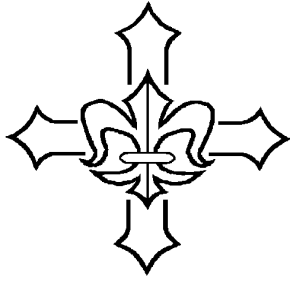


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

## *Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

*Lent 3*

### **Holy Communion**

*President: David Busk Preacher: David Busk*

### **Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: Derek Billings*

*Deacon: David Busk*

Readings	Exodus 20:1-17; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
Reader	Richard Bunn & Stella Howard
Gospel	John 2:13-22
Intercessions	Peter Dawe
Hymns	206, 407, 464, 94
Communion	374, 369

### **Sung Evensong**

*Minister: David Busk*

Readings	Exodus 5:1-6:1; Phillippians 3:4b-14
Hymns	414, 467, 339
Psalm	11

Hymns: please omit any \* verses

### **Collect**

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Cambridge Rd, Cambridge Villas, Meadow way, Harcourt,  
Almond Close

**Charity of the month:** Care Network

**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.

## ***Annual Report Reminder***

**Tomorrow is the deadline** for receipt of reports please.

***Dai Morgan (417502)***

## ***Frugal Lunch***

The Frugal lunch this year takes place today at 12.00 noon in the Church Hall.

Adults £3.00, non adults £1.50. The proceeds will be given to a charity.

***Val Pithey (454851)***

## ***Lent Concert - 21 March***

On Saturday 21 March at 7.30 choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in our church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent, with Stainer's 'Crucifixion' as the main item in the programme. It will be conducted by our Organist and Choirmaster, Ken Diffey, with Paul Bryan (organ), Peter Cook (Tenor) and Tony Burnley (Baritone). There will also be a solo by Hannah Reed (soprano) and items by the Hemingford Ladies' Choir.

Tickets at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) are available in advance after the 9.45 service each week or from ***Ken Diffey (458846)*** or [\*\*\*diffey@homecall.co.uk\*\*\*](mailto:diffey@homecall.co.uk).

## ***A Passover Celebration***

Our understanding of the Eucharist is greatly helped if we can share regularly in the uplifting experience of a Passover meal. Familiar signs and symbols take on new depths of meaning, and the Last Supper is seen in the context of God's saving love stretching from creation over the whole course of human history. As Christians we share common roots with our Jewish brothers and sisters, and the festival of PASSOVER is part of our shared faith heritage. Celebrating the meal like this together is a wonderful opportunity to discover a fresh way of telling the story of God's love, and finding it to be our own story. Our PASSOVER SUPPER will be celebrated in the church on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

April at 7pm and followed by a service of Compline. Tickets will be on sale after the 9.45 service from 15<sup>th</sup> March at £3 each.

***Gill Bathurst-Hoile (465442)***

## ***Church Book Sale***

After a gap of several years people have been enquiring about holding another sale in the Queen Elizabeth School. This year's sale will take place on **Saturday 25 April**, 10am to 4pm, with all the usual trimmings – refreshments in the small hall, a book raffle, and amazing discounts in the happy hour at the end! Two things: (1) If you have lots of books for disposal, please phone me and I will come out and collect them. If you have only a carrier bag full, please bring them to church and leave them in the appropriate box near the pigeon holes. I will ensure this box (in place from Sunday 15 March) is emptied at regular intervals. (2) *Please do not bring books to my house!* I have been offered accommodation for storage and sorting, and it will be better if books go straight there. More news nearer the time.

***Peter Irving (382144)***

## ***Children's Society Boxes***

If you would like your box emptying during March please bring it to church or contact me to arrange collection. Thank you.

***Kate Steed (382101)***

## ***Women's Discussion Group***

Four months ago I started a monthly women's discussion group as a possible way to reach women who might not be ready to set foot in a church but were interested in finding out more. Meetings, held at a pub in Elsworth, start at 7.30pm and comprise a fixed-price two course supper at 8pm, a Christian speaker at 9pm and discussion from 9.30 to 10pm. They are open to anyone, regardless of geographical location, Response so far has been very good, with attendances between 20 and 40, age range from 30 to 80, the majority of them, so far, are practising Christians. The next meeting

is on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when the speaker will be a representative from CHASTE, a Christian organisation set up to combat people trafficking. Forthcoming meetings:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Leo Change a plastic surgeon who works on Mercy Ships off the coast of Africa.
- 27<sup>th</sup> April: Lorna Warrener from Tear Fund on reconstruction in the developing world

Please contact me if you would like receive details each month,

***Christina Sheppard (01480 831454) or [sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com)***

### ***Wanted by Mothers' Union!!***

Balls of double knitting wool are needed for making squares for blankets. Please give any you may have to Linda Weedon or Jean Morgan. Thank you.

### ***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)**.

### ***Secretary Needed!!***

After three years of really excellent work Trevor Weedon is standing down as secretary of the PCC. If you feel you would be able to fulfil this role please contact David Busk or one of the churchwardens without delay.

### ***Books Missing.***

Some years ago some blue Lectionary books were purchased so that readers could take one home in order to prepare their reading. These have all vanished and we would be grateful if anyone who remembers taking one could have a look at home to see if they still have it. Please contact John Hoile or Jean Morgan.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER in  
HUNTINGDON and GODMANCHESTER**  
Next ladies' breakfast is Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 0  
Barley Mow, Hartford Road, Huntingdon  
8:30 -10:30 am

Speaker: Steve Moore(Frosts of Brampton)  
Topic: Gardening Tips and practical advice  
for a beautiful garden.

Choice of breakfast

Full English or Continental Cost: £6:00  
Bookings through Chris Harter 459703 or  
Claudette Simcoe 412304

**To help with catering please ensure you  
book by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April .**

***Newsletter Compiler*** for February and  
March is **Jean Morgan (417502)**  
**[morgan\\_01339@msn.com](mailto:morgan_01339@msn.com)**

### **Prayer Corner**

*"Tuesday is St Patrick's Day. When St Patrick was about 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Ireland, where he lived for six years before escaping and returning to his family. He entered the Church, and became a Deacon and a Bishop. Let us give thanks for his faith as we pray for all who live on the island of Ireland. Amen".*

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Lent 3**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 12:00 *Frugal Lunch (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Games Night (Church Hall)*

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

- All day *Organ tuning*
- 19:30 *Governors' Meeting (St Anne's School)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Ely RSCM Committee AGM (Ely Cathedral)*
- o/c* *Compline Workshop*

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30 *MAP Lent Groups (Various)*

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- pm* *Youth Group – Cake Baking (38 London Rd & 79 Roman Way)*
- 14:00 *Final Rehearsal for Lent Concert (Church)*
- 19:30 *Lent Concert (Stainer's Crucifixion)*

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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