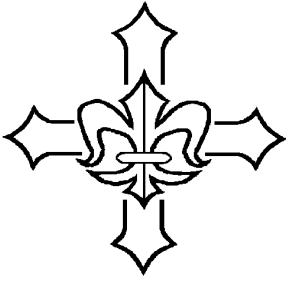


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 4th November 2007
ALL SAINTS / ALL SOULS

Holy Communion

President David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock
Deacon David Busk

Readers	Trevor Weedon, Simon Summers
Readings	Daniel 7: 1 – 3, 15 - 18 Ephesians 1: 11 - end
Gospel	Luke 6: 20 - 31
Intercessions	Nicholas Leigh-Smith
Hymns	197 vv 1-4, 396, 231, 478
Communion	341, 460

All Souls Service

Minister: David Busk

Separate order of service

Collect

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Croftfield Rd, Peate Close

Charity of the month: Service Charities

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

John and Bizz Thackray would like to thank David and all our friends at St Mary's for the loving support and help they have given us after the death of Daphne Paske, Bizz's mother. We have had so many cards and letters and are very appreciative of them all. Daphne had had a wonderfully long happy life and her Thanksgiving Service yesterday was a complete tribute to that. Thank you all so much.

John and Bizz Thackray

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday November 6th at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Joan Walton will give a slide presentation entitled, 'The Creation Story in Stained Glass.' If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.

Men's Social Group

The meeting this month will be a visit to Godmanchester Community School on Tuesday 6 November. The Headteacher, Mr Philip Ellington, will talk about his work, and show the party round the school. Members are asked to meet at the school's main entrance in Park Lane at 7pm. Please note the earlier time. The contact for this visit is Roy Norris (431961)

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

Fabric News

Now the clocks have changed the grass cutters will be putting their mowers to bed for the closed season. May I, on behalf of the Fabric Committee, say thanks to all who have cut grass, swept, cleared, weeded and maintained the churchyard.

I also need to remind you that we need volunteers to sweep leaves, clear gulleys, etc as part of the 'winter clear up'. The dates are Saturday 10th and Saturday 17th November, between 9.00am and 12.00noon. If you can lend a hand with raking leaves, sweeping paths, etc. at any time on either (or both) of those two mornings, your help will be much appreciated. Tea, coffee and buns will be served!

Malcolm Harris, Chair Fabric

Choir Members Needed

For as long as most of us can remember, our church has been blessed with a strong and loyal choir who give their services week after week without fail. However, over the years the numbers have inevitably fallen slightly and we are now looking for additional singers to swell our ranks, either as full members or as 'augmenters' who join us for special services or when regular members are away. We would be particularly pleased to welcome some new young people into the choir. I would therefore be very pleased to hear from anyone who is interested in joining us in either capacity.

Ken Diffey (458846)

Do you shop on the internet?

Do you search the internet?

Both of these activities can lead to additional funds for St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester. Want to know more? See the

information page set up on the Church web site here:

www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/fundraising.php

or contact me.

paul.sibley@stmarysgodmanchester.org

Paul Sibley (380754)

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

Fairtrade

The Fairtrade 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?

Boyan Ensemble of Kiev

Sunday 18th November at 19:30

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).

Leprosy Mission – Stamp collection

Please save your stamps, especially commemorative ones and ones from abroad. They can be put in the box at the back of the church or posted through my door (36 Old Court Hall). I will be sending them to the Leprosy Mission in the new year
Jean White (454920)

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2007

The Christmas Bazaar will take place as usual at St Anne's School from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Those listed below have kindly offered to be responsible for various stalls

GRAND DRAW	Linda & Trevor Weedon	413264
REFRESHMENTS	Mary Fawcett & Wives' Group	458383
CAKES	Megan MacDiarmid, Molly Jones & Mother's Union	437278 455602
NEW GIFTS	Cathryn Turrell, Pauline Molyneaux	459285
HANDKNITS	Christine Parker	
PRODUCE	Val Pithey	454851
CHRISTMAS TREATS	Olwyn Hurd	458700
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS	Jean Miller & Flower Guild	437488
FAIRTRADE	Gill Taylor & Hal White	454970
BOTTLE STALL	Jack Shimmons	413621
CHRISTMAS WONDERS	Children's Church	
TILE PAINTING & FACE PAINTING	Linda Lunn & Angela Small	
GAMES	Jean Morgan	417502

Stalls will be ready for preparation by 10.30am. Donations of prizes for the Grand Draw will be most welcome, also items for other stalls – new gifts, produce, cakes, toys, full bottles. Please contact individual stallholders or bring items to St Anne's School before 1.00pm on the day

Communion

There will be a communion service at The Chestnuts on the first Wednesday in each month starting this Wednesday November 6th at 11am. Members of the congregation who do not live there are welcome to attend.

Newsletter Compiler

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

DIARY

Sunday 4th November *All Saints / All Souls*

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

Monday 5th November

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

Tuesday 6th November

- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (Queen Elizabeth School)*
- 19:00 *Men's Group (Community School)*

Wednesday 7th November

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 20:00 *Parish Praise Planning Group (Church Hall)*

Thursday 8th November

- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion – MU Corporate Communion*
- 20:00 *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

Friday 9th November

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Saturday 10th November

- 09:00 - 12:00 *Churchyard Working Party 'winter clear-up'*

Sunday 11th November *Third before Advent*

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 10:50 *Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)*
- 18:30 *Remembrance Service*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Venue n.y.k)*

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

Visit the church website at www.stmarysgodmanchester.org