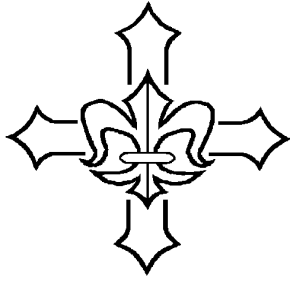


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 26th April 2009

Easter 3

Holy Communion

President: David Busk *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Deacon: Linda Watson

Readings	Acts 3: 12-19, 1 John 3: 1 -7
Readers	Nicholas & Samantha Leigh-Smith
Gospel	Luke 24: 36b - 48
Intercessions	Jean Morgan
Hymns	114, 282, 107, 103
Communion	115, 102

Parade Service

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: David Busk

Readings	Deuteronomy 7: 7 – 13, Revelation: 2: 1 - 11
Hymns	105, 410, 119
Psalm	142

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: West Street, Pinfold Lane, Granary Close, The Maltings,
Oakleigh Cresecent

Charity of the month: Care Network **May:** Tear Fund

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

Hannah Rosemary Busk

Hannah will be baptised during the 9.45 am Sung Eucharist on Sunday May 10th. We will hold a simple celebration afterwards in the Vicarage garden (or Church Hall if wet), and would be delighted if the St Mary's family could join us. This invitation is for all who ever worship at St Mary's, and especially for children! No need to reply - please come. ***Yoko and David***

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)

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

Spring BBQ.

In the Church Hall on Sunday 17 May. Tickets from Val Pithey (454851); adults £5.00 and children £2.50. We welcome any donations to the raffle.

Val Pithey

St Mary's 0-5 group

We are looking for more volunteers to join the tea making rota for the 0-5 group which meets every Thursday in term time from 10 to 11.30 am in the Comrades Club,

Volunteers are usually required to help approximately once a month. If you are able to help please contact

Jo Jones (395862) or Sheila Hartwell (453336).

Notice from the Huntingdonshire Community Church

There will be a special prayer meeting to pray for this year's joint open air Pentecost Service, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th April at Huntingdonshire Community Church centre in the High Street. Please come!

The Huntingdon Town Chaplaincy idea is moving forward. Recently the committee went to Watford to see what they are doing. In just 4 years they have recruited 17 workers and started a special 'Night Angel' service to help youngsters who get drunk and therefore in moral danger. It operates between 10.00pm and 3.00am. It regularly has a monthly taxi bill of £200 getting these youngsters home safely. At Christmas the bill was £1000 and the local taxi service, run by Muslims, was so impressed they paid the bill themselves. You can imagine what a powerful witness for good this is in the town.

Peter Morris (Medway Christian Fellowship)

Men's Social Group.

The group will meet at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 5th May at 37 Post Street for an illustrated talk on 'How to shake hands with the Queen'. Please note the different venue from usual.

Contact Peter Dawe (392188).

A Fun Night!

Come to the Last Night of the Proms with The Foss Dyke Brass 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

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)

Prayer Corner

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. Heavenly Father we thank you and praise you from the bottom of our hearts".

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DIARY

Sunday 26th April - Easter 3

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Hall)*
- 15:00 *Parade Service*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film-making (Church Hall)*

Monday 27th April

- 20:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Rd)*

Tuesday 28th April

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 29th April

- 19:30 *Pastoral Team Meeting*
- 20:00 *Bible Group Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Thursday 30th April

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

Friday 1st May

NO Choir Practice (Church Hall)

Saturday 2nd May

- 08:00 *Men's Breakfast (Barley Mow, Hartford)*

Sunday 3rd May –Easter 4

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Prayer Collage (Church Hall)*

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

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