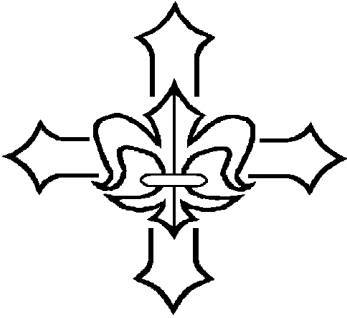


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 13 January 2008

Baptism of Christ



Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Derek Billings

Deacon: David Busk

Reader:	Tony Bird
Reading:	Isaiah 42: 1 – 9
Gospel:	Matthew 3: 3 – end
Intercessions:	Catheryn Turrell
Hymns:	56, 114, 57, 55
Communion	414, 295

Grassroots

See separate Service Sheet

Collect

Heavenly Father

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: David Busk

Hymns	52, 58, 431
Psalms	46

Street Prayer Mission: London Street, Betts Close, Barringer Court, Earning Street,
Sylton Close

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

Grassroots

There are no baptisms this morning so the at the Grassroots service those attending will be able to renew their baptismal vows and then listen to Jerry Craddock's sermon about the baptism of Christ.

Parish Praise

On Sunday January 27th 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 16th, May 25th, July 27th, September 28th & November 23rd, in St Anne's School at 11.00am

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

We would love to see you there

Bangladesh Appeal

The amount collected for the Bangladesh Cyclone appeal that took place just before Christmas came to £192:35. Peter Ballantine has passed this amount to the appeal coordinators via Christian Aid. Many thanks to all who gave.

Roy Norris - Charities Committee

Meal with a Movie 2

There is another opportunity to enjoy a meal prepared by Gillian Bathurst-Hoile followed by a full length feature film in the Church Hall on Saturday 9 February. Showing this time is 'The Prestige' (12A), a turn- of- the- century theatrical thriller which keeps the audience guessing right to the end! Directed by Christopher Nolan, the film stars, Robert Angier, Alfred Borden and Michael Caine. Meal (6.00pm) followed by the film costs £10. Film only (7.30pm) £4.

Tickets will be on sale in the south porch after the 9.45 service on 19 January and 3 February, and at St Anne's School following Parish Praise on 26 January. They can also be purchased from ***Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile (465442) or Liz and Peter Irving (382144)***.

A raffle will follow the meal, and prizes will be appreciated.

All proceeds to church funds.

Men's Group

After taking down the Christmas tree we all enjoyed a happy evening with Peter and Liz Irving in front of their welcoming fire with a glass of mulled wine!

Thanks very much to them!

Bloomin' good Godmanchester and Hope 08

An excerpt from the Town's January Newsletter:

Godmanchester Town Council, the Community Association, the District Council, Luminus and Muir Groups, the Town Churches, Youth Organisations and both its Primary Schools are getting together to ensure the Town is blooming colour throughout the Summer. The Community Association has agreed to act as bankers to get the scheme off the ground. It's not just about flower power but shrubs and set pieces are also planned.

There is to be a public meeting at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall so that the residents of the Town can have their say. The meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 31 January at 7.30pm. People of the Town are being asked what areas they want to see improved and where they can help.

Godmanchester in Bloom will compete in the Anglia in Bloom competition in July 2008.

If you would like more details please contact ***John Thackray (457722)***

PLEASE COME

Dates for your Diary

Easter is very early this year with Ash Wednesday on 6 February.

Mothering Sunday the 2 March

Easter Day – Sunday, March 23

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DIARY

Sunday 13th January *Baptism of Christ*

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

Monday 14th January

10:30 *Funeral of Dick Clark*
13:30 *Stepping Stones*
20:00 *Signing Group (Vicarage)*

Tuesday 15th January

19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 16th January

11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*

Thursday 17th January

09:45 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *St Mary's 0s – 5s (Comrades Club)*
19:30 *Prayer Group (36 Old Court Hall)*

Friday 18th January

19:30 *Short Choir Practice – 20:00 AGM*

Saturday 19th January

8:00 *Holy Communion*

Sunday 20th January – *Epiphany 3*

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Joint Service at Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon*

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

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