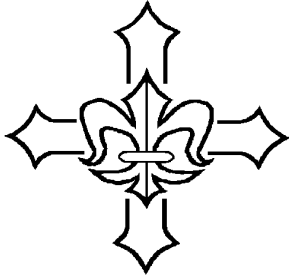


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 11th May 2008

Pentecost

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock Preacher: David Busk

Reader	David Moger
Reading	Acts Ch 2 vv 1-21
Gospel	John Ch 20 vv 19-23

Intercessions	Jean White
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Hymns	139, 137, 431, 367
Communion	409, 419

Grassroots with Holy Baptism

Sung Evensong

Jerry Craddock

Hymns	347, 140, 138
Psalm	67

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire,
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Croftfield Road, Peate Close

Charity of the month: Tear Fund

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

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church Matthew **Owen HARRISON** and we pray for God's blessing on Matthew and his parents, godparents and family.

Shalom – A Service of Prayer for Wholeness and Well-being

This service has been known as a Healing Service but we have changed the name to emphasise the idea that it is about wholeness at every level and is not only for those who are looking for some specific healing. It will be held on Sunday 1st June at 11.30am and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month once a quarter (7th September, 7th December and 1st March 2009). We hope it will be a quiet and reflective time that many find helpful and enriching. Please consider coming, tell and bring others and please speak to me if you would like to know more. David Busk (436400).

Christian Aid Week starts today

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).

Christian Aid Quiz Night -Thursday 15th May

This will be held in the Church Hall starting at 7.30pm. Tickets at £4 each are available from Trevor Weedon and Peter Irving. With refreshments and a raffle, this promises to be a very enjoyable evening for an extremely worthwhile cause. We hope that many of our Church Groups will be able to form teams of about six members each and with eight or ten teams we shall have an

exciting and competitive night. Please come.

Trevor Weedon (413264)

Mothers' Union

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Jean Morgan, 2A Earning Street, on Tuesday 13th May from 10.30 to 11.30am. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle so do please come and bring your friends. All are very welcome and you don't have to be an MU member!!!! If you need a lift please contact Megan Macdiarmid (437278) or Jean Morgan (417502).

Wives' Group

Tuesday 13th May - visit to Madingley Hall Gardens. Depart Godmanchester 6.30pm. Contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018).

Ely Choirs' Festival – 17th May

Next 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!!

Children's Church Lent Appeal

Children's Church would like to thank all those who so generously contributed to their Lent Appeal this year. We have raised a fantastic **£284.65**, which will be divided between the Oncology Centre and Pancreatic Cancer Research at Addenbrooke's Hospital. Over £90 of this was raised by the children doing extra jobs at home during Lent and the rest was raised at our Mothering Sunday event and at the Pancake Race.

Summer Fete 21st June – Preliminary list of stall holders

Below is a preliminary list of stall holders. Please could people let me know (or better still find someone else) if they cannot run their stall this year. We still need volunteers to run the Book stall and it would be helpful to have a list of people to assist with the Teas, as we were short last year. Mike and I are trying to organise the teas and we are very inexperienced so need all the help we can get! Please think about whether you could undertake these tasks - it is only once a year and the more people involved the better. This is just a note to check we can run all the stalls; donations for all the stalls will be needed nearer the time.

Christine & Mike Parker (459640)
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GRAND DRAW	Linda and Trevor Weedon
GAMES	Youth Group, Gordon Peacock
BOUNCY CASTLE	Jennie Parker
TEAS	Help please!
BOTTLE STALL	Jack Shimmons
BOOKS	David Ferris
GIFTS	Catheryn Turrell
CAKE STALL	Mothers' Union
NEARLY NEW	Olwyn Hurd
PLANTS	Volunteer needed
GAMES, BRAN TUB ETC. ICE CREAMS	Andrew and Mary Fawcett
GATE TICKETS	Choir members

Spring BBQ - Sunday 18th May

Adults £5.00 children £2.50. Bring your own wine or other liquid refreshment. Donations for the usual raffle will be most welcome.

Tickets available from Val Pithey (454851)

Dates for your Diary

18 th May	-	Parish Photographs
25 th May	-	Parish Praise
21 st June	-	Church Summer Fete
28 th June	-	Priesting of our new Curate, Mary Jepp

(Ely Cathedral would like to know the numbers of those attending – please give your names to the Church Wardens)

29 th June	-	Mary's first Eucharist with us
28 th -29 th June	-	Hemingford Abbots Flower Festival

As a reminder will everyone organising a Parish event please let Colin Thirlwall know as Colin keeps the Parish Diary.

Film Nights

If you enjoyed the film nights presented by Oundle Cinema's outreach team in the church hall over the past 18 months you may be interested in their current season of films showing in Oundle during the spring and summer. Leaflets with all the details are available at the back of the church.

Our Dear Friend Mary Gadsby

The family of Mary Gadsby would like to express their thanks to all her Church friends for the kindness and help shown to her over recent months. Mary is now being looked after in residential care. Please enjoy the Whit Sunday flowers in the church as a token of their appreciation.

Newsletter Compiler

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

DIARY

Sunday 11th May Pentecost Christian Aid Week

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist
- 11:30 Grassroots with Holy Baptism
- 14:00 Global Day of Prayer (Footpath – Huntingdon Ring Road)
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group – Parish Praise preparation (Church Hall)

Monday 12th May

- 10:30 Churches Together Ministers (Baptist Church Centre)
- 13:30 Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)
- 19:30 Fabric Committee meeting (Vestry)
- 20:00 Signing Group (79 Roman Way)

Tuesday 13th May

- 10:30 Mothers' Union Coffee Morning (2A Earning Street)
- 18:30 Wives' Group Visit to Madingley Hall Gardens

Wednesday 14th May

- 10:30 Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)
- 20:00 Bible Study Group (10 East Chadley Lane)

Thursday 15th May

- 09:45 Holy Communion
- 10:00 St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)
- 11:00 Funeral of Madeline Chicken in Church
- 19:30 Prayer Group (36 Old Court Hall)
- 19:30 Christian Aid Quiz Night (Church Hall)

Friday 16th May

- 14:30 Wedding – Duncan MALONE and Anne HAYES
- 19:30 Choir Practice (Church Hall)
- 20:00 Ely Choirs' Festival Rehearsal (Church Hall)

Saturday 17th May

- 17:30 Ely Choirs' Festival (Ely Cathedral)

Sunday 18th May Trinity Sunday

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist
Parish Photographs (Church Hall)
- 12.30 Spring Barbecue (Church Hall)
- 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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