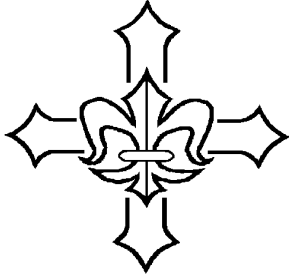


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
*Palm Sunday*

**Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher:* David Busk

**Sung Eucharist**

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*Deacon* Mary Jepp

Gospel for Palms	John 12:12-16
Readers	Gillian & John Bathurst-Hoile
Readings	Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel	Mark 14:1-end of 15
Intercessions	Nicholas Leigh-Smith
Hymns	509 79 86 511
Communion	92 96

**Sung Evensong**

*Minister:* David Busk

Readings	Isaiah 5:1-7; Mark 12:1-12
Hymns	83 82 95
Psalm	69 vv 1-14

Hymns: please omit any \* verses

**Collect**

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you and love you,  
that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

**Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Tudor Rd, York Close, Fairy Avenue, The Close

**Charity of the month:** DHIVERSE, the HIV and Sexual Health charity in Cambridgeshire and surrounding areas in the East of England

**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 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.

### ***Mothers' Union***

The next meeting will take place at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm. At this meeting Mary Jepp will lead us in a meditation. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502

### ***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](mailto: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.

### ***Good Friday Walk of Witness***

Those joining the walk are encouraged to assemble in the Methodist Church car park at 10:45 for a start at 11:00; the walk should finish by 12:30.

The route will then proceed via St Mary's Church, St Benedict's Court, Chequers Court, St Benedict's Court again and finally the Market Square, followed by refreshments in All Saints Church.

How about those from St Mary's who wish it, walking together from School Hill GMC at 10:30 am Good Friday, to get to the Huntingdon Methodist Church at 10:45 am? If so, please tell everyone you know.

***Andrew Fawcett (458383)***

### ***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)***

### ***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)**

### **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](mailto: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!

### **Summer 2009 - Holiday Club - Volunteer Leaders Needed**

Once again the Godmanchester Baptist Church will be running a Holiday Club for primary aged children. The club will take place the week of the 10th of August. The theme of the Club this year is 'Showstoppers!' If you are interested in volunteering please see

Mary Jepp for an information sheet. It is important that you register your interest in volunteering ASAP as CRB clearances must be sought.

### **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)**

### **Community Event**

Godmanchester Community Association  
Presenting  
The Last Night of the Proms  
with  
**THE FOSS DYKE BAND**

Saturday 9th May 2009  
at  
The Comrades Club,  
Godmanchester  
Starts at 7.30pm

Tickets available from  
local schools, shops,  
stores, pubs & clubs  
Price £11 per adult & £5 per child  
price includes Hat, Union Jack Flag  
and a Party Whistle.

For more information  
Please Call 01480 455123  
or 07810 481414

**Newsletter Compiler** for April and May is  
**Bizz Thackray (457722)**  
[bizzthackray@hotmail.com](mailto:bizzthackray@hotmail.com)

### **Prayer Corner**

*"The Last Supper was a profound example of humility. If Jesus can wash his disciples' feet then who are we to turn away from the tasks we would rather not undertake. Help us Lord, to learn from your Son's true humility."*

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Palm Sunday, beginning of Holy Week**

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

### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Monday in Holy Week**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 19:00 *Church open for private devotions and Stations of the Cross*
- 20:00 *Compline with homily*

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Tuesday in Holy Week**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 14:00 *MU Meeting (QE School)*
- 19:00 *Church open for private devotions and Stations of the Cross*
- 19:30 *Men's Social Group (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Compline with homily*

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday in Holy Week**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:00 *Passover Supper*
- 20:00 *Compline with homily*

### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *No Holy Communion*
- 19:30 *Sung Eucharist with foot -washing*  
*Vigil at St Anne's Altar until midnight*

### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April - Good Friday**

- 11:00 *Churches Together Walk of Witness (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 13:30 *Good Friday Liturgy followed by tea and hot cross buns in the Church Hall*
- 13:30 *Children's Good Friday Workshop (Church Hall)*

### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Eve**

- 19:30 *Vigil and Sung Eucharist*

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – EASTER DAY**

- 0600 *Churches Together Dawn Service (Coneygear Park, Huntingdon)*
- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *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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