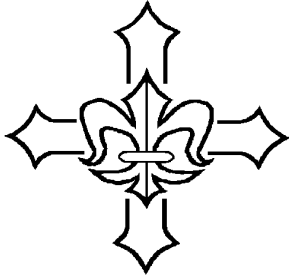


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 20th April 2008

Easter 5

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Readers

Catheryn Turrell & Daphne Meats

Readings

Acts Ch 7 vv 55-end & 1 Peter Ch 2 vv 2-10

Gospel

John Ch 14 vv 1-14

Intercessions

David Ferris

Hymns

205, 127, 416, 484

Communion

464, 274

St. George's Parade

Sung Evensong

Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Hymns

113, 112, 358

Psalm

147

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: Crow Hill, Thicketwillow, Bergamont Close

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

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.

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 10.00am until 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).

Lunches

A reminder - on Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th April, Churches Together will be holding meetings to plan weekly lunches at the Salvation Army Hall in Silver Street. Both meetings start at 10.30am and take place at the hall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to attend. Lunches held previously were very popular so do go along if you can.

Thank you.

Curl up with a good book!

The local history speaker scheduled for the Men's Social Group meeting in May is indisposed. Very much at the last minute Trevor Weedon has kindly agreed to step into the breach, and will talk on the work of The Gideons. This is an interesting topic that may appeal to a wider audience, including the ladies, so please feel free to join us if you would like to learn more. Tuesday 6th May, 7.30pm, Church Hall.

WEA Godmanchester

A six-week course on Medieval Cathedrals and Abbeys (tutor Lynne Broughton) is to begin on Thursday 8th May 2008 at the QE School, from 10.15 to 11.45 am.

The cathedrals and abbeys of medieval England were built to the glory of God as a focus of Christian devotion. This course will show that since the 16th century they have suffered different fates. Coffee will be served. Full fee £24, discounted fee £22.

Mary Fawcett (458383)

Christian Aid Week 11th – 17th May 2008

Christian Aid Week appears to be even more important this year as we hear about food emergencies in addition to the needs for fresh water. Christian Aid Week collectors raise an average of £33.50 each. This is enough for 67 more people to get the water they need! If you could help by being a collector please contact Trevor Weedon (413264).

Watch this space!

We are hoping to have a Christian Aid Quiz Night on Thursday 15th May - it promises to be a very enjoyable evening. More details soon

Ely Choirs' Festival – 17th May

On Saturday 17th May the annual Choirs' Festival will be held in Ely Cathedral, starting at 5.30pm. As usual, our choir will be taking part and they hope that members of our congregation will be able to attend to give their support. The service, which is based on the theme 'The King of Love my Shepherd is', has been compiled by the Reverend Ally Barrett and contains a variety of splendid music. This is an event not to be missed!!

Advance Notice – Spring BBQ

Sunday 18th May 12.30pm. Tickets available in due course from Val Pithey. (454851)

From May to September

Once again, the church will be open on Sunday afternoons during the summer. Many thanks to everyone who has already volunteered to be in church to welcome visitors between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on the appropriate dates. Slots are for one, two or three hours. You choose. The rota for May is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. If you are not included but would like to join the team, please phone Liz Irving on 382144.

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 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 - The Meaning Of Life - Questions to the Panel
(Church Hall)*

Monday 21st April

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 22nd April

- 10.30 *GMC Churches Together Lunch Club Planning Meeting
(Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street)*

Wednesday 23rd April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 15:30 *Pastoral Group Meeting (Vicarage)*

Thursday 24th April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 10.30 *GMC Churches Together Lunch Club Planning Meeting
(Salvation Army Hall, Silver Street)*

Friday 25th April

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

Sunday 27th April

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:15 *Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Hall)*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)*

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

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