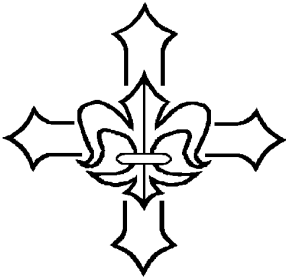


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester
Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 16th September 2007
Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion *President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock*

Sung Eucharist *President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock*

Reader Nicholas Leigh-Smith
Reading Exodus 32: 7-14
Gospel Luke 15: 1-10

Intercessions Trevor Weedon

Hymns 334, 377, 467, 436
Communion 282, 297

Civic Service *President & Preacher: David Busk*
See Separate Order of Service

Sung Evensong *President & Preacher: David Busk*

Hymns 358ii, 369, 257
Psalm 124

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Tudor Road, York Close, Fairy Avenue and The Close

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.

Youth Group Tonight

This Sunday we will be preparing a display about Greenbelt for the church entrance. We will also be trying our hand at balloon modelling and there is a giant game of pick up sticks that can be tried out. Janie Prince.

Harvest Festival

The Flower Guild will be grateful to receive donations towards the cost of the flowers to decorate the church. Please give to Linda Weedon or Vera Arnold; thank you very much.

Youth Group Membership

Youth Group has started up again. If you are between 11 and 17 and would like to come along you are very welcome. We meet mostly on Sundays between 6.45pm and 8.30pm, usually at the church hall, and we also organise big trips like the Youth Group to Greenbelt this year. If you are interested in coming please come along or contact Jen Weedon 384019 jen_mike_22@yahoo.co.uk or Janie Prince 413157 janie.prince@surefish.co.uk

Dates For The Diary

Mothers' Union

There is a meeting with Sylvia Watson on Wednesday 19th September at 2.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Huntingdon. The subject of this meeting is Action and Outreach. If you would like to go and need a lift, please contact either Megan Macdiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.

Christian Aid Tea-Time

There will be an afternoon tea at 6 Wigmore Close in aid of the Christian Aid Tea Time appeal on Friday 21st September from 1.30pm until 4.00pm. Please feel free to join Ruth and friends, bring a donation or a cake to sell, and generally have a good time. Contact Ruth on 374809 for more details.

Michaelmas Fête

St Anne's Church of England Primary School PSFA are organising a Michaelmas Fête to take place on Saturday 22nd September from 2 - 4.30pm in the school grounds. There will be activities for all ages, a bar, barbecue, produce competition, craft stalls and lots more. Entrance is free and the proceeds from the fête will be split jointly between the school and St Mary's Parish Church. We will be having a cake stall and appeal to the Ladies (and Gentlemen!) of St Mary's to please help by donating a cake or homemade biscuits. All offers gratefully accepted. If you are able to help, but cannot attend to deliver your cake, we will happily collect. Please contact: Gilly Young (413744), Kate Robinson (455421) or Deb Watts (374991). Please do go along and enjoy the afternoon (and do bring any potential prize winning marrows or jam along with you!)

Boyan Ensemble of Kiev

We are delighted to welcome back the Boyan Ensemble of Kiev, who will sing in

our Church at 7.30 pm on Sunday 18th November 2007 as part of their 16th annual tour. Tickets at £12 (concessions £10) are available from Barbara Thirlwall or Godmanchester Town Hall from October. We would very much welcome help with providing food for the choir before and after the concert, stewards for the concert and also accommodation for choir members on the night of the 18th. (Call Barbara on 457018)

Other Notices

Children's Society Boxes

If you would like your collecting box emptied this month please either bring it to church or telephone me to arrange collection. Thank you all for your support, last year we raised a total of £276.69. Kate Steed. (01480 382101)

Bird Boxes

The Youth Group are going to be making a few bird boxes in October, to go on the trees in the churchyard and the vicarage garden. We would love donations of untreated wood. Advice would also be welcome. Please contact Jen Weedon 384019 jen_mike_22@yahoo.co.uk or Janie Prince 413157 janie.prince@surefish.co.uk

Eco-congregation Award

As you may already know, we are working towards getting an eco-congregation award for the church and at Greenbelt we found out that we can recycle our mobile phones to raise money for Christian Aid. Christian Aid will make £3 from each one we send for recycling. There are three ways to do this:

1. We have got some recycling envelopes at the back of the church. Please help yourself, insert your old mobile and charger and put in the post for free.
2. Put it in a normal envelope and address it to Christian Aid UK, Greener Solutions,

FREEPOST LON17592, Mitcham, CR4 3UZ and post it for free.

3. Put it in the box at the back of the church labelled "Mobile Phones" and I will arrange a collection when we have 20 to collect.

There are apparently 60 million redundant mobile phones in the UK and they will cause environmental damage if thrown away into landfill as they contain mercury and arsenic. Christian Aid will make money out of each one we recycle. Please pass this Newsletter to members of the community who don't normally come to church so that they can have the address for recycling too. Simon Prince (PCC environment lead)

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)

Farewell Limerick

Our charming young lady, Felicity,
Must leave, and we say that's a great pity,
For she sings here so well,
Plays the organ full swell,
Good luck at Oxford University!J

Newsletter Compiler

Jim Heeley is Newsletter compiler for September. Contact jskc@btinternet.com (412264). All contributions by 18.30 on Thursday please.

DIARY

Sunday 16th September Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)*
- 11:15 *Civic Service*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:30 *ALM Authorisation Service (Ely Cathedral)*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

Monday 17th September

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 20:00 *Sign Language Session (Vicarage)*

Tuesday 18th September

- 19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 19th September

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 14:30 *Mothers' Union Meeting (St Mary's Church Hall, Huntingdon)*

Thursday 20th September

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

Friday 21st September

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Saturday 22nd September

- 14:00 *Michaelmas Fête (St Anne's School)*
- 15:00 *Wedding of Darren Smart and Laura Gailer*

Sunday 23rd September Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *All Age Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Baptisms*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

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

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