel Pithey (454851)

Sidespersons

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

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 8th July *Fifth Sunday after Trinity*

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *Worship in the Park (Recreation Ground)*
- 11:30 *Grassroots with Holy Baptisms*
- 12:30 *Picnic in the Park (Recreation Ground)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group*

Monday 9th July

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 19:30 *Licensing of Revd Robin McKenzie (Fenstanton Parish Church)*

Tuesday 10th July

- 20:00 *Wives' Group Charity Coffee Evening (Corpus Christi Farm, Offord Hill)*

Wednesday 11th July

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:30 *Standing Committee (Vicarage)*
- 20:00 *Evening Bible Study Group (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Thursday 12th July

- 09:30 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 20:00 *Communications Group (Vicarage)*

Friday 13th July

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Saturday 14th July

- 18:00 *Flower Guild Summer Supper in the Church Hall*

Sunday 15th July *Sixth Sunday after Trinity*

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *All-Age Eucharist*
- 11:00 *Children's Church Picnic (Vicarage Garden)*
- 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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