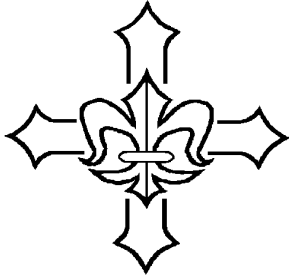


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 23rd March 2008

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: Jerry Craddock

Readers

Bernard Hatswell & Ruth Ekblom

Readings

Acts Ch 10 vv 34-43 & Colossians Ch 3 vv 1-4

Gospel

John Ch 20 vv 1-18

Intercessions

Catheryn Turrell

Hymns

Introit (The Easter Anthem), 110, Anthem (Christ is Risen - Maunday), 117, 120

Communion

121, 106 (t 219)

Sung Evensong

Jerry Craddock

Hymns

105ii, 113, 112

Psalm

105 vv 1-8

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Street Prayer Mission: Tudor Road, York Close, Fairy Avenue and The Close

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

Vicar On Leave In Japan

David will be away from Tuesday 25th March until Saturday 12th April. We all wish David, Yoko, Simon and Karen a very happy holiday in Japan and hope that they will return feeling refreshed.

Church News

Through our Ridley Hall connections you will be pleased to hear that the Principal of Ridley, Canon Chris Cocksworth, is to be the new Bishop of Coventry. He has been to St Mary's on numerous occasions. Tim Sledge, son of Richard and Patricia Sledge, is to be inducted as the new Vicar of Romsey in Hampshire on 22nd April. It will be some little time yet before the new Bishop of Huntingdon is announced. John Thackray.

Lady Day Curfew

The curfew will be rung on 25th March, which is Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary), starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm. Anyone interested in witnessing this old Godmanchester tradition (with running commentary) should be at the West Door at 7.45pm prompt. For an explanation email charles.looker@virgin.net.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall on Tuesday 1st April at 2pm. At this meeting, Linda Page will give a talk entitled 'My Hobby turned into a Job'. If you need a lift please contact Megan MacDiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The formal "Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting" (APCM) is on the main notice board in the South Porch. The APCM will be held in the Church Hall on

Sunday 27th April 2008, starting at 11.15am. The meeting includes the election of two Churchwardens, three members of the PCC for three years and three members to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod for three years. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary. All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the APCM. If you are member of the congregation and not on the electoral roll, please complete an electoral roll form and pass to John Bathurst-Hoile (Electoral Roll Officer) or Trevor Weedon (PCC Secretary). Members of the congregation wishing to raise any item under "Any other business" are asked to give notice of the item to the PCC Secretary by 24th April. Trevor Weedon (413264).

Children's Society Boxes

If you would like your Children's Society box emptying this month please either bring it to church or telephone me to arrange collection. Thank you for your support. Kate Steed (382101).

Your Parish Pictures

Do you have any photographs of Parish events that might be of interest to us all? In preparation for our display of images in the church this summer, we would like to see some of the pictures (new and old) that members of the congregation have in their collections. If you have the images in digital format please pass them on a disc, but for those who have their photographs as prints, we can scan the pictures and return your originals so that copies would be displayed. For further details, please see Lawrence Back or Jim Heeley.

Parish Photograph 2008

It is planned to have a 'parish photograph' on Sunday 18th May. This year will be a little different from recent photographs as the west door of the church will be the backdrop and platforms will be used to help

get everyone into view. In addition to a large group shot of all church members who are available on the day, it is hoped to have a series of smaller group photographs representing the many teams of people such as bell ringers, choir, Mothers' Union, Youth Group etc. Plans will be made in advance so that we have a schedule of who needs shooting when during the day. These images will then form the centre of a display that will be available to view inside the church from Gala Weekend until Harvest Festival. Further details will follow as the big day approaches. Please put this date in your diary and say a prayer for good weather.

Greetings Cards

Following the 9.45 service on Sunday 30th March, there will be an opportunity to view and purchase a range of handmade greetings cards. The cards, priced from as little as £1, will be displayed in the Church Hall by their designers. Every card sold will raise 10p for Church funds.

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.

Explorers' Holiday Club

The Baptist Church is organising a holiday club again this year. Entitled 'Champion's Challenge', it will be held from Monday 11th to Friday 15th August from 10.00 to 12.30. The theme ties in with the Olympic Games taking place in China. Each day one aspect of a sports team will be explored in order to show who Jesus is. This will involve a number of passages from Luke's gospel. The target group is children in primary

school or those due to start primary school in September 2008. There will be a crèche for the children of those involved. The daily format will be 'the grandstand' which is worship and drama together, followed by three activities in groups comprising bible exploration with refreshments, craft and games. Everyone comes together at the end another 'grandstand'. Helpers are needed for all areas; team captains and vice-captains, sport leaders and helpers, craft team members, dramatic performers, people to run the crèche, office workers, technical workers, snack bar team members, grandstand presenters, welcome and registration personnel and people who are vocalists, musicians or dancers. If you feel you can help in any way please ask me for a commitment form. People need to volunteer early as CRB checks are required and they take time. I have helped several times and really enjoyed the experience. Jean Morgan (417502).

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.

Newsletter Compiler

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

DIARY

Sunday 23rd March

Easter Day

06:00 *Churches Together Dawn Service (Castle Hill, Huntingdon)*
08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Tuesday 25th March

Vicar in Japan until Saturday 12th April

Wednesday 26^h March

09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

Thursday 27th March

09:45 *Holy Communion*

Friday 28th March

13:30 *Wedding of Maddox / Robinson*
No Choir Practice

Sunday 30th March

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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