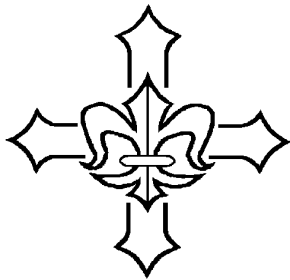


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 13th April 2008

Easter 4

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Reader

Readings

Acts Ch 2 vv 42-end

Gospel

John Ch 10 vv 1-10

Intercessions

Trevor Weedon

Hymns

296, 486, 118, 124

Communion

374, 459

Grassroots with Holy Baptism

Sung Evensong

Derek Billings

Hymns

390, 101ii, 463ii

Psalm

29

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: West Street, Pinfold Lane, Granary Close, The Maltings,
Oakleigh Crescent

Charity of the month: DISH

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

Lily Rose Bean, Freya Jane Clifford and Connie Rose Owens are to be baptised today. Please pray for Lily, Freya, Connie and their families.

Greetings Cards

Following the 9.45 service today, Sunday 13th April, there will be another 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. Do have a look as you enjoy a coffee after the service.

Youth Group

Hope you've had a relaxing Easter break. Youth Group starts up again this Sunday evening. We'll be meeting in the Church Hall at the usual time of 6.45pm-8.30pm, and will be picking up where you left off with your film-making projects. Please bring anything you need from home for making your films. Even if (like me) you don't have a film on the go, you are very welcome to come along and chill out and eat cake. I also hope to have details of the full programme of activities for this term ready for Sunday.

Jen Weedon (391093)

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).

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. 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.

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).

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

Hopefully, we have all been saving any dead batteries to have them recharged. These batteries can be dropped off in the church vestry. We are going to 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 Fundraising

The Youth Group recommends raising money for our Church by searching the internet or shopping online. Start by going to our Church website at <http://www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/home.php>. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the 'easysearch' logo for searching or 'easyfundraising' logo for shopping. New windows will open for you to begin searching or shopping. If it is your first time shopping this way then you can register as a new user and select St. Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester as the organisation you wish to support. Add the easysearch homepage to your list of favourite websites so you remember to use it every time. At the last check, supporters have raised £16.56 for our Church just by using this page to begin searching for information or shopping online.

Newsletter Compiler

Pam Ayres is newsletter compiler during April and May. Please contact Pam on pamtimayres@talktalk.net (436395). All contributions would be appreciated by 6.30pm Thursday. Thankyou.

DIARY

Sunday 13th April

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Grassroots with Holy Baptism*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Children’s Church Leaders’ Meeting (Vicarage)*

Monday 14th April

- 10:30 *GMC Churches Together Ministers (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 20:00 *Communication Committee (23 Earning Street)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Wednesday 16th April

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 20:00 *Bible Study Group (10 Chadley Lane)*

Thursday 17th April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary’s 0-5s (Comrades’ Club)*
- 19:30 *Prayer Group (36 Old Court Hall)*

Friday 18th April

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Ely Choir Festival Practice (Church Hall)*

Sunday 20th April

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 15:00 *St. George’s Parade Service*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (TBC) (Church Hall)*

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

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