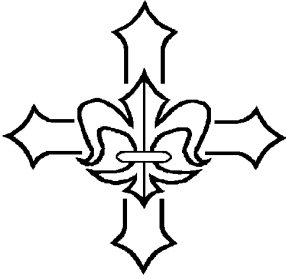


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

## **All Age Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

Hymns  
Communion

338, We are marching, Be still, You shall go out with joy  
There is a redeemer, 285

## **Sung Evensong**

*President & Preacher: Paul Sibley*

Hymns  
Psalm

456, 247, 331  
128

## **Collect**

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Post Street, Church Place, Chadley Lane and The Causeway

**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.

### ***Baptisms Today***

We have two baptisms in our Church today at 11.30am. Please have Taylor & Harrison Readshaw, their families and supporters in your prayers.

### ***Gift Day***

A reminder that our annual Gift Day is on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October. The church will be open from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm, and coffee and refreshments will be available. Members of the Finance Committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about giving, but even if you do not want to renew your giving, or do not feel able to make a one-off gift this time, please come and enjoy being in church with others. There may be music to listen to (plans are still being made), but in any case it is good to meet socially in our church. Please come! David Busk 436400

### ***Questionnaire***

You may have been handed a questionnaire as you came into church today – if not, please pick one up before you go. We have been chosen as part of a national survey by the Church of England to find out who goes to church and how often. Please fill it in if you worship here at all regularly, even if you only come once a year. It is very short and simple, and could easily be done before you go. Absolutely no personal details that identify you are required, you will not be contacted concerning the survey and nothing about you will be (or even could be) made known. Many thanks. David Busk

### ***Christmas Draw***

This year we are planning to change slightly the way the Christmas Draw is run. Instead of asking the same local firms once again to contribute to our prizes, we propose to offer a cash prize and then (probably) some hampers, with the contents donated by various church groups (A hamper does not have to be full of food – it could contain toiletries, useful household implements, or

whatever people felt might make a good Christmas box of gifts). Is there anyone who would be willing to co-ordinate this, and also the sale of tickets? Please speak to me if you feel you can help. David Busk

### ***Mothers' Union***

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. This will be our AGM, followed by a talk about the ALM Course given by Linda Watson and Jean Morgan. If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.

### ***SEDICI Concert***

There will be a concert by SEDICI on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm. The concert will cover a very wide range of unaccompanied singing from the 16th century to the 21st century together with a selection of short readings. Tickets at £6 are available from Colin Thirlwall or on the door. All proceeds are for church funds so please support the concert.

### ***After Dark***

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007, at 7pm, following a brief history of the church, a Monastic Supper will be held in the nave, culminating in "Compline" (night prayer) by candlelight, as a celebration for All Saints Day. Tickets @ £6 will be on sale in the church porch after the 09.45 service from 7<sup>th</sup> October, or by contacting Gillian Bathurst Hoile on 01480 465442.

### ***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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2007 as part of their 16<sup>th</sup> 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)

### ***Church Finances***

The PCC has agreed to put the bi-monthly report from the Finance Committee on routine income and expenditure on the church notice board to give everyone an idea of how our finances are progressing throughout the year. If you have any questions about the report, or any aspect of our finances, please speak to our Treasurer, Peter Ballantine, or chairman of the Finance Committee Colin Thirlwall.

### ***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.

### ***Autumn Barbecue***

The net proceeds from the Autumn BBQ held on Sunday 9 September amounted to £193 towards church funds. Many thanks to all who supported this event by their attendance or donations. Val Pithey

### ***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

### ***St Anne's Church of England Primary School, Godmanchester***

The application process for admitting pupils to the Reception Class in September 2008 has now started. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2004 you can apply for a place. Anybody can apply, irrespective of where they live, and if there are sufficient vacancies the child will be given a place. The school admits a maximum of 30 pupils. If there are more than 30 applications, detailed criteria for allocation of places are laid down in the school's admission policy. Up to 12 places are allocated on religious grounds. For the last two years the Reception Class has not been full. Closing date for applications is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested in applying for a place, or you would like more information, or you would like to visit the school, please contact the school office on 01480 375300. We look forward to hearing from you. Dai Morgan 417502

### ***Spectacles Found***

A pair of spectacles was found outside the west door of the Church on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. They are currently to be found on the table by the south door.

### ***Youth Group Tonight***

This Sunday at youth group we'll be thinking prayerfully about what we wear, jewellery or otherwise, what it means to us, and who produces the goods. We'll also be making something special so bring your creative hats. Lads - if it's not something you usually think about, don't be put off by the thought of jewellery! There's something in this for everyone. We'll be meeting in the Church Hall, at the usual time of 6.45-8.30pm.

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

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

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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)*

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

13:30      *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**

09:45      *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

09:30      *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*  
09:45      *Holy Communion*

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

19:30      *Choir Practice*

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September                      Seventeenth Sunday After Trinity**

08:00      *Holy Communion*  
09:45      *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)*  
16:00      *Worship at Rectory Gardens*  
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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