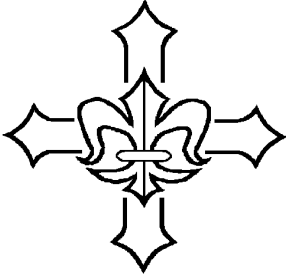


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 11th November 2007

Third before Advent

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Holy Communion

President David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk

Deacon Jerry Craddock

Reader

Faith Back

Readings

Job 19: 23 – 27a

Gospel

Luke 20: 27 - 38

Intercessions

Jim Heeley

Hymns

362, 410, 493, 417

Communion

374, 313

Act of Remembrance
(War Memorial)

Minister: David Busk

Remembrance Service

Minister: David Busk

Separate Order of Service

Collect

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: White Hart Lane, Hillsden Drive, Anderson Crescent, Kisby Avenue

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

Operation Christmas Child

It is amazing – together we sent 55 shoe boxes

On behalf of all those poverty-stricken children who will receive gifts for the first time in their lives thank you all so very much. Please keep all empty shoe boxes for next year!

Joan Jackson (374590)

Charities Committee

A meeting of the Charities Committee will be held at 8 pm on Monday 12 Nov 07 at 17, Porch Close.

Roy Norris (431961)

Wives' Group

Tuesday 13th Nov - Christmas Crafts -a demonstration by Carol King at 8pm in the church hall. Bring and Buy -something for Christmas. Everyone welcome.

Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

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).

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 accommodation and donations of food for the choir. Rosemary Jones would also welcome further donations for the supper following the concert. Tickets £12 (£10) available at the door.

Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

St Anne's CE Primary School

The closing date for applications for admitting pupils to the Reception Class in September 2008 is Friday 7th December. 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. 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)

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

Newsletter Compiler

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

DIARY

Sunday 11th November Third before Advent Remembrance Day

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Church, Vestry Group)
- 10:50 Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)
- 18:30 Remembrance Service
- 18:45 Youth Group

Monday 12th November

- 13:30 Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)
- 18:00 Standing Committee Meeting (Vicarage)
- 20:00 Charities Committee Meeting (17 Porch Close)

Tuesday 13th November

- 20:00 Wives' Group (Church Hall)

Wednesday 14th November

- 10:30 Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)
- 19:30 Deanery Synod Meeting (Brampton Church Hall)
- 20:00 Bible Study Group (10, East Chadley Lane)

Thursday 15th November

- 10:00 St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)
- 09:45 Holy Communion
- 20:00 Communications Committee (23 Earning St)

Friday 16th November

- 19:30 Choir Practice

Saturday 17th November

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

Sunday 18th November Second before Advent

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist
- 11.30 Grassroots with Baptism
- 17:00 Evensong (said)
- 18:45 Youth Group
- 19:30 Boyan Choir Concert (Church)

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

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