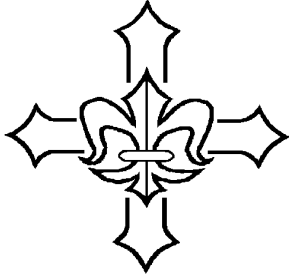


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2009

*Lent 4*

*Mothering Sunday*

**Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher:* David Busk

**Sung Eucharist**

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*Deacon:* Pat Saunders

Gospel

Luke 2:33-35

Intercessions

The Youth Group

Hymns

How great the debt, A new commandment,  
Meekness and majesty, I cannot tell

Communion

369, 387

**Sung Evensong**

*Minister:* Pat Saunders

Readings

Exodus 6:2-13; Romans 5:1-11

Hymns

137, 84, 384

Psalm

13

Hymns: please omit any \* verses

**Collect**

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us and hold us  
all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Carnaby Close, Rushes Walk, Field Walk, Merton Walk

**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.

### ***Youth Group Cake Stall***

This will be held in the church hall **after the Mothering Sunday service this morning**. Many of the cakes have been made with organic fairly traded ingredients so do come and buy something lovely for tea time. They were made by the youth group yesterday. See you there

***Janie Prince***

### ***Annual Parochial Church Meeting***

The formal Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on the main notice board in the South Porch. The APCM will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 starting at 11.30a.m.

The meeting includes the election of 2 Churchwardens, 3 members of the PCC for 3 years and 1 member to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod for 2 years. Nomination forms are available from the PCC Secretary.

All persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the APCM. If you are member of the congregation but are not on the electoral roll please complete an electoral roll form and pass to John Bathurst-Hoile (Electoral Roll Officer) or Trevor Weedon (PCC Secretary).

Members of the congregation wishing to raise any item under "Any other business" are asked to give notice of the item to the PCC Secretary by 24<sup>th</sup> April.

***Trevor Weedon (413264)***

### ***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.

### ***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)***

### ***Easter Flowers***

The Flower Guild would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of the decoration of the church for Easter; please give these to Vera Arnold. Thank you very much.

***Jean Miller (437488)***

### ***Easter Lilies***

If you would like to buy a lily in memory of a loved one, these cost £3:50 each and will be arranged in the centre nave pedestals.

Please give your money to Linda Weedon and write your message the Book of Remembrance which will be placed in the south aisle from Holy week onwards.

***Jean Miller (437488)***

### ***Lady Day Curfew***

The curfew will be rung on 25<sup>th</sup> March, which is Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary), starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm.

Anyone interested in witnessing this old Godmanchester tradition should be at the West Door at 7.45pm prompt. The curfew will immediately be followed by a bellringing practice, so this would be an excellent opportunity for anyone who wants to find out if they might enjoy bellringing.

***Charles Looker (453270)***

*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 .**

### ***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)***

### ***Secondhand Book Sale***

A reminder that this will take place in the Queen Elizabeth School on Saturday 25 April, 10am to 4pm. Book donations may be left in the box behind the font at the back of the church. If you have too many books to bring to church please phone to arrange a collection. This is a good opportunity to weed your book shelves – please take it! All book welcome. Children's books, particularly picture books for the very young readers, are always in demand. All proceeds to church funds.

***Liz and Peter Irving (382144)***

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

The next meeting is on **23<sup>rd</sup> March** with Leo Change, a plastic surgeon who works on Mercy Ships off the coast of Africa.

Meetings, comprising supper and a talk/discussion, start at 7.30 at a pub in Elsworth.

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

### ***Children's Church Ten Pin Bowling***

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Eat 'n' Bowl, St Ives from 3 – 5pm. The children will enjoy one game of bowls then upstairs for food. Cost £7 per child. Cash or cheque (payable

to Eat 'n' Bowl by 22<sup>nd</sup> March please to ***Linda Lunn (07939 639918) or Jane Nicholls (07941 119630)***

### ***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 maintain 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)***.

### ***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.

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### ***Prayer Corner***

*"Loving God, on this special day we thank you for mothers, our own mothers and mothers everywhere. We praise you, our God, for all mothers who have loved and laughed and laboured as they cared for their children. Amen."*

## **DIARY**

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

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 09:45      *Sung Eucharist*
- 16:00      *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

- 20:00      *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- 07:30      *Morning Prayer*

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- 09:45      *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 13:30      *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30      *MAP Lent Groups (Various)*

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

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

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

- 13:00      *Wedding: Nicholas Newman/Sophia Johnson*

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Lent 5**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 10:30      *Parish Praise*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45      *Youth Group – Stop-frame animation (Church Hall)*

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

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