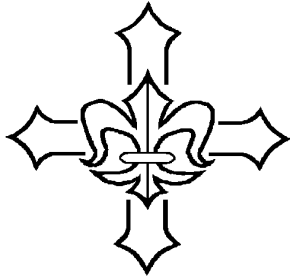


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 19th April 2009

Easter 2

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist

President: David Busk

Deacon & Preacher: Mary Jepp

Deacon: David Busk

Readings

Acts 4: 32-35; 1 John 1:1 -2: 2

Reader

Linda & John Watson

Gospel

John 20: 19 - end

Intercessions

Catheryn Turrell

Hymns

104, 105, 119, 124

Communion

101, 118

Sung Evensong

Minister: Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Readings

Isaiah 26: 1 – 9, 19 Luke: 24: 1 - 12

Hymns

113, 112, 389

Psalm

143

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: Lancaster Way, Fox Grove, Rectory Gardens, Grove Court

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.

NOTICES

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)

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)**

Annual Plant Sale

A reminder for your diary that we will be holding the sixteenth annual plant sale on Sunday 24 May 2009. The sale will take place as usual in the drive of Island Hall by kind permission of Christopher and Lady Linda Vane Percy. The gardens of Island

Hall will also be open. Some assistance to help staff the stalls will be needed on the day. If you are interested please contact me or Peter Irving.

Roy Norris (431961)

YOGA CLASSES

Some years ago I taught a series of yoga classes to raise some money for St. Marys. Now my other church (Quakers) could do with some help towards the cost of our proposed, much needed new heating. Therefore I should like to repeat the exercise. We shall start the classes on Friday 8th. May at 3 :30 until 5 p.m. and, if needed also 5 :30 until 7 pm; at a cost of £5 for each class. Enquiries are invited by telephone on 458730 or by email stella.howard306@btinternet.com or just turn up. I am also able to do massage by appointment except that I am self taught in this and not qualified as I am to teach yoga.

Stella Howard

A Fun Night!

Come to the Last Night of the Proms with The Foss Dyke Band on Saturday 9 May at the Comrades Club at 7.30pm. -

Tickets - £11.00 per adult - £5.00 per child
Tickets available from Peter Irving (382144)
& John Thackray (457722)

Proceeds to Godmanchester in Bloom & The Community Association

Secondhand Book Sale

Saturday 25 April 10am – 4pm at the Queen Elizabeth School.

A final reminder that this event takes place on Saturday. Today is the last day for leaving books at the back of the church, and Wednesday will be the final opportunity for you to take advantage of our pre-arranged book collection from your home. No books after Wednesday evening, please. In

response to customer demand we will also be selling secondhand videos, CDs and DVDs, games, jigsaws etc! And an electric typewriter! (Remember them?). Cakes/biscuits etc. for the refreshment stall may be delivered to the Queen Elizabeth School on Saturday morning, although it would be helpful to know in advance that something was coming! We have the names of several volunteers prepared to help with selling, but there is space for a few more. You need only volunteer for one hour. People have been most generous with their donations, and books have been arriving steadily over the past few weeks. There is a good mix of fiction, non-fiction, children's books, and enough rather more expensive items to make the sale of interest to the more serious book collector. With prices ranging from 40p to £40 there is a bargain for everyone! And a book raffle! All proceeds to church funds. See you on Saturday!

Liz and Peter Irving (01480 382144; 07912320914; pjibooks@aol.com)

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)

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Prayer Corner

As we celebrate St George's Day on Thursday 23rd April, we ask God to protect and guide all our young men and young women in the armed forces. 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.' John 15:13.

DIARY

Sunday 19th April - Easter 2

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

Monday 20th April

19:00 *Main Choir Rehearsal for Ely Festival (Ely Cathedral)*
20:00 *Parish Praise Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*
20:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Rd)*

Tuesday 21st April

07:30 *Morning Prayer*
19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 22nd April

09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House))*
13:00 *Funeral of the late Peggy Doris Sutherland (Cambridge Crematorium)*

Thursday 23rd April

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

Friday 24th April

19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 25th April

12:00 *Wedding: David Dixon/Damaris Barnum*

Sunday 26th April –Easter 3

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
11:30 *Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Hall)*
18:45 *Youth Group*

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

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