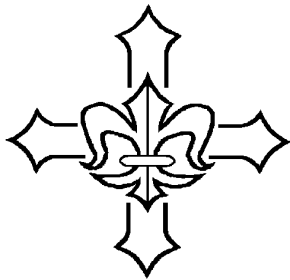


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

*Lent 5*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

*Deacon: Gillian Bathurst-Hoile*

Reader	Penny Cook
Reading	Ezekiel Ch 37 vv 1-14
Gospel	John Ch 11 vv 1-45

Intercessions	Ann Tilley
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Hymns	439, 94, 415 (t Lyngham), 70ii
Communion	358ii, 95

## **Grassroots & Baptism** *David Busk*

## **Sung Evensong**

*David Busk*

Hymns	342 (t 178), 74, 64
Psalm	30

## **Collect**

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Carnaby Close, Rushes Walk, Field Walk and Merton Walk

**Charity of the month:** The Smile Train

**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 With Baptism***

There is a Grassroots at 11.30am today, where Harrison John Satsaengput-Rudd will be welcomed into the family of Christ through baptism. Do come along and support Harrison, his family and friends, if you can and please keep them in your prayers today.

### ***Palm Sunday Parish Praise***

On Palm Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, there will be a Parish Praise service at 11.00am in St Anne's School, and therefore no 9.45 Sung Eucharist in the church. There will be a Palm Sunday procession from the church to the school, leaving at 10.15am, and proceeding along The Causeway, down Silver Street, through Devana Park and via Sweetings Road and Grainger Avenue to the back entrance of the school. All are welcome to join the procession, either for its whole length, or at any point along the route. For those who can't manage the procession, please come to the school for 11.00am as usual. For those with transport difficulties, please contact Trevor Weedon on 413264.

### ***Annual Frugal Lunch***

The annual frugal lunch will take place in the Church Hall at noon today, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

### ***Youth Group***

The youth group would like to thank everyone who supported their cake stall last week. They raised £70 for group projects, which is great. Tonight we are meeting at 38 London Road for a chillout, at the usual time of 6.45-8.30pm. Jen Weedon (391093).

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

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March - Louise Allen will be giving us a talk on beauty therapy. Come along and get some tips! 8pm in the church

hall. Raffle & bring and buy. New members always welcome.

### ***Parish Annual Report***

A reminder that the closing date for receipt of contributions to the Parish Annual Report is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March please. Dai Morgan (417502).

### ***Easter Lilies***

If you would like to buy an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, these will cost £3:50 each. They will be arranged in the nave pedestals for everyone to enjoy. Please give money to Linda Weedon and sign the book of Remembrance, which will be placed on a desk in the St. Anne's Chapel nearer to Easter Sunday. Jean Miller.

### ***Easter Flowers***

The Flower Guild would be very pleased to receive donations towards the cost of decorating the Church for Easter. Please give these to Vera Arnold or, if you would prefer, put your small change in the Flower box on the book table. Jean Miller.

### ***Good Friday Children's Workshop***

This will take place in the church hall at 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, alongside the Good Friday worship in church, and finish at 2.45pm. There will be a variety of activities, including making hot cross buns, preparing the Easter Garden, and a Godly Play story. To know more, or to let us know that your children would like to take part, please contact one of the Children's Church leaders or Pat Saunders (354764).

### ***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.

### ***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.

### ***Blue Peter Disc Drive Appeal***

Katie Lunn has placed a Blue Peter box in the south door entrance of the Church. She is collecting any unwanted CDs, DVDs or computer games to help Blue Peter raise money for young carers who have to look after their parents. When we have all had a chance to help, Katie will take the box to a local collection point for Blue Peter. Visit [www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/discdrive/home](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/discdrive/home) to get more information on how your old discs can be used to help young carers.

### ***Riyyko Chapel Choir visit***

April's issue of *Parish News* will carry a review of the choir's Evensong and Concert held on 26<sup>th</sup> February, but it would be splendid if we could extend this article to include feedback on the visit from parishioners, particularly host families. The choir's two days here were quite special and it would be a pity to lose these precious memories. A single sentence will suffice, but write something longer if you wish. As a starter here are some thoughts of mine. "Loved the descant in *Abide with me*"; "I warmed instantly to the way these young people pick up a tea towel without being asked!" Editorial deadline is 14<sup>th</sup> March,

but earlier contributions welcome. Peter Irving (382144).

### ***Religious Computer 'Save' On Closing***

*Non-sectarian:* Do you wish to Save your work?

*Roman Catholic:* Registry indicates user is Female; only Males are able to Save.

*Anglican:* Your work may or may not be Saved.

*Lutheran:* If you don't follow the instruction manual, don't expect your work to be Saved.

*Mennonite:* Document contains the word "dancing"; it cannot be Saved.

*JWs:* You are user #144,001; your work cannot be Saved.

*Mormon:* Could we interest you in Saving your work?

*Millenarian:* It is almost too late to Save your work.

*Southern Baptist:* If your work was not Saved, it is because you are evil.

*TV Preacher:* This program has made mistakes in the past, but it will try to Save \*this\* file.

*Born-again:* Before Saving your work, this program will erase all existing data; Proceed?

*Faith healers:* If you believe your work will be Saved, it will be Saved.

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Jim Heeley is the Newsletter compiler during March. Contact [jskc@btinternet.com](mailto:jskc@btinternet.com) (412264). Please have all contributions in by 6.30pm on Thursday.

# DIARY

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March      Lent 5**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 09:45      *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30      *Grassroots with Baptism*
- 12:00      *Frugal Lunch (Church Hall)*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45      *Youth Group Chillout (38 London Road)*

## **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10:30      *GMC Churches Together Ministers' Meeting – 'Hope 08' (Vicarage)*
- 13:30      *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 19:30      *Governors' Meeting (St Anne's School)*
- 20:00      *Parish Praise Planning Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

## **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

- 20:00      *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

## **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10:30      *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:30      *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

## **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

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

## **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

- 13:30      *Afternoon Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30      *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March      Palm Sunday**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 10:15      *Procession from Church to St Anne's*
- 11:00      *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45      *Youth Group Passover Supper (Church Hall)*

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

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