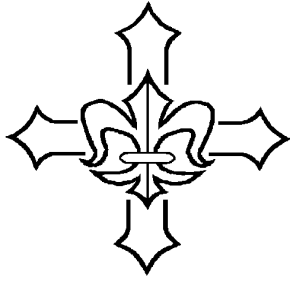


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 15th February 2009
2nd Sunday before Lent

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: David Busk

Reader

Derek Fletcher

Readings

Proverbs 8:1, 22-31

Gospel

John 1:1-14

Intercessions

Dai Morgan

Hymns

263, 377, 439, 339

Communion

353, 434

Sung Evensong

Minister: Paul Sibley

Readings

Genesis 2:4b-end; Luke 8:26-39

Hymns

463(tii), 378, 243

Psalm

65

Hymns: please omit * verses, if any

Collect

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Old Court Hall, Corpus Christi, Silver St, Wigmore Close, Duck End, Allen Farm Close

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

Holy Baptism

During today's 9.45 Eucharist we welcome Christopher Barnaby Fletcher and Bronwyn Lucy Fletcher into the family of Christ's Church and we pray for God's blessing on Christopher, Bronwyn and their parents, godparents and family.

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)

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)

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)*

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)**.

Gift Aid It

You will no doubt have noticed the yellow envelopes at the end of each pew. These have been provided to allow anyone who pays income or capital gains tax to 'Gift Aid' their donations to the Church. Gift aid is tax relief on money donated to UK charities and we can reclaim this tax at the basic rate to increase the value of your donation by 20%. To claim the tax you must have paid sufficient income or capital gains tax to at least cover the donation and we need your name, home address and the date given on the envelope as we are required to main a record of all gifts.

If you wish to give regular donations to the church please consider either a monthly bankers order or our free-will offering envelopes both of which can be gift-aided on a single 'one-off' gift aid form. If you have any questions about any aspects of personal donations please speak to our Treasurer, **Peter Ballantine (450432)**, or Chair of the Finance Committee, **Colin Thirlwall (457018)**.

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

Lent MAP Groups

Everyone on the electoral roll should have received an invitation to these, but if you are a regular worshipper who is not on the roll (you will know if you are on it) and would like to be involved in praying and planning for the mission of the church, you would be most welcome. Please contact me as soon as you can if you would like to take part. The groups meet on four Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm, beginning on March 4th. There are various locations, and we will assign individuals to their starting points once we have an idea of numbers. For more information, please see my letter in this month's Parish News, or speak to me.

David 436400

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Prayer Corner

"Heavenly Father, take our prayers we humbly ask, fill them with your love and power, and use them in the cause of your glorious kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

DIARY

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

Monday 16th February

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

Tuesday 17th February

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 19:30 PCC Meeting (Church Hall)

Wednesday 18th February

- 11.00 Holy Communion (Woodley Court)
- 19:30 Deanery Synod Meeting

Thursday 19th February

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 09:45 Holy Communion
- 10:00 No St Mary's 0s – 5s

Friday 20th February

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

Saturday 21st February

- 19:30 'Chilli Chill-out' (59 London Rd)

Sunday 22nd February Sunday next before Lent

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist (Teaching Eucharist)
- o/c Pancake Races
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 No Youth Group

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

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