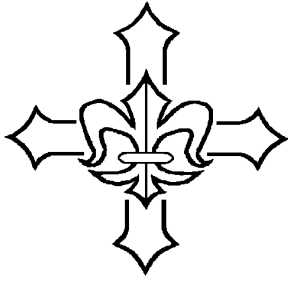


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 21st October 2007

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

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Readers
Readings

Louise Orton, Ann Tilley
Genesis 32: 22 – 31
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4:5

Gospel

Luke 18: 1 - 8

Intercessions

Trevor Weedon

Hymns

466, 315, 477, 484 (t 167)

Communion

304, 407

Evensong

Minister: David Busk

Hymns

464, 419, 250

Psalm

149

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: St Annes Lane, The Stiles, New Street, St Annes Court

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.

NOTICES

Trafalgar Day

The Union Flag is flying from the church tower because today it is Trafalgar Day.

Invitation

You are invited to visit the Church Hall after the 09:45 to have a piece of cake and to drink the health of Jeremy Craddock who celebrates his 70th birthday today.

Gift Day

Many thanks indeed to all who contributed to our annual Gift Day on October 6th. My thanks to our two Churchwardens, who were on duty from start to finish (and before and after, setting up and clearing away), and to all who came. Thank you especially to those who made donations, either on the day or subsequently. The sum raised may continue to increase slightly for a while if later donations come in, but the total now stands at **£3136**. Again, my thanks to you all and to our Treasurer Peter Ballantine and his team for all your efforts to further the life and mission of Christ's church in this place.

Proposed new service

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 today. There will be a parish meeting in church to discuss the new service next Sunday, October 28th, immediately after the All Age Eucharist. Please 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)

All Souls Commemoration

The annual service will be held at 18.30 on Sunday 4th November. The list of names of the departed, which are read out during the service, needs to be updated. If you wish to add the names of any of your relatives, including those whose names were on the old list, please add them to the list on the table at the back of the church. The relatives of all those whose funerals have been held at the church during the last three years will receive a personal invitation to attend and their names will be put on the list.

Children's Church Cake Stall

Thanks to all those who donated and bought cakes last Sunday. Children's Church cake stall made £57.00, which will be used for Mothering Sunday bouquets.

Victoria Richardson

Home Groups

Members of the congregation have run some very successful and interesting home groups in the past and one or two are still meeting. I would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in starting another. David Busk has offered to lead the first one or two sessions and perhaps we could become 'self-supporting' after that.

Please contact David Ferris (385070)

Fire Alarm

The church now has a fire alarm. It was installed primarily as a warning to anyone in the ringing chamber that a fire has started in the main part of the church. If it sounds, please follow the directions of the wardens and sidespersons.

David Ferris

Volunteers Wanted

On Sunday 4th November volunteers are needed to push beds and wheelchairs from the wards to the Chapel at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital. We need 9 people if possible. Meet at School Hill at 9.45 for shared transport.

Please contact Bob Hurd (458700).

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

Fair Trade

The fair trade stall has some new stock, e.g., Olive Oil from Palestine and Divine After Dinner Mints. Fair trade advent calendars can be ordered at the stall. Feel free to browse through the Traidcraft catalogue, as we welcome suggestions for the stall. Cotton shoppers, with the youth group design on them, are available, how about one of them for someone for Christmas?

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all those who took leaflets. 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 there is 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 www.samaritanspurse.uk.com (when you will be given a receipt to print out and place in your box). If anyone has a difficulty with this, please speak to me and I will sort it out. 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, scarves, and clown and teddy hand puppets, which were a great hit with children who received them last year. 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)

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 Church at 19:30 on Sunday 18th November as part of their 16th annual tour. Tickets at £12 (concessions £10) are available from Barbara Thirlwall or Godmanchester Town Hall. We would welcome help to provide 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)

Newsletter Compiler

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DIARY

Sunday 21st October Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

08:00 Holy Communion
09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Creche – no vestry group)
18:30 Sung Evensong

Monday 22nd October

13:30 No Stepping Stones

Wednesday 24th October

09:45 Holy Communion (McCartney House)

Thursday 25th October

10:00 St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)
09:45 Holy Communion

Friday 26th October

19:30 Choir Practice

Saturday 27th October

14:00 Wedding: Paul Fricker and Joanne Casey

Sunday 28th October Twentyfirst Sunday after Trinity – Bible Sunday

08:00 Holy Communion
09:45 All Age Eucharist
11:15 Parish meeting re new style service
18:30 Sung Evensong

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

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