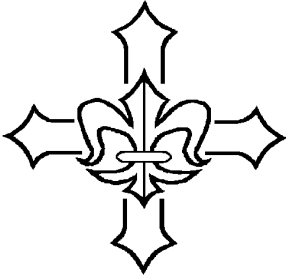


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester
Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 30th September 2007
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion *President: David Busk Preacher: Paul Sibley*

Sung Eucharist *President: David Busk Preacher: Paul Sibley*

Readers Samantha Leigh-Smith & Peter Taylor
Readings Amos 6:1a, 4-7 & 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Gospel Luke 16: 19-end

Intercessions Linda Watson

Hymns 443, 377, 364 (t 408), 475
Communion 341, 303

Sung Evensong *President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock*

Hymns 434, 378, 247
Psalm 135: 1-14

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Lancaster Way, Fox Grove, Rectory Gardens and Grove Court

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.

Gift Day

A reminder that our annual Gift Day is on Saturday 6th 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

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 2nd 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.

Men's Social Group

The Men's Social Group meets on Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This month's speaker is Revd David Busk. We will also have an early opportunity to discuss the Christmas hamper initiative

mentioned in last week's Newsletter, and to decide whether we as a group would like to fill a hamper for the Christmas draw. Contact: David Ferris 385070.

SEDICI Concert

There will be a concert by SEDICI on Saturday 13th 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.

Cake Stall on Sunday 14th October

The Children's Church will be running a cake stall in the Church Hall, after the 9.45 Service on 14th October. We would really appreciate donated cakes, large or small: please leave them in the hall on your way into Church. But don't worry if you can't donate a cake: just come along and buy some! Contacts: Jules Shelley – 437262 and Angela Wright - 437090.

After Dark

On Wednesday 31st 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 7th 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 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)

Thank You

The St Anne's School PSFA Committee wish to thank all who helped and supported the Michaelmas Fete, especially those who so kindly provided cakes for the cake stall.

Godmanchester in Bloom

A few of us have started to see if we can get this going in the Town for next year. This would be in addition to the flowers we already have. The Town Council has kindly given us their outline approval for some funding as well as some sponsors. Everyone will have seen how successful they have been in Huntingdon and with a little effort we should be able to do the same. We are looking for a few more people with good practical ideas so we can take this forward. Please phone me on 01480 457722 or e mail me on jcthackray@hotmail.com so we can meet. Don't be shy for we all want our Town looking even better! John Thackray

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.

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 391093 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 1st September 2003 and 31st 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 7th 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 11th September. They are currently to be found on the table by the south door.

Youth Group Tonight

This Sunday evening we'll be meeting in the Church Hall at the usual time of 6.45pm, chilling out with some games and cake and starting to plan and prepare for an All Age Eucharist service that we're helping to lead on Sunday 25th November.

Change of Newsletter Compiler

Jean Morgan will be Newsletter compiler for October and November. Contact morgan_01339@msn.com (417502). All contributions by 18.30 on Thursday please.

DIARY

Sunday 30th 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)*

Monday 1st October

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

Tuesday 2nd October

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

Thursday 4th October

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

Friday 5th October

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Saturday 6th October

- 10:00 *Gift Day – until 3pm (Church)*
- 14:30 *Readers' Licensing Service (Ely Cathedral)*

Sunday 7th October Harvest Festival

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)*
- 18:30 *Harvest Songs of Praise*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Bird Box Making (Church Hall)*

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

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