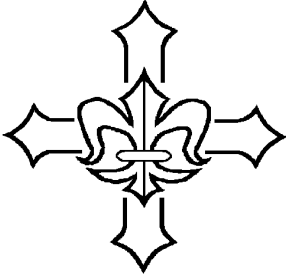


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
*Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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

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

Readers	Pam Ayres
Reading	2 Kings 5: 1 – 13. 7 – 15c
Gospel	Luke 17: 11 - 19
Intercessions	Ann Tilley
Hymns	205, - , 324, 263440
Communion	374, 337

**Grassroots with Baptism**    *Minister:* David Busk  
Separate order of service

**Evensong**                      *Minister:* Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Hymns	378, 445, 241ii
Psalm	144

**Collect**

Faithful Lord,  
whose steadfast love never ceases  
and whose mercies never come to an end:  
grant us the grace to trust you  
and to receive the gifts of your love,  
new every morning,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Crowhill, Thickwillow, Bergamont Close

**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.

## **NOTES**

Please pray for Edward Willmer and Lily Brandon, their parents and godparents as we welcome Edward and Lily into the family of Christ, through baptism, at this morning's Grassroots service

### ***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

### ***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](http://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)

### ***Cake Stall on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October***

The Children's Church are running a cake stall in the Church Hall, after the 9.45 Service this morning. Please come along and buy some! Contacts: Jules Shelley – 437262 and Angela Wright - 437090.

### ***Invitation***

Jeremy Craddock (Fr Jerry in old language) will celebrate his 70th birthday on Sunday 21 October. If you could stay behind after the 9.45, in the Church Hall, to drink his health and share a slice of birthday cake, he would think it a compliment. The cake decoration represents a key moment in his career as a forensic scientist. If you recognise it, you may claim a second glass of wine.

Jerry Craddock

### ***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. (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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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 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 (375300). We look forward to hearing from you. Dai Morgan (417502)

### ***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 [jthackray@hotmail.com](mailto:jthackray@hotmail.com) so we can meet. Don't be shy for we all want our Town looking even better! John Thackray

### ***MU Coffee Morning***

At the home of Linda Weedon, 21 Hudpool, at 10.30 on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome. For lifts please contact Jean Morgan (417502)

### ***Parish Office Closure***

The Parish Office will not be open on Tuesday morning, 16<sup>th</sup> October

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Jean Morgan is the Newsletter compiler for October and November. Contact: morgan\_01339@msn.com (417502).

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

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

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

- 10:30     *MU Coffee Morning (21 Hudppol)*
- 19:30     *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

- 11.00     *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 15:30     *Pastoral Group Meeting (Vicarage)*

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

- 10:00     *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 09:45     *Holy Communion*
- 19.30     *Prayer Group (36 Old Court Hall)*
- 19.30     *Hunts Philharmonic Rehearsal (Church)*

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

- 19:30     *Choir Practice*

### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

- 14:00     *Youth Group Quiz (St Bede's School)*

### **Sunday 21st October     Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**

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

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

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