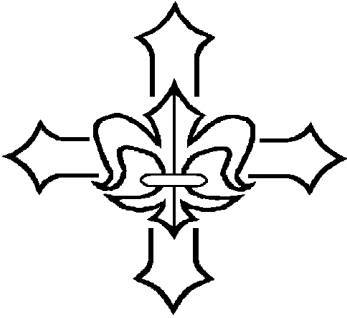


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

## *Weekly Newsletter*

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2008

Ephipany



### **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher:* David Busk

### **Sung Eucharist**

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*Deacon:* Linda Watson

Readers:	Jen Weedon, Stella Howard
Readings:	Isaiah 60: 1 – 6, Ephesians 3: 1 - 12
Gospel:	Matthew 2: 1 - 12
Intercessions:	Linda Watson
Hymns:	49(ii), 48, 52, 47
Communion	51, 275

### **Collect**

Creator of the heavens,  
who led the Magi by a star  
to worship the Christ-child:  
guide and sustain us,  
that we may find our journey's end  
in Jesus Christ our Lord

### **Sung Evensong**

*President & Preacher:* Jerry Craddock

Hymns	48, 393, 241ii
Psalms	98

**Street Prayer Mission:** Buttermel, Brick Kiln, Ferndown, Golden Rod

**Charity of the month:** Church Army

**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

On behalf of the ministry team, churchwardens and PCC, I wish you a very happy and blessed New Year.  
*David*

### *Parish Praise*

On Sunday January 27<sup>th</sup> we begin a new informal service for all, *Parish Praise* which will be held in *St Anne's School* in London Rd, at *11.00am*.

It will last about 45 minutes. We hope it will be especially welcoming and accessible for families with children and those of any age who may be unfamiliar with Christian worship. *Sign language* will be used throughout the service and there will be an opportunity to meet other people and enjoy a simple meal together after the service.

Future dates for Parish Praise are *March 16<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup> & November 23<sup>rd</sup>, in St Anne's School at 11.00am*

For further information please contact me *David Busk (436400)*

*We would love to see you there*

### *Youth Group*

Tonight Youth Group starts meeting again. We will be in the Church Hall at the usual time of 6.45pm - 8.30pm and we will be balloon modelling, getting an introduction to film-making and starting to think about attending this year's Greenbelt Festival (*Friday 22-Monday 25August*)

*Jen Weedon (391093)*

### *Bellringers - Plough Monday Curfew*

The curfew will be rung on *7<sup>th</sup> January*, which is Plough Monday (the first Monday after Epiphany), *starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm*. Anyone interested in witnessing this old Godmanchester tradition (with running commentary) should be at the West Door at *7.45pm prompt*.

*For an explanation email [charles.looker@virgin.net](mailto:charles.looker@virgin.net).*

### *Mothers' Union*

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on *Tuesday January 8th at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall*. At this meeting the *Rev'd David Busk* will give a talk about life in Japan.

*If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.*

### *Men's Social Group*

The Men's Social Group will meet at the Church at 7.00 pm next Tuesday (8th January) to take down the Christmas Tree. We are all invited to Peter Irving's house after for "refreshments".

*David Ferris 385070*

### ***Wives' Group***

On **Tuesday 8th January** we will be having a talk by **Billy Smith** about the work of the Cheshire Home at Brampton which we have chosen to support as our charity for 2008.

**New members are welcome to join us at 8pm in the Church Hall. Entry £2 (including refreshments). Bring & Buy and raffle.**

### ***Sidespersons Rota***

The new rota for January to June 2008 is available and can be collected from the letter rack at rear of the Church.

**Peter Hartwell (453336)**  
**[peter.hartwell@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.hartwell@btinternet.com)**

### ***Freewill Offering Envelopes***

The FWO Envelopes for 2008 will be available from today. In order to be certain we have the correct Name to each Number would you please complete the slip given with each box, put it in the small envelope and leave in the letter rack at the rear of the Church. This is essential if we are to ensure we satisfy the Tax Man on reclaiming Tax. Anyone who wishes to start contributing through the Envelope Scheme please speak to either **Trevor Weedon (413264) or myself (450432)** and we will be delighted to help you.

***P. Ballantine Treasurer***

### ***Tea Makers Wanted***

The 0s-5s group urgently needs some people who would be willing to make tea and coffee for them once a month. They meet on Thursdays in the Comrades' Club at 10am. The people making tea need to be there for an hour between 10.30 and 11.30. If you feel you can help please contact Jo Jones (395862)

### ***A New Years Resolution.***

Do you need a good idea for a "New Year's resolution"? Can you spare 45-60 minutes once a month? Would you like to be an unsung hero? Then join the church cleaning team, there are several spare places available. We are short of one complete team so we would greatly appreciate any new volunteers. If you can help please contact **Mike Parker on 459640 Or e-mail [christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com](mailto:christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com).**

I would also like to thank all the current and past members for the good work they have done over the past year.

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Bizz Thackray is the Newsletter compiler for December and January. Contact: **[bizzthackray@hotmail.com](mailto:bizzthackray@hotmail.com) (457722).**

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January      Epiphany**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*  
09:45      *Sung Eucharist*  
18:30      *Sung Evensong*  
18:45      *Youth Group – Balloon Modelling & Greenbelt Meeting (Church Hall)*

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

- 13:30      *Stepping Stones*  
20:00      *Worship Group Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

- 08:30      *Deanery Clergy Chapter Communion (Church)*  
*on completion Breakfast (Vicarage)*  
14:00      *Mothers' Union (QE School)*  
20:00      *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10:30      *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January**

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

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January**

- 19:30      *NO Choir Practice*  
20:00      *Signing Group (Vicarage)*

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> January      Baptism of Christ**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*  
09:45      *Sung Eucharist*  
11:30      *Grassroots & Baptism*  
18:30      *Evensong*

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

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