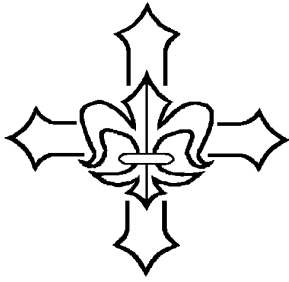


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 24th February 2008

Lent 3

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Deacon: David Busk

Readers

Jean White & John Bathhurst-Hoile

Readings

Exodus Ch 17 vv 1-7 & Romans Ch 5 vv 1-11

Gospel

John Ch 4 vv 5-42

Intercessions

Dai Morgan

Hymns

67, 376, 137, 368

Communion

374, 384

Sung Evensong

Derek Billings

Hymns

390, 73ii, 467

Psalm

40: 1-7, 19-21

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: London Road, Martin Close and Roman Gate

Charity of the month: Corrymeela

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

The choir from the leading Anglican university in Japan, Rikkyo University, will be arriving in Godmanchester on Monday 25th February from Cambridge. On Tuesday 26th at 7.30pm they will sing a traditional choral Evensong at church, in Japanese, followed by an informal concert of Japanese songs. On Wednesday 27th they will sing at St Anne's School at 9.15am. Please come along to show your support and enjoy this rare opportunity.

James Gilbey

There will be a short memorial service for the life of James Gilbey, in church, on Wednesday 27th February at 1pm. Many of you will recall that James preceded Richard Bunn as Head Server of St Mary's the Virgin. The service will be followed by the interment of his ashes.

Mothers' Union Corporate Communion

The 9.45 communion service on Thursday of this week, 28th February, will be celebrated as Mothers' Union Corporate Communion. Please do join us in this act of worship.

Lent Groups

The Lent Groups continue to meet at 8pm on Thursday evening in the Quaker centre and on Friday afternoon at 1.30pm in the vicarage. If you have any queries please contact David Busk.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 4th March at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. Please note that at this meeting the Reverend David Busk will be leading a meditation for Lent. Linda Page will be talking to us in April. If you need a lift please contact Megan MacDiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.

Lent Concert

On Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm, choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in our church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent, with the Fauré Requiem as the main item in the programme. It will be conducted by our Organist and Choirmaster, Ken Diffey, with Paul Bryan (organ), Caroline Dyson (mezzo-soprano) and Tony Burnley (Baritone). The Hemingford Ladies' Choir is also contributing three items to the programme. Tickets at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) will be on sale after the 9.45am service, or are available from Ken Diffey at 1 The Maltings (458846).

Annual Frugal Lunch

The annual frugal lunch will take place in the Church Hall on Sunday 9th March. Tickets are available from Val Pithey (454851) and the cost is Adults £3, Children £1.50. We will be grateful for any donation of prizes for the raffle.

Sidespersons

A report for the annual meeting, which includes the list of sidespersons to be re-elected, will shortly be submitted. If anyone on the existing rota wishes to stand down, or hopefully if you would wish to be included on the rota, please advise me as soon as possible. Peter Hartwell 01480 453336 or peter.hartwell@btinternet.com thank you.

Church Fund Raising

Do you buy goods on-line? Do you use the computer to search for information? If you were to do this by using our church's website as your home page, and clicking on easysearch or easyfundraising, you would raise money for the church as you click. Paul Sibley has set it all up and I tried it last week, finding it very easy to use, and I can highly recommend it to you. Janie Prince.

Eco-congregation News

We would like to make an appeal to everyone to start collecting batteries that have run out of power and are about to be thrown away. We are going to collect them and recharge them (yes even the ordinary ones can be recharged up to ten times). Once the project is up and running, then you'll be able to exchange your worn out batteries with charged ones for a fraction of the cost. Please keep ALL types of batteries from now on. Do ask even at places like schools, clubs and your work. This project is better for the environment and will help raise money for other eco-projects.

Simon and Janie Prince.

Some Facts

'Stewardesses' is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

And 'lollipop' is the longest word typed with your right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

'Dreamt' is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.?

The words 'radar' 'racecar' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).

There are only four words in the English language that end in 'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: 'abstemious' and 'facetious.'

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.

A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A snail can sleep for three years.

An almond is a member of the peach family.

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

If the population of China walked past you, 8 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.

The microwave oven was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

Thank you to John Hoile for the E-mail.

Newsletter Compiler

Jim Heeley is the Newsletter compiler throughout February and March. Contact jskc@btinternet.com (412264). Please have all contributions in by 6.30pm on Thursday.

DIARY

Sunday 24th February **Lent 3**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 12:00 *Winter Luncheon (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

Monday 25th February

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 15:30 *Japanese Choir Rehearsal (Church)*

Tuesday 26th February

- 16:30 *Japanese Choir Tea (Queen Elizabeth School)*
- 17:30 *Japanese Choir Rehearsal (Church)*
- 19:30 *Sung Evensong in Japanese (Church)*
Followed by an Informal Concert by Japanese Choir

Wednesday 27th February

- 09:15 *Japanese Choir (St Anne's School)*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 13:00 *Memorial Service for James Gilbey (Church)*

Thursday 28th February

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 20:00 *Evening Lent Group (Quaker Centre)*

Friday 29th February

- 13:30 *Afternoon Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Fauré Requiem Rehearsal*

Sunday 2nd March **Lent 4**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

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

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