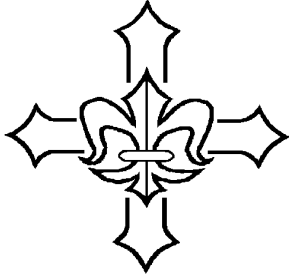


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 3rd May 2009
Easter 4

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon & Preacher: Mary Jepp

Readings	Acts 4: 5-12, 1 John 3: 16 - end
Readers	Gill and John Bathurst-Hoile
Gospel	John 10: 11 - 18
Intercessions	Trevor Weedon
Hymns	332, God of freedom (t490), 302, 463
Communion	282, 457

Sung Evensong

President & Preacher: David Busk

Readings	Exodus 16: 4 – 15, Revelation: 2: 12 - 17
Hymns	458, 374, 241ii
Psalm	81: 1 – 11 (142) M184 N231

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Street Prayer Mission: Crow Hill, Thickwillow, Bergamont Close

Charity of the month: 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)

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).

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).

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 (382144)

Roy Norris (431961)

Christian Aid week 10-16 May 2009

Christian Aid is the official development agency of 41 church denominations in the UK and Ireland. They help people of all faiths and none, focussing money and

energy where they will have the greatest effect. I have already been contacting those who have kindly acted as collectors before but would like some new collectors please. If you would like to help please contact me.
Trevor Weedon (413264)

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday May 5th at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Nicholas Leigh Smith will be talking to us about his work as a judge. If you need a lift please contact
Jean Morgan (417502)

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a coffee morning at the home of Jean Morgan on Friday 8 May from 10.30 am to 11.30am. Everyone is cordially invited and please bring your friends. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle. If you need a lift please contact
Jean Morgan (417502)

Church opening on Sunday afternoons, May – Sept 2009

This will be the fourth year we have done this, and once again we are looking for volunteers. By far the easiest and most efficient way of keeping the church open is for volunteers to sign up for a whole afternoon (2pm –5pm). This way we need only twenty two volunteers to cover the whole summer. But if you can't commit to an entire afternoon, the rota at the back of the church allows you to put your name down for a single hour, or two hours. If you don't have a key to the west door, the church will be opened for you, and locked up again at 5pm. Our experience from the past is that the number of visitors is small, although increasing year by year, but those that do come are most grateful for the opportunity of seeing inside the church. And some have tales to tell, like the choir boy from the 1930's who visited last year! For more details, and some notes that may help

you through the afternoon, please phone us on the telephone number below.

Liz and Peter Irving (01480 382144)

Churches Together members meeting

Contributors to the recent MAP discussions often said that members of our church knew little of the aims and activities of "Churches Together in Huntingdon and Godmanchester". They were quite surprised when they were told of the extent of its outreach in the community. There is an opportunity to learn more about this on Wednesday 6 May (this coming Wednesday) when the next members meeting of Churches Together takes place in our Church Hall, Godmanchester beginning at 7:30 pm - coffee/tea beforehand. Everyone will be most welcome, either to observe or participate in discussion, so do come along if you can. We would even appreciate help putting chairs out and dealing with cups. Some copies of the agenda will be in church this Sunday, others will be available at the meeting.

Andrew Fawcett

I am sorry that my sermon of 26 April was partly inaudible - and I make no criticism of those who might have preferred it that way.

If you would like to read a copy of the whole thing, please let me know and I will email you one, or give you a hard copy if you prefer. There is a form on the table by the South door if you wish to ask for one.

Jerry Craddock

Prayer Corner

Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before Him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything. (1 John 3.18-20).

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DIARY

Sunday 3rd May - Easter 4 – Vocations Sunday

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

Monday 4th May

- 13:30 Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close Tel: 436737)

Tuesday 5th May

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 14:00 Mothers' Union Meeting (Queen Elizabeth School)
- 19:30 Men's Group (37 Post Street)
- 20:00 Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)

Wednesday 6th May

- 11:00 Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)
- 11:30 Funeral Margaret Dear (Church)
- 19:30 Churches Together Members' Meeting (Church Hall)

Thursday 7th May

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

Friday 8th May

- 10:30 MU Coffee Morning (2a Earning Street)
- 19:15 Choir Practice (Church Hall)
- 20:00 Ely Choir Festival Rehearsal (Church Hall)

Sunday 10th May – Easter 5

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist with Baptism
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group – Film Making (Church Hall)

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

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