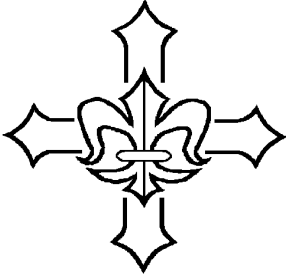


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

## *Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2007**  
*Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*  
**BIBLE SUNDAY**

### **Holy Communion**

*President:* David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk

### **All Age Eucharist**

*President:* David Busk *Preacher;* David Busk  
*Deacon:* Linda Watson

### **Separate Order of Service**

**Coffee is served in the Church**

### **Parish Meeting** *(in Church)*

Re: Proposed new service

### **Evensong**

*Minister:* Paul Sibley

Hymns 137, 346, 382

Psalm 119: vv 1 - 8

### **Collect**

Merciful God,  
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,  
that trusting in your word  
and obeying your will  
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Bascraft Way, Mowlands, Lions Cross, Dovehouse 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.

## NOTICES

### *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. Please come to the parish meeting this morning if you possibly can.

David Busk (436400)

### *All Souls Commemoration*

The annual service will be held at 18.30 on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *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 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

May I ask all those kind people who are filling a shoebox that they bring their filled box to church on Sunday 4 November.

The vicar asks that they are placed around the altar, and he will bless them before they go on their way. If anyone has any difficulty in getting their box to church or any other query please telephone me and I will collect the box beforehand and do my best to solve any problems. Thank you all so much.

Joan Jackson (374590)

### ***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***

Thank you to those who have already offered to accommodation and donations of food for the choir. We would still welcome an offer of 'reserve' accommodation in case of last minute changes. Rosemary Jones would also welcome further donations for the supper following the concert. Tickets at £12 (£10) are still available from Barbara Thirlwall (457018) or Godmanchester Town Hall (mornings).

### ***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)

### ***Youth Group***

The group is meeting tonight in the Church Hall at 6.45pm to pick up where we left our ideas for the 9.45 All-Age Eucharist service that we're helping out with on 25 November. Cake will be supplied, but bring your own music to be creative to...see you then!

Jen Weedon (391093)

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

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

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 28th October BIBLE SUNDAY Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity**

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 All Age Eucharist
- 11:15 Parish Meeting re: Proposed new service (Church)
- 16:00 Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group (Church Hall)

### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

- 13:30 Stepping Stones
- 19:30 Fabric Committee Meeting (Church)

### **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

- 20:00 Worship Group (10 East Chadley Lane)

### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

- 14:30 Memorial Service for Daphne Paske (Bizz Thackray's mother)
- 19:00 'After Dark' Monastic Supper and Compline (Church)

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints Day**

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

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls Day**

- 19:30 Choir Practice

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

- 14:00 Healing Service (Ely Cathedral)

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November All Saints / All Souls**

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Church and Vestry Group)
- 18:30 All Souls Service
- 18:45 Youth Group (Church Hall)

**Coffee** is served in the Church after the All Age Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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