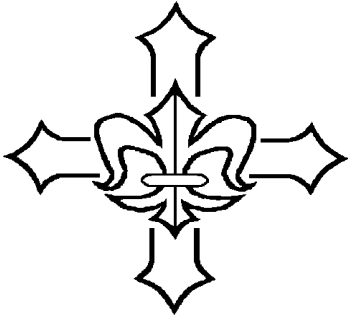


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 27 January 2008
Epiphany 4

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Parish Praise (St Anne's)

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See separate Order of Service

Collect

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Hymns 234ii, 257, 249
Psalm 33 vv 1 – 12

Street Prayer Mission: Cambridge Street, Orchard Way, Linden Close, East Chadley Lane

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

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)***

Advance notice:

Winter luncheon on Sunday 24 February;
tickets available next week
from Val Pithey (454851)

Meal with a Movie 2, Church Hall, 9 February.

A further reminder that tickets will be on sale today at St Anne's School and next Sunday in the south porch. The evening consists of a meal prepared by Gillian Bathurst-Hoile, followed by the feature film 'The Prestige' (12A). Sandwiched in between will be a raffle for which prizes are welcomed. At the request of the PCC proceeds from the evening will go towards the new sound system in church. The film, presented by the Oundle Cinema outreach team, is a turn-of-the-century theatrical thriller starring Robert Angier, Alfred Borden and Michael Caine.

Ticket prices: Meal and film (from 6pm) £10. Film only (7.30pm) £4. Tickets are also available from: Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile (465442) and Liz and Peter Irving (382144)

Fabric Committee

The Fabric Committee meets in the vestry on Monday evening, 28th January. If you wish to raise any items for discussion, please speak to me or ***telephone 01480 395814.***

Malcolm Harris

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.'

Please come!

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

Caring for Carers

Following the concert in December the Charity received a total of £12,720.00 including Gift Aid.

Thanks to everyone who helped, contributed and came to the Concert on the night.

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 14th, 21st, and 28th February and 6th and 13th March.; Fridays 15th, 22nd and 29th February and 7th and 14th 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.

Pancake Races

Children's Church are organising Pancake Races again this year, to be held at approximately 11.00am on Sunday 3rd 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).

Newsletter Compiler

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DIARY

Sunday 27th 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)*

Monday 28th January

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones*
19:30 *Fabric Committee Meeting (Church Vestry)*

Thursday 31st January

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

Friday 1st February

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

Sunday 3rd February Candlemas

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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