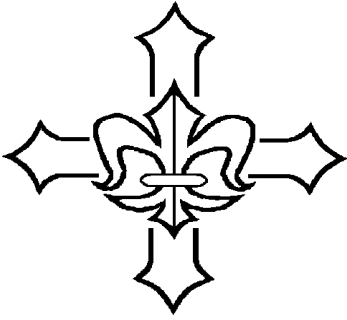


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

## *Weekly Newsletter*

**Sunday 20 January 2008**  
**Epiphany 3**



### **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher:* David Busk

### **Sung Eucharist**

*President:* Jerry Craddock    *Preacher:* David Busk  
*Deacon:* Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Readers:	Claire Hurd, Andrew Fawcett
Readings:	Isaiah 49: 1 – 7, 1Corinthians 1: 1 - 9
Gospel:	John 1: 29 : 42
Intercessions:	Nicholas Leigh-Smith
Hymns:	349, 486, 415, 476
Communion	276, 366

### **Collect**

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

**NO Sung Evensong -    Joint Service at Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Holmehill, Hayling Close, Cob Place, Fishers Way

**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

No Evensong at St Mary's today. Today is the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. All local Christians are invited to join the evening service at Trinity Free Church in Huntingdon at 6.30 pm tonight.

### *Parish Praise*

Please remember the new Parish Praise service starts next week (Sunday 27th) in St Anne's School, London Road, at 11.00 am. Please come if you possibly can to help get this service off to a really good start. There will be no 9.45 am Eucharist next Sunday; the 8.00 am Holy Communion and 6.30 pm Evensong will take place as usual. If you need help with transport to St Anne's, please call Trevor Weedon on 413264 and he will try to arrange something for you.

*Japanese Choir visit* - homestay hosts urgently needed. A choir from the leading Anglican university in Japan, Rikkyo University, will be visiting Godmanchester next month. They arrive on Monday February 25th from Cambridge. On Tuesday 26th at 7.30 pm they will sing a traditional choral Evensong in church in Japanese, followed by an informal concert of Japanese songs. On Wednesday 27th they will sing at St Anne's School at 9.15 am. We need people who can put up and look after Japanese students (preferably two per family, or more if you are willing) for two nights, Mon. Feb. 25th and Tues. Feb. 26th.

***Please contact me soon if you can help.  
David 436400***

### *To all users of Church Hall*

If you or your group are regular evening users of the facilities in the hall during the week or weekends please ensure that you give notice if your routine for use is changed on any particular evening; this applies particularly to all users if there is a need

for cancellation or change, whether last minute or otherwise.

Notification should be to Jacqueline Barringer for Rocking Horse Nursery (**458638**) or Barbara Thirlwall who keeps the Hall Diary (**457018**)

### *The Evening Bible Study Group*

The Evening Bible Study Group resumes at 8.00pm at East Chadley Lane. Last year, we raced through the Old Testament in order to give us context for individual books. This year, we shall do our best to get an overview of the New Testament, beginning with its first contributor, St Paul. (While the Gospel are printed first in our Bibles, in fact they were written a good deal later.)

***Jeremy Craddock***

### *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.***

## ***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.'

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

### ***Pancake Races***

Children's Church are organising Pancake Races again this year, to be held at approximately 11.00am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, along the paths around the church. We welcome participants of any age! It will not, strictly speaking, be a sponsored event, but we will have buckets and Gift Aid forms available on the day, and we hope people will show their appreciation of the efforts of the runners, by donating generously to the Oncology Department at Addenbrookes Hospital (chosen for our Lent appeal this year).

Further details from ***Victoria Richardson (431430)***.

## **THE MAYOR OF GODMANCHESTER'S CHARITY CHORAL EVENING**

**26 January 2008 @ 7-30pm in  
St Mary's Church, Godmanchester**

**HUNTINGDON MALE VOICE CHOIR &  
GODMANCHESTER SCHOOL CHOIRS**

Tickets £12  
(£8 Concessions, £5 Children)

From the Town Office, the Parish Church Council,  
The Two Schools and at the Door on the Evening

All proceeds to the Mayor's Charity  
East Anglia's Children's Hospices

### ***Lent Groups***

It is planned to use the USPG Lent course 2008 for this year. This focuses on the theme of 'Love your neighbour' in Matthew's Gospel and on the work of USPG in Bangladesh. There will be two meetings a week for five weeks: Thursday evenings in the Quaker centre at 8pm and Friday afternoons at 1.30pm in the vicarage. The dates will be as follows: Thursdays 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> February and 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March.; Fridays 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February and 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March. The subject matter will be the same so you can mix your times if you need to.

If you have any queries please contact ***David Busk***.

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

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

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 3**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 09:45      *Sung Eucharist – Christian Unity*
- 18:30      *Joint Service at Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon*
- 18:45      *Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)*

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

- 13:30      *Stepping Stones*
- 19:30      *Governors' Meeting (St Anne's School)*
- 20:00      *Signing Group (Vicarage)*

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

- 09:45      *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 14:00      *MU Committee Meeting (36 Old Court Hall)*
- 20:00      *Bible Study ( 10 East Chadley Lane)*

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

- 09:45      *Holy Communion*
- 10:00      *St Mary's 0s – 5s (Comrades Club)*
- 20:00      *Communications Committee (2a Earning Street)*

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January**

- 19:30      *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

- 19:30      *Mayor's Charity Concert (Church)*

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 11:00      *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45      *Youth Group – Film Night – 'Hairspray' (79, Roman Way)*

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

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