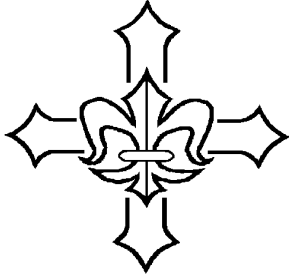


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 29th March 2009

Lent 5

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Parish Praise

Ministers: David Busk/Mary Jepp

Separate order of service

Sung Evensong

Minister: Mary Jepp

Readings

Exodus 7:8-24; Romans 5:12-end

Hymns

393, 92, 242

Psalm

34 vv 1-8

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Gracious Father,
you gave up your Son
out of love for the world:
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,
that we may know eternal peace
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: The Chestnuts, Oak Tree Court, Berry Lane, Offord Hill & Road

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 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 26th 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 24th 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.

Palm Sunday Procession

This year we will process from School Hill (outside the Town Hall) into the church. If you wish to process, please call at the church first to pick up a hymn book, and then gather at School Hill by 9.35. Please feel free to wait in the church for the procession to arrive if you prefer to do so. Children's Church members will peel off into the church hall as the procession passes the hall.

Maundy Thursday Foot Washing

During the Eucharist of the Last Supper at 7.30pm on 9 April the feet of 12 members of the congregation will be washed. This is a re-enactment of Jesus washing the feet of the Disciples. If you would like to take part by having your feet washed please sign up on the form at the back of church.

Mary Jepp (411734) or
m.jepp@btinternet.com

Maundy Thursday Watch

We will be keeping the usual watch at the St Anne's Altar from the end of the Eucharist of the Last Supper until midnight. Please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

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)

*CHURCHES TOGETHER in
HUNTINGDON and GODMANCHESTER*
Next ladies' breakfast is Saturday 4th 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 1st 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 8th April at 7pm and followed by a service of Compline. Tickets will be on sale after the 9.45 service from 15th 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)

Children's Church Ten Pin Bowling

On Sunday 19th 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 22nd March please to ***Linda Lunn (07939 639918*** or ***Jane Nicholls (07941 119630)***

Good Friday Children's Workshop

There will be a children's workshop in the Church Hall on Good Friday, April 10th, between 1.30 and 2.30pm. We will be making hot cross buns, building an Easter Garden to put in church and thinking about the Good Friday story, with other craft activities. More details from Pat Saunders (354764) or Victoria Richardson (431430) or DIRandVMR@aol.com). It would help us a little to know in advance how many children are coming, but don't worry about last minute decisions - all very welcome!

Lent Concert

The Lent concert last Saturday raised a total of £796.16 for church funds. The choir and I are very grateful to those who gave their support by attending the event or by making donations.

Ken Diffey

Men's Social Group.

Please note that there will be no meeting of the Men's Social Group in April. Details of the meeting for May will be announced in due course.

Peter Dawe (392188)

Newsletter Compiler for April and May is

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Prayer Corner

"Father, we pray for India and the elections due to take place. We thank you for the extraordinary nation that she has become; however, we cannot help but think of the millions who suffer there, particularly the individuals among the 'lower' castes who are continually subjected to degradation, exploitation and violence. We pray that you would intervene in a powerful way to bring justice to India's minorities and that we would be able to play a part in this change. Amen."

DIARY

Sunday 29th March - Lent 5

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 10:30 *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Stop frame animation*

Monday 30th March

- 11:30 *Funeral of Frederick Moore*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

Tuesday 31st March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 1st April

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30 *MAP Lent Groups Evaluation (59 London Rd)*

Thursday 2nd April

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

Friday 3rd April

- 09:15 *St Anne's Easter Service (Church)*
- 19:15 *Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Full Choir Practice*

Saturday 4th April

- 08:30 *Churches Together Women's Breakfast (Barley Mow, Hartford)*

Sunday 5th April – Palm Sunday, beginning of Holy Week

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Procession from School Hill to Church*
Sung Eucharist
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Faith in nature (Church Hall)*

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

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