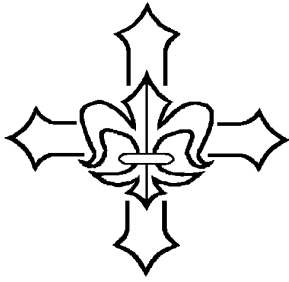


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008**

*Trinity Sunday*

**Holy Communion**                      *President: Jerry Craddock    Preacher: Pat Saunders*

**Sung Eucharist**                        *President: Jerry Craddock    Preacher: Pat Saunders*

Readers	Pam Ayres & Christine Parker
Readings	Isaiah Ch 40: vv 12-17, 27-end 2 Corinthians Ch 13: vv 11-end
Gospel	Matthew Ch 28: vv 16-20

Intercessions                      Catheryn Turrell

Hymns	146, 343, 373, 148
Communion	358, 295

<b>Sung Evensong</b>	<i>David Busk</i>
Hymns	433, 246, 298
Psalm	93

## **Collect**

Holy God,  
faithful and unchanging,  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Street Prayer Mission:** White Hart Lane,    Hilsden Drive,    Anderson Crescent,  
Kisby Avenue

**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

### ***Parish Photograph 2008***

Weather permitting; we should be having our Parish photograph taken after the 9.45 service today, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Whilst the platforms and camera are being set up outside the west door, please enjoy a tea or coffee in the parish room. Once everything is ready, we will call everyone out and take the main group photo. We will also attempt to get a few group photographs taken of clergy, choir, Mothers' Union etc, assuming that enough people from the various groups are available. It is possible that we may have to arrange for groups to be taken at more convenient times later in the year.

### ***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 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11.30am and thereafter on the first Sunday of the month once a quarter (7<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

### ***Summer Exercise***

This could be your opportunity to fine tune your physique! We need as many volunteers as possible on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June between 9.00am and 12.00 noon to prepare the Vicar's garden in readiness for the Summer Fete. If you have strong gloves and secateurs or loppers, please bring them. Otherwise just bring yourselves! Contact: Jean Morgan (417502) or Malcolm Harris (395814)

### ***Summer Fete 21<sup>st</sup> June***

Below is a list of stall holders – thanks to everyone who offered help. We could still do with a couple more people to help with the teas please. Please note that there won't be a 'Nearly New' stall or a Flower stall this year, so donations will not be required. We will however need donations for the other stalls and these can be given to the stallholders nearer the time or to us.

Christine and Mike Parker (459640);  
[christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com](mailto:christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com)

#### ***GRAND DRAW***

Linda & Trevor Weedon

#### ***GAMES***

Youth Group, Gordon Peacock

#### ***BOUNCY CASTLE***

Jennie Parker with Youth Group

#### ***TEAS***

Mike & Christine Parker, Pam Ferris,  
Olwyn Hurd, Mary Summers

#### ***BOTTLE STALL***

Jack Shimmons

#### ***BOOKS***

David Ferris

#### ***GIFTS***

Catheryn Turrell

#### ***CAKE STALL***

Mothers' Union

#### ***PLANTS***

Margaret & Robert Caroe

#### ***GAMES, BRAN TUB ETC.***

Children's Church

#### ***ICE CREAMS***

**Volunteer needed**

#### ***GATE TICKETS***

Choir members

### ***Website Fundraising***

We have received our first cheque from easyfundraising. The cheque is for £49.59 and comes as a result of people using the links on the Church website for carrying out internet searches, and online shopping through any of the supported retail outfits e.g. Amazon etc. This sum of money has been achieved by a few people changing their habits slightly when using the internet; the more of us that do this, the more money we can raise for the Church. At the end of this quarter, easyfundraising paid out a massive £80,000 to good causes across the UK; as a result of people changing their habits slightly.

The search engine used has been improved enormously since they started combining results from three well known internet search engines and is now well on a par with Google for the quality of results produced. There is a good selection of online stores supported through the shopping portal. A quick, one time, registration means that a percentage of what you spend is given back to the Church. I tend to buy quite a lot of books through Amazon; and not only do I benefit from the good discounts available to all, but the Church receives 2.5% of what I spend too. To achieve that I've only had to make a very small change to my internet use; instead of going directly to the Amazon website, I go through the easyfundraising links, two extra clicks with my mouse.

If you search the internet at all, or shop online, do please consider using the links on the Church website. It won't cost you anything and the Church will benefit. Thank you to those people who have helped us benefit already.

Paul Sibley

### ***Annual Plant Sale***

Our 15th Annual Plant Sale (proceeds towards church funds) takes place in the forecourt of Island Hall on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 11.00am until 5.00pm, by kind permission of the Vane Percy family. Although we are not expecting a stampede along London Road when Parish Praise is over, it would be nice to see some of you during the afternoon! As in previous years, volunteers wishing to sell plants for an hour can sign up for a slot by phoning Peter Irving (382144). At the same time, Island Hall gardens will be open (admission £3.00, accompanied children free) as part of the National Gardens Scheme, with proceeds going to local charities

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

THANK YOU for all your contributions of CDs, DVDs etc. We have had an excellent response and will be taking them to the Barnardo shop this week.

Katie Lunn

### ***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](mailto:pantimayres@talktalk.net) (436395). All contributions would be appreciated by 6.30pm Thursday.

## **DIARY**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May** *Trinity Sunday*  
08:00 *Holy Communion*  
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*  
*Parish Photographs*  
12.30 *Spring Barbecue (Church Hall)*  
18:30 *Sung Evensong*  
18:45 *Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)*

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*  
19:30 *Churches Together members' meeting (Trinity Church Hall, Hartford)*

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
19:30 *PCC Communion and Meeting (Church)*

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** *Corpus Christi*  
09:45 *Mothers' Union Corporate Communion*  
10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*  
19:30 *Sung Eucharist*

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**  
19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
08:00 *Holy Communion*  
11:00 *Parish Praise (St. Anne's School)*  
11:00 *Annual Plant Sale (Island Hall Forecourt)*  
18:30 *Sung Eucharist*

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

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