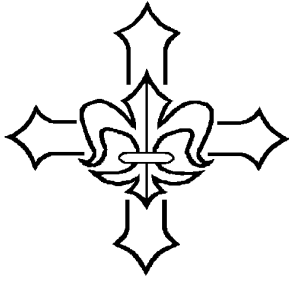


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 12th April 2009

EASTER DAY

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: Mary Jepp

Gospel

John 20:1-18

Intercessions

Trevor Weedon

Hymns

Introit 110 Anthem 117 120

Communion

121 125

Sung Evensong

Minister: Paul Sibley

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Luke 24:13-35

Hymns

106 101 118

Psalm

105 vv 1-10

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Post St, Church Place, Chadley Lane, The Causeway

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.

NOTICES



Happy Easter

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)

Ely Festival of Church Music

This year's annual Festival of Church Music in the Cathedral on **Saturday 16 May** is part of the 'Ely 900' celebrations, that is, the nine hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Ely. The theme '**Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever**' (Hebrews 13:8) has been chosen to represent the past, the present, and the future mission of the Church under her head Jesus Christ. The music and liturgy have been selected to provide a thoughtful blend of the old and the new, reflecting the three headings, with special reference in many parts to the Diocese of Ely. Not only are traditional anthems and hymns included, but there are new compositions of both words and music to celebrate this milestone in the Diocese's history. The Ely RSCM Committee is delighted that John Rutter has accepted an invitation to compose a new anthem, based on the words of our Saviour 'I am with you always, even unto the end of the world', which will receive its first performance at the Festival and will be conducted by the composer. A new hymn, 'Saints of Ely', has also been written for the occasion, with a new tune and descant specially composed for it.

Apart from the John Rutter anthem, the Festival will be conducted by Paul Trepte (Director of Music, Ely Cathedral), with Jonathan Lilley at the organ. As always, our choir will be taking part in the Festival and it is hoped that they will be supported by many members of the congregation on this special occasion. The service starts at 5.30 and you are advised to be seated by 5.00.

Ken Diffey (458846)

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.

Mary Jepp (411734)

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

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)

Wives' Group

Tuesday 14th April - An Easter Reflection with Pat Saunders at 8 pm in the Church Hall. All welcome. Entry £2 including refreshments. Raffle and Bring & Buy in support of East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

Secondhand Book Sale

Saturday 25th April, from 10am to 4pm, at the Queen Elizabeth School.

Many thanks to everyone who has donated. There is still time to weed your bookshelves if you have not already done so!

In response to customer demand we will also be selling second hand videos, CDs and DVDs! Please leave items in the box at the back of the church behind the font, or phone for a collection if you are unable to bring them to church.

We are also looking for volunteers to give an hour on the day to assist with the selling. Interested? And if you would like to donate a cake or biscuits to the refreshment counter that would be wonderful too.

Liz and Peter Irving (382144)

Deputy Churchwardens.

We need two deputy wardens as Trevor Weedon and Peter Hartwell are standing down.

If you feel that you could fulfil this role please speak to David Busk or one of the churchwardens. The task is not very onerous but it is really helpful to have support when needed.

David Ferris (385070) or Jean Morgan (417502)

Newsletter Compiler for April and May is **Bizz Thackray (457722)**
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Prayer Corner

"To give justice to the oppressed, to make mountains move and tombs shatter - these are the works of our Maker. So let us have faith in His works, knowing that whatever we do and believe in God's name can change the most impossible situations."

DIARY

Sunday 12th 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 *No Youth Group*

The Vicar is on holiday from the end of today until Saturday 18th April

Tuesday 14th April

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 20:00 *Wives' Group Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 15th April

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*

Thursday 16th April

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*

Friday 17th April

- 14:00 *Funeral of Peter Richard Hurst*
- 19:30 *No Choir Practice*

Sunday 19th April – Easter 2

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *No Youth Group*

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

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