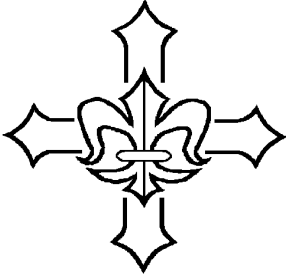


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 7th October 2007
Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

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

Readers	John Thackray, Bizz Thackray
Readings	Deuteronomy 26: 1 – 11; Phillipians 4: 4 - 9
Gospel	John 6: 25 - 35
Intercessions	David Morgan
Hymns	259, 486, 261, 263
Communion	276ii, 284

Harvest Songs of Praise *Minister:* David Busk
Separate order of service

Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Street Prayer Mission: West St, Pinfold Lane, Granary Close, The Maltings,
Oakleigh Crescent

Charity of the month: Mission Aviation Fellowship

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.

Harvest Songs of Praise

There will be a Harvest Songs of Praise service tonight at 6.30, a simple service of hymns, readings, prayers and a choir anthem. Please come and join in this celebration of God's goodness.

Proposed new service

As you may know, there is a plan to introduce a new kind of service which will be easy to join for people who are not yet part of our church family. There is a discussion paper giving a brief outline of the proposal and a response form, for all to take. If you are on the electoral roll, you should find the forms with your name on them on the table in the south porch. If you are not on the electoral roll but worship here at all regularly, please take a form with no name. The response forms need to be returned to the Vicarage or the church by Sunday October 21st. There will be a parish meeting in church to discuss the new service on Sunday October 28th, immediately after the All Age Eucharist. Please do take a form, think and pray about the matter, contact me if you have any queries or comments, return the response form, and come to the parish meeting if you possibly can.

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

Old Michaelmas Curfew

The curfew will be rung on Thursday 11th October, starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm. Anyone interested in witnessing this old Godmanchester tradition (with running commentary) should be at the West Door at 7.45pm prompt. For an explanation:

e-mail charles.looker@virgin.net.

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks to all who took leaflets last week. I forgot to mention that the charity, Samaritan's Purse, asks if anyone who fills a box would be so kind as to make a donation of £2 towards the cost of sending it to its final destination. This is why you will have noticed a form to fill up on your leaflet. The charity asks that you either enclose a cheque made payable to Samaritan's Purse in the top of your box or you can pay on line at their website www.samaritanspurse.uk.com (when you will be given a receipt to print out and place in your box). If anyone has any difficulty with this please speak to me and I will sort it out. Of course, if you Gift Aid your cheque the charity will receive the benefit of a tax refund on it, so that means extra funds are available.

On line you will also find knitting patterns for beanie hats, as well as scarves, and clown and teddy hand puppets. Apparently these puppets were a great hit with the children who received them last year, and if you have time to make two they also double up as a pair of mittens. All the knitted items are very simple and quick to knit.

Joan Jackson (374590)

Wives Group

Tuesday 9th October - We will be holding a very short AGM followed by a talk on 'Godly Play' by Pat Saunders at 8pm in the church hall, everyone welcome.

Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

Bible Study Group

Wednesday 10th October. We will be thinking about the Jewish monarchy and the contribution of some of the prophets.

Jerry Craddock (458011)

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. (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)

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. (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@suresfish.co.uk

St Anne's CE Primary School

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 (375300). We look forward to hearing from you. Dai Morgan (417502)

Newsletter Compiler

Jean Morgan is the Newsletter compiler for October and November. Contact: morgan_01339@msn.com (417502).

DIARY

Sunday 7th October Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 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)*

Monday 8th October

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

Wednesday 10th October

- 10.30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19.15 *John Barnard Workshop of Christmas Music (St Mary's Ely)*
- 20.00 *Bible Study Group (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Thursday 11th October

- 09:30 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 20:00 *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

Friday 12th October

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Sunday 14th October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)*
- 11.30 *Grassroots with Baptism*
- 18:30 *Evensong*

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

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