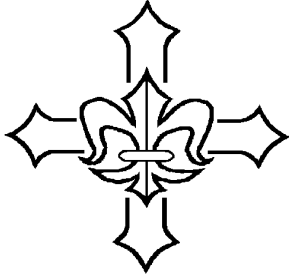


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 31st May 2009

Pentecost

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Churches Together Ecumenical Service (Market Square, Huntingdon)

Sung Evensong

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Readings Ezekiel: 36: 22 - 28, Psalm 139: 4: 1 -11

Hymns 347, 140, 138

Psalm 139: 1 – 11

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
Strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
Revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: White Hart Lane, Hilsden Drive, Anderson Crescent and Kisby Avenue

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

Shalom

The next Shalom service of quiet prayer for wholeness and well-being will be at a new time: Tuesday 2 June 2 at 7.30 pm. Please consider coming - you don't have to be unwell or in distress to be there!

Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi, which is a thanksgiving for the gift of Holy Communion, is on Thursday 11 June 11 and there will be a Sung Eucharist that evening at 7.30 pm. This year and in the future we hope to make the celebration something special by using the 'High' or Anglo-Catholic traditions of the Church. We hope it will be a splendid ceremony - there will be incense, bells, the High Mass vestments, and other rituals that speak of God's glory. Do come, and let others know it is happening.

On Sunday 21 June (Fathers' Day) we begin a new service of PARISH COMMUNION. This will be a 'companion service' to Parish Praise, held in the parish church at 9.45am, which we hope will be welcoming to people of all ages, and families with young children in particular. It will last about 50 minutes and will be followed by simple refreshments. It will be held regularly in the months between Parish Praise services, usually on the fourth Sunday.

Please consider coming – we would love to see you there.

Plant Sale

The Plant Sale was blessed with superb weather that brought the crowds out. As a result most plants had been sold by 2 pm and we managed to raise £500 for Church Funds. The total included £66 from John Watson's carnivorous plants. An excellent result. Many thanks to all those involved in helping out both before and during the event.

Roy Norris - 431961

Another Evening of Words and Music with Sedici

Following on from the very well received concert by **SEDICI** last October the choir will be presenting another evening of unaccompanied music and words in the Parish Church on Saturday the 6 June. The evening will start with canapés and wine from 6.30 pm with concert at 7.30 pm. The concert is being organized by the Friends of St Mary's and the proceeds will go to support work on the fabric of our church.

Tickets (including refreshments) are £6.50 and are available from Colin Thirlwall (457018) or on the door.

Summer Fete- 20 June 2009

– preliminary list of stall holders

Below is a preliminary list of stall holders – please could people let me know (or better still find someone else) if they cannot run their stall this year. We need volunteers to run the Gift stall and to sell ice creams, and it would be helpful to have a list of people to help with the Teas. Please think about whether you could undertake these tasks - it is only once a year and the more people involved the better. This is just a note to check we can run all the stalls; donations for all the stalls will be needed nearer the time.

Christine and Mike Parker 01480 459640; e-mail:

christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com

GRAND DRAW	Linda and Trevor Weedon
GAMES	Youth group, Gordon Peacock
BOUNCY CASTLE	Jennie Parker
TEAS	Pat Alburey + helpers
BOTTLE STALL	Jack Shimmons
NEARLY NEW CLOTHES	Olwyn Hurd
BOOKS	David Ferris
GIFTS	
CAKE STALL	Mothers Union
PLANTS	Catheryn Turrell
GAMES, BRAN TUB ETC.	Children's Church
ICE CREAMS	
GATE TICKETS	Choir members



**Next ladies' breakfast is Saturday 6 June
Barley Mow, Hartford Road, Huntingdon
8:30 -- 10:30 am
Speaker Shirley Bowers**

Topic "Ordinary woman with an extraordinary God". A journey of healing and reconciliation.

Choice of breakfast, full English or Continental. Cost : £6:00
Bookings through
Chris Harter 01480-459703
Claudette Simcoe 01480-412304
To help with catering please book by 3 June.

Summer Fete – Nearly New Stall
I shall be running a Nearly New clothes stall at the fete this year. Please could you keep donations and either bring them on the day to the Fete or I will collect the week before.
Many thanks
Olwyn Hurd (458700)

Linen Sheets.

If anyone has any old linen sheets they don't want please could I have them to make the small church linen articles such as purificators and corporals. I find this sort of linen is fine for such things and new linen is now very expensive to buy.

Thank you. Jean Morgan

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday June 2nd at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Joan Cameron will be talking to us about her visit to Uganda. Also Liz Morgan has asked me to remind everyone that she will be collecting money for Families First at this meeting. ***If anyone needs a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.***

Money Reminder

If you have some money that needs to be put into church funds and you leave it either in the safe or on top of the safe please could you ensure that you label its source clearly. Some bags of money have appeared lately and we know not whence they came which is frustrating for the treasurer.

Thank you.

Prayer Corner

Father of light, from whom every good gift comes, send Your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind, and by the flame of Your wisdom open the horizons of our minds. Loosen our tongues to sing Your praise in words beyond the power of speech, for without Your Spirit man could never raise his voice in words of peace or announce the truth that Jesus is Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Newsletter Compiler for June & July is
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Contributions by Thursday evening, if possible please.

DIARY

Sunday 31st May – Pentecost

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 11:00 *Churches Together Ecumenical Service (Market Square, Huntingdon)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
NO Youth Group Meeting

Monday 1st June

- 10:45 *Churches Together Clergy Meeting (Salvation Army Hall)*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – 436737)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 2nd June

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union Meeting (Queen Elizabeth School)*
- 19:30 *Shalom Service*
t.b.a. Men's Group Barbarcue (7 Allen Farm Close)

Wednesday 3rd June

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 19:30 *Bible Study (10 East Chadley Lane)*
- 19:30 *Listening Skills (59 London Road)*

Thursday 4th June

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

Friday 5th June

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 6th June

- 08:30 *Women's Prayer Breakfast (Barley Mow, Hartford)*
- 19:30 *Sedici Concert (Church)*

Sunday 7th June – Trinity Sunday

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Shalom*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Night (38 London Road)*

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

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