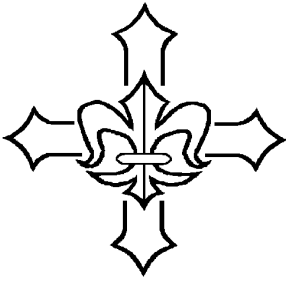


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester
Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 15th July 2007
Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

All-Age Eucharist

See separate order of service

Sung Evensong

Minister & Preacher: Paul Sibley

Hymns

431, 342, 378

Psalm

77 (1-12)

Collect

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Holmehill, Hayling Close, Cob Place, Fishers Way

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

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

Mothers' Union

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Liz Morgan, 2 Hayling Close, on Tuesday July 17th 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 Liz Morgan (459522).

Midsummer Lunch

Advance Notice of a Midsummer lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday 5th August 12.15 for 12.30 pm. Tickets £5.00 adults, £2.50 children, are available from Val Pithey (454851).

Youth Group

The Youth Group asked everyone at the All-Age Eucharist in June to fill in a questionnaire as part of Tearfund's church climate change challenge. We need as many people to fill this in as possible so that we can calculate an average score for each household in our church before we send it off to Tearfund to see if we have enough points to get an award! If you didn't get one a copy can be found at the main entrance. Thank you to the many people that have filled it in already. Please leave all completed questionnaires by the south porch. Please feel free to take them home to complete but we would love them back.

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The last Youth Group of the school year is tonight with a trip to see the latest Harry Potter film and then games at the church hall/vicarage garden from 6.45pm. If you would like to join the Youth Group next term then you are welcome to come along tonight (but Harry Potter may be sold out), please ring Jen Weedon (391093) for further information or E-mail Jen Weedon at jen_mike_22@yahoo.co.uk.

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 £6.00, concessions £5.00 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)

Parish Office

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 17th July because of the Coffee Morning at the home of Liz Morgan.

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 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 trip to see "Harry Potter" followed by games in the Vicarage Garden/Church Hall

Monday 16th July

- 13:30 Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)

Tuesday 17th July

- 10.30- Mothers' Union Coffee Morning (2 Hayling Close)
- 11.30
- 19:30 PCC Meeting (Church Hall)

Wednesday 18th July

- 11:00 Holy Communion (Woodley Court)

Thursday 19th July

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

Friday 20th July

- 14:00 Leavers' Service (St. Anne's School)
- 19:30 Choir Practice

Saturday 21st July

- 14:30 Marriage of James Squire and Jacqueline Cole
- 20:00 City of Cambridge Brass Band Concert in Church

Sunday 22nd July Seventh Sunday after Trinity - Mary Magdalene

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist
- 18:30 Sung Evensong

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

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