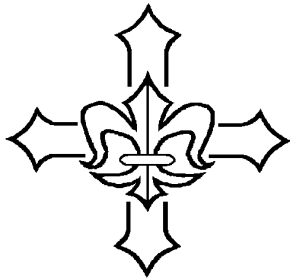


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 8th February 2009
3rd Sunday before Lent
Education Sunday

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Pat Saunders

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock *Preacher:* Pat Saunders
Deacon: Pat Saunders

Reader	Peter Taylor
Reading	Isaiah 40:21-end
Gospel	Mark 1:29-39
Intercessions	Trevor Weedon
Hymns	436, 486, 378, 391
Communion	83, 273

Sung Evensong

Minister: Gill Bathurst-Hoile

Hymns	294, 324, 253
Psalm	5

Hymns: please omit * verses, if any

Collect

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Cambridge St, Orchard Way, Linden Grove, Clyde Yard, East Chadley Lane

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

Children and communion

A second group of children will be admitted to communion during the 9.45 Eucharist on Sunday February 22nd. It is not too late to apply for your child to be admitted - simply return a consent form to me (available from the back of church or from me) by the end of this week, if possible, and in any case by Friday 20th

There will be a simple workshop for children being admitted, and any who might be interested (plus their parents/guardians, of course) after the 9.45 service on Sunday 15th February. Please gather by the nave altar at 11.15 for a simple 20 minute session on the meaning and mechanics of receiving communion. If you can't make this session, your child can still be admitted on the 22nd provided I have the consent form. Please contact me if you need more information.

David (436400)

Teaching Eucharist on February 22nd

The 9.45 Eucharist on February 22nd will be a Teaching Eucharist, and will introduce some of the new materials available to help guide children through the Eucharist. If you have children who sometimes attend the whole Eucharist, please make every effort to be there on this occasion - we hope you will find that it provides help in keeping your child(ren) involved and interested during services in the future.

David (436400)

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.

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

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)

Flower Guild AGM

Please would all Flower Guild members note that our AGM will take place on Saturday, February 28th in the Church Hall at 10:00 am. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Jean Miller (437488)

Children's Church Annual Pancake Race

On February 22nd, after the 9.45 service, members of Children's Church will be encouraging everybody - the young and the young at heart - to join in the fun of our annual Pancake Races round the churchyard. There will be a bucket collection in aid of the Save the Children Fund. Pancakes and pans will be provided: all we need now is your support and some fine weather.

For more details, please contact **Victoria (431430)**, **Angela (437090)** or **Debbie (374991)**.

Wanted - old mobile phones and foreign coins and notes

During 2009 Wives' Group members are collecting unwanted mobile phones and foreign currency for the East Anglian Air Ambulance. If you have any please give to Barbara Thirlwall (457018) or any member of Wives' Group. The first opportunity to hand over collected items will be on Tuesday 10th February when Barbara Magee will be visiting us to talk about the work of the Air ambulance. All welcome at 8pm in the Church Hall.

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 (417502)** or **Mary Jepp (411734)**

Two Mobility Scooters for sale

For further details please contact **Rosemary Jones (412347)**

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

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)

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!

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)**.

Newsletter Compiler for February and March is **Jean Morgan (417502)**
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Prayer Corner

"In this National Marriage Week, Father, we thank you for the gift of marriage and for our happy memories of the times we have spent with our husbands and wives". Amen

DIARY

Sunday 8th February Third Sunday 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)

Monday 9th February

- 13:30 No Stepping Stones
- 19.30 Fabric Committee (Vestry)
- 20:00 Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)

Tuesday 10th February

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 19:45 MAP Committee Vicarage
- 20:00 Wives' Group – East Anglian Air Ambulance (Church Hall)

Wednesday 11th February

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

Thursday 12th February

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

Friday 13th February

- 19:15 Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)
- 19:30 Full Choir Practice
- 19:30 Curry Club (Ali's in Godmanchester)

Sunday 15th February Second Sunday before Lent

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism
- 09:45 No Children's Church
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 No Youth Group

Refreshments are served after the 9.45am Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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