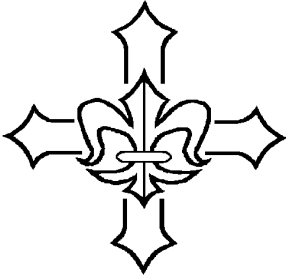


**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester**  
*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2007**  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

**Holy Communion**                      *President & Preacher: David Busk*

**Sung Eucharist**                      *President & Preacher: David Busk*

Readers                      Christine Parker & Mary Hardy  
Readings                      Proverbs 25: 6-7 & Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16  
Gospel                      Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Intercessions                      Nicholas Leigh-Smith

Hymns                      333, 137, 285, 345  
Communion                      389, 277

**Sung Evensong**                      *President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock*

Hymns                      374, 445, 249  
Psalm                      119: vv 81-88

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Carnaby Close, Rushes Walk, Field Walk and Merton Walk

**Charity of the month:** Mashambanzou Care Trust

**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

### *Good News!*

I am delighted to be able to announce that next year we shall have a full-time Curate at St Mary's once again. Mary Jepp, who is currently a Reader at Ramsey, is now in her final year of training for ordination, and all being well will be made Deacon at Petertide (July) 2008. She will join us with her husband Mike, who works at Marshalls in Cambridge, and her two teenage sons. The Jepps will probably live in Ally's old house at 59 London Road. We will have plenty of time to begin getting to know Mary and her family and to prepare to welcome them to Godmanchester, but for now please pray for her and for them, and give thanks to God for this great blessing. David.

### *Training Eucharist*

There will be a 'training Eucharist' on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. This is a chance for **clergy, deacons, sub-deacons, servers and acolytes, communion administrators, lesson readers and intercessors** to brush up on their roles and tasks when assisting at a Eucharist. Please come if you possibly can. This will take the form of an actual celebration of the Eucharist interspersed with training points. All are welcome to attend, even if you do not have a specific role and are merely 'curious'! David

### *Crèche*

Today will be the last crèche available for children during the school holidays at the 9.45 service. We leave the service during the gradual hymn and come back just before communion. All are welcome. Next week Children's Church and Vestry Group return.

### *Men's Social Group*

#### *Cathedrals, crayons and cobblers wax*

For over 750 years, monumental brasses have adorned the churches and cathedrals of Western Europe and are among some of the most valuable historical memorials to survive

to the present day. Although there is no shortage of information on the brasses themselves, the art of brass rubbing, with its development and various forms, is not so well documented. On Tuesday evening, local brass rubbing enthusiast, Peter Heseltine, from Earning Street, will be talking to the Men's Social Group about this ever-increasing pastime. It promises to be a stimulating evening. Church Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome. Entering Ely Cathedral may never be quite the same again. Contact for further information: Peter Irving (382144).

### *Mothers' Union*

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Peggy Wright will talk about the Indoor Members' Prayer Circle (IMPC). If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid (437278) or Jean Morgan (417502).

### *Sponsored Ride and Stride - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2007*

Each year a team from our church participates in a sponsored ride round the churches of the area to raise money for the diocese and St Mary's GMC. We have raised nearly £1,000 for the past few years and half of that comes back to the parish.

If we are to repeat our success, we need lots of volunteers. Those who feel confident to go for a ride lasting about two and a half hours, but with lots of stops to look at our neighbours' churches and join them in an orange juice, please consider joining us!

If you do not feel like digging out the dusty bike, we also need volunteers to keep the church open from about 10.00am and 4.00pm, so we can welcome visitors from around the diocese to our church. We hope to set up a rota and with enough volunteers no one should need to be there for too long!

Mike Weedon is team captain for the riders on the day and will provide information and sponsorship forms (391093). Jean Morgan is organising the rota for the day and she can be contacted on 417502. The rota is on the table by the South door until the end of today, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. If you can spare some minutes on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> please sign your name in the appropriate place.  
Nicholas Leigh-Smith (433467).

### ***Autumn Barbecue***

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30pm - tickets are now available from Val Pithey (454851).

### ***ALM Commissioning Service – Ely Cathedral –***

***Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm***

I have now come to the end of my training as a Worship Leader and look forward to being Commissioned at the above service. I would like to thank the congregation for their encouragement and support given to me during this time and wish to extend to you all an invitation to join me and the other candidates at the Commissioning.

In our daily lives, we are all ministers, and it is your example I have embraced that has led me on my Christian path. God Bless You.  
Gillian Bathurst Hoile.

*If you would like to attend this service, please put your name on the form at the South Door, and indicate if you require, or can provide transport for others.*

### ***Red Cross Flood Appeal***

The recent retiring collection in response to the Red Cross Flood Appeal raised £177.16. Peter Ballantine has sent a cheque for this amount to the Red Cross. Many thanks for your support. (Roy Norris – Charities)  
*Thanks*

I would like to thank Mary Summers, Cecily Darnell and Freda Pauly for all their hard work over the years as part of the church

cleaning teams. Together with the late Clare Wells they made up one of the church cleaning teams, as they have lost a valued team member and have been doing the task for a considerable number of years (too many to count) they have decided to retire. Thank you all for your hard work over the years.  
Mike Parker.

### ***Church Cleaning***

Could you spare 1 to 2 hours every month to clean your church? We usually have 4 teams who take it in turns to clean the church each week; as you can see from the above notice we are now a whole team short. A team can be 3 or 4 people, so perhaps a group of friends might be able to get together once a month (usually on Friday or Saturday morning) or you can volunteer individually to do this important task. Full training will be given and we can guarantee job satisfaction. If you think you can help out, please contact, Mike Parker (01480 459640 or e-mail christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com)

### ***Stepping Stones***

Tea Volunteers wanted!

Stepping Stones is a Mums and Tots group run by Godmanchester churches. It takes place in the Baptist Hall every Monday afternoon in term time from 1.30 - 2.45pm. We would be very pleased to have a few more volunteers for the tea rota. This involves serving tea and drinks from approx 1.15 - 2.45pm once a month at the most - so not too arduous a task! Next term will start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Please contact Mary Dawe for tea rota (392188), or Stella Howard (458730).

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Jim Heeley is Newsletter compiler for September. Contact [jaskc@btinternet.com](mailto:jaskc@btinternet.com) (412264). All contributions by 18.30 on Thursday please.

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September                      Thirteenth Sunday After Trinity**

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

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

14:00      *Mothers' Union (Queen Elizabeth School Hall)*  
19:30      *Men's Social Group (Church Hall)*

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**

20:00      *Bible Study Group (10 East Chadley Lane)*  
*Subject: The beginning of the OT monarchy.*

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

09:45      *Holy Communion*

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

19:30      *Choir Practice*

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

10:00      *Sponsored Ride and Stride*

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September                      Patronal Festival**

08:00      *Holy Communion*  
09:45      *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)*  
11:30      *Grassroots Service*  
12:30      *Autumn Barbecue (Church Hall)*  
18:30      *Sung Evensong*  
18:45      *Youth Group (Church Hall) To be confirmed*

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

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