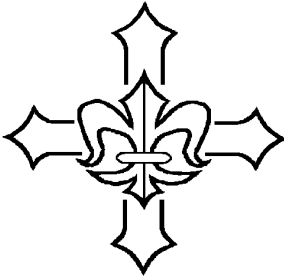


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester
Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 29th July 2007
Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Jeremy Craddock

Sung Eucharist

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Readers	Daphne Meats Richard Bunn
Readings	Genesis Ch 18: vv 20-32 Colossians Ch 2: vv 6-19
Gospel	Luke Ch 11: vv 1-13
Intercessions	David Morgan
Hymns	338, 297, 499, 433
Communion	274, 313

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: David Busk

Hymns	358, 305, 244
Psalm	88: 1-10

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Old Court Hall, Corpus Christie, Silver Street, Wigmore Close,
Duck End, Allen Farm 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

Creche

There will be a crèche available for children each Sunday during school holidays at the 9.45 service. This will be run by Stella Howard in conjunction with Mary Hardy and Jean Morgan. We would also welcome help from anyone else who would like to join us. We leave the service during the gradual hymn and come back just before communion. We sing a selection of songs and action songs and we have a bible story during which there is an opportunity for the children to join in. Afterwards there is time for free play and colouring or similar activity. All are welcome.

Signing the Eucharistic Prayer

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Revd Charles Dixon, Chaplain among the Deaf and Deaf/Blind, will be holding sessions to teach those interested how to sign the Eucharistic prayer. The first session will be this Tuesday, 31st July at 8.00pm in the Vicarage, with subsequent sessions at the same time and place on Tuesday 7th August, Monday 10th September and Monday 17th September. Further sessions will be arranged to suit our diaries. If you plan to come, it would be helpful to know in advance, but please come if you would like to, even though you haven't let me know.

David (436400)

Developing the west end of the Church

At the PCC meeting on 17th July we agreed principle that we would like to proceed with plans to put a lavatory, small kitchen and storage space in a room under the West Tower (the current choir vestry), and create a new choir vestry cum small meeting room in the north west corner (the 'junior corner' where the staging and wooden seats now are). The first step is to form a committee to take the project forward. This will undoubtedly require a great deal of time and energy. I should be very glad to hear from anyone who feels able to contribute in this way. The plans will be finalised after consultation with all concerned and fundraising will begin once the Diocesan Advisory Committee have given the approval. For now, we are looking for people who are enthusiastic about this project and have time to offer. Please speak to me if you think you may be such a person.

David (436400)

Midsummer Lunch 5th August

A Midsummer lunch will be held 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 Pithe (454851).

Mothers' Union Garden Party 7th August

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take the form of a garden party at the home of Trish Pope, 43A West Street on Tuesday 7th August starting at 2.15pm. There will be a Bring and Buy sale, a raffle and entertainment by our very own Lowrie Ann Jacobsen and her daughter Daisy. Please do come and enjoy tea and cakes in Trish's beautiful garden. If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid (437278) or Jean Morgan (417502).

Flower Guild Outing 15th August

Seats are still available on the outing to Blickling Hall and gardens. Cost £18 (£10.50 if National Trust members). Please contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018) for further details.

Leprosy Mission

Please put any used postage stamps in the box by the South Door as I intend to send off our batch to the Leprosy Mission as soon as the Mothers' Union have sorted and trimmed them. This is a very worthwhile undertaking as the Mission makes a lot of money each year from the sale of stamps to philatelists in the UK and overseas.

Jean White

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All contributions by 18.30 on Thursday please.

DIARY

Sunday 29th July *Eighth Sunday after Trinity*
08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
15.30 *Valentine Singers Concert in Church*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Tuesday 31st July
20:00 *Signing the Eucharistic Prayer – first session (Vicarage)*

Thursday 2nd August
09:45 *Holy Communion*

Sunday 5th August *Ninth Sunday after Trinity*
08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
12.30 *Midsummer Lunch (Church Hall)*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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