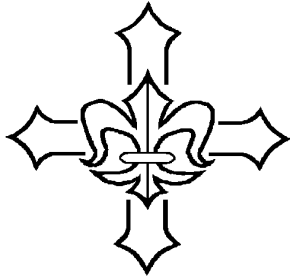


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 1st February 2009
Candlemas

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock *Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Deacon: Mary Jepp

Readers

Faith Back Jim Heeley

Readings

Malachi 3:1-5; Hebrews 2:14-end

Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

Intercessions

David Ferris

Hymns

234, 157, 500, 433

Communion

44, 187

Sung Evensong

Minister: Jerry Craddock

Hymns

377, 347, 249

Psalm

132

Hymns: please omit * verses, if any

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Holmehill, Hayling Close, Cob Place, Fishers Way

Charity of the month: Corrymeela

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

Church Heating

To all members of the congregation - please do not turn off any of the radiators in the church. Doing so, and leaving them switched off, has an adverse effect on the way that the system works. We still have a couple of months of winter weather to come and may well need all the heat we can get!

Thank you

David Ferris

Pastoral Visiting

There will be a meeting of the Pastoral Visiting Team at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th February at 59 London Road.

Have you considered being a Pastoral Visitor?

We are currently trying to increase the number of visitors in the Parish, even if you were able to only visit one person once a month that would be a great help. If you would like to join the team or have a chat as to what it would entail, please contact:

Mary Jepp (411734)

m.jepp@btinternet.com

Children's Church – Older Children

We are in the early stages of planning a new Sunday morning group for the older children who currently come to Children's Church. It will be similar to the previous Vestry Group. We would be very grateful to hear from any volunteers who would be willing to be included on the rota to help with this and also to provide ideas at a forthcoming planning meeting. For further details please contact:

Angela Wright (437090) or Victoria Richardson (431430)

Chilli Chill-out!

On Saturday 21st February at 7.30 pm there will be a feast of Chillies and Puddings at the Curate's House (59 London Road). The

proceeds of the evening will be donated to the cost of the sound equipment which was purchased in the autumn.

Adults £5.00 (under 12s £2.50). Tickets for the event are available from ***Jean Morgan (4175020) or Mary Jepp (411734)***

Film Night

"The Titfield Thunderbolt"

Saturday 7th February at 7.00pm
in the church hall

Tickets £4.50

A further reminder that tickets for the Film Night will be on sale in the south porch after 9.45 am Sung Eucharist today.

The main feature is the Ealing comedy 'The Titfield Thunderbolt'. When the Titfield to Mallingford branch line is threatened with closure by British Railways, a group of local residents makes a bid to run it themselves. Unfortunately a local bus company starts to use methods that can hardly be called fair competition.... With a cast including Stanley Holloway, John Gregson and Sidney James, this cult Ealing comedy works up to a fine climatic frenzy! The evening's full supporting programme opens with the Wallace and Gromit classic 'The wrong trousers'; and ice cream and popcorn will be on sale during the interval!

Gillian & John Bathurst-Hoile (465442), and Liz & Peter Irving (382144).

Curry Club

The Curry Club will be meeting at Ali's in Godmanchester on Friday, 13th February at 7.30pm.

Please contact ***Mary Jepp*** to reserve a place on ***(411734)*** or ***m.jepp@btinternet.com***.

The Curry Club, a group of youngish (20 – 40 somethings!) meets occasionally for fellowship and to share a meal. All welcome!



In
HUNTINGDON and
GODMANCHESTER
Women's Breakfast

Saturday 7th February
8:30 – 10.30am

The Barley Mow, Hartford Road,
Huntingdon.

Choice of full English or Continental
Cost: £6:00

Speaker: Claudette Simcoe

*'Something good is going to happen
through you'*

To help with catering please book by the 1st
February (**Today**) with **Chris Harter**
(459703) or **Claudette Simcoe** (412304)

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union
will take place on Tuesday February 3rd at
2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At
this meeting Ros Wright will be helping us
make more Beads of Prayer. If you need a
lift please contact **Jean Morgan** (417502).

Spring is in the air.

Paul Renwick of the RSPB will be giving a
training session in the Queen Elizabeth
School on Tuesday 3rd February (7.30pm)
for anyone wishing to take part in this year's
(March to July) Bird Survey on the osier
beds close to Godmanchester Lock.

In the same week (Saturday 7th) there will be
opportunities for volunteers to join local
groups planting snowdrops beside the play
park close to the Chinese Bridge. (10am –
12 noon). Bring wellies, spades, trowels etc.
and a flask of coffee! Ground work on the
osier beds will take place at the same time.

All events come under the Godmanchester
in Bloom umbrella.

John Thackray (457722)

Stepping Stones

Stepping Stones has been cancelled for the
time being due to lack of numbers. We
hope to re-convene in September.
Meanwhile all those wishing to continue are
warmly invited to attend the group at home.
If you are interested please call **Naomi
Shepherd** (436737) to ascertain the address
where the group is meeting.

Thank you

A very big thank you to all those kind
people who sent me cards and messages of
good will while I was in hospital recently. I
am so thankful I shall be joining you all
again soon, my dear friends.

Jean White

Second-hand toys and baby goods

Mandy Abbott has a number of baby and
children's toys and goods that she no longer
needs. If anyone is interested, or knows
someone who might be, please contact
Mandy (39945).

Piano for sale

Hohner, excellent condition, one careful
owner from new. Accompanied one of our
ex-choir boys all the way to Grade 8! For
further details contact

Pam Sneath (450686)

Two Mobility Scooters for sale

For further details please contact

Rosemary Jones (412347)

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March is **Jean Morgan** (417502)

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Prayer Corner

*"Sometimes darkness overwhelms us, we cannot see
the light. Lord, at these times, give us the gift of
grace, that we may trust in you when we cannot see
you in our lives. Amen."*

DIARY

Sunday 1st February Candlemas

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 09:45 *Children's Church (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Martial Arts (Church Hall)*

Monday 2nd February

- 12:30 *Funeral of Kevin Robinson*
- 13:30 *No Stepping Stones*
- 19:30 *Churches Together Members Meeting (All Saints, Hartford)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

Tuesday 3rd February

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:15 *Ecumenical Prayer (All Saints, Huntingdon)*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (QE School)*
- 19:30 *Men's Social Group – Meal (9Porch Close)*
- 19:30 *RSPB Bird Survey Training (QE School)*

Wednesday 4th February

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Chestnuts)*
- 19:30 *Pastoral Team meeting (59 London Rd)*

Thursday 5th February

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0s – 5s (Comrades Club)*

Friday 6th February

- 19:15 *Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Full Choir Practice*

Saturday 7th February

- 08:30 *Churches Together Women's Breakfast (Barley Mow, Hartford)*
- 19:00 *Film Night (Church Hall)*

Sunday 8th February 3rd before Lent

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 09:45 *Children's Church (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Family History (Church Hall)*

Refreshments are served after the Parish Praise. Everyone is welcome

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