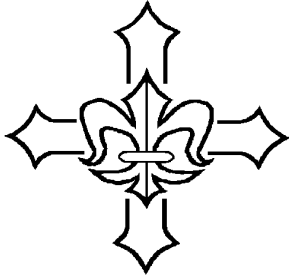


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2009**

*Trinity Two*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: Derek Billings*

*Deacon: Linda Watson*

Readers

Mary Hardy & Andrew Fawcett

Readings

Job Ch 38 vv 1-11 & 2 Corinthians Ch 6 vv 1-13

Gospel

Mark Ch 4 vv 35-end

Intercessions

David Ferris

Hymns

453, 486, 353, 437      please omit any \* verses

Communion

284, 272

## **Sung Evensong**

*Paul Sibley*

Readings

Jeremiah Ch 10 vv 1-16 & Romans Ch 11 vv 25-end

Hymns

374, 339, 243      please omit any \* verses

Psalm

48

## **Collect**

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Park Lane, The Avenue and Pavilion Close.

**Charity of the month:** Diocesan Committee for Family and Social Welfare

**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

### ***Holy Baptism***

There will be a baptism at 11.30am today when we welcome four new members into the family of Christ. William Robert, Timothy Reuben & Freya Elizabeth, JONES and George Thomas, WILSON. Please keep them, their families and friends in your prayers or come along to support if you can.

### ***Cake stall***

A cake stall will be held after the 9:45am service today, 21<sup>st</sup> June, to raise funds for the purchase of a board to advertise the Picnic in the Vicarage Garden. Please come along and support this with the purchase of cake! This year's picnic is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July, with free fun for all – bring your own picnic, drinks and blanket and join in the games and fun. For more details, please contact Gillian Bathurst-Hoile on 465442.

### ***Women's Discussion Group***

Meet on the fourth Monday of each month at the George & Dragon, Elsworth, from 7.30pm with supper and speaker. On 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Ally Barrett's talk is entitled "Feeding the 5000". Ally is the Anglican vicar of Buckden and Offord and vocations adviser for the Diocese of Ely. Please contact Christina Sheppard to reserve a place [sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com) or 831454. All are very welcome.

### ***Funeral of Paul Burbridge***

The funeral of Paul Burbridge of Rushes Walk, leader of the Big-Hearted Bikers charity that meets at the White Hart, will be held at 1pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. A remarkable man. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

### ***Mary's Priesting***

The coach is ordered and will depart at 1.45pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June from the bus stop at Old Court Hall, and will leave Ely at 6.00pm. The estimated cost per person will

be about £8.00, or a little less depending on the number of people in the final count. There is still room for a few more on the coach so if you want to go please sign on the list at the back of the church.

Jean Morgan (417502)

### ***Coffee Morning***

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Liz Morgan, 2 Hayling Close, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July from 10.30 to 11.30am. There will be a Bring and Buy and a raffle. Please do come and bring your friends – the more the merrier. Hope to see you there. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.

### ***Porch Museum***

Enjoy Godmanchester's extraordinary and diverse history with a visit to the Porch Museum at the Queen Elizabeth School. Open on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>nd</sup> August and 6<sup>th</sup> September, the museum has fascinating Roman discoveries from the great Godmanchester Fort and lovely Celtic accessories. Discover the warm human stories behind the names on the graves in St. Mary's Churchyard. In 1914 men of Godmanchester joined up to fight the First World War war on bicycles. Come and see who they were. Take a look at Edwardian Godmanchester in the work of the town's own Royal Photographer.

### ***How Does Your Garden Grow?***

And your hanging basket and window box! This weekend sees the start of a fortnight's judging to find the 2009 winners of various awards, including the Godmanchester in Bloom Front Garden Competition. Householders, schoolchildren, publicans, birdwatchers, allotmenters and retirement home residents have all been taking a keen interest, and the town should look it's very best in early July when the Anglia in Bloom judges arrive. Are you ready? Contacts: John Thackray (42007); Peter Irving (382144)

### ***Karen Armstrong***

Karen Armstrong will speak at the Cathedral on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July about her latest book, "The Case for God". It provides some answers to folk like Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens, Daniel Dennet etc. 7.00 for 7.30 pm. Cost £6 which includes refreshments and a £6 discount on her book. To book: telephone Toppings Bookshop, 01353 645 005. Karen Armstrong is an extremely able writer whose many books deserve attention. Jeremy Craddock

### ***Sponsored Walk***

We are organising a Sponsored Walk in aid of church funds, on Port Holme, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July. All are very welcome to join in - (there's plenty of space, though we're not planning to use the whole meadow for the route!) - and we also need lots of sponsors. If the weather is good, some may wish to picnic afterwards, but the main aim is for as many people as possible to join together in this purposeful, though not too strenuous, fund-raising opportunity. More details will follow, but if you are already interested, please contact Louise Allen, on 450440 or Victoria Richardson, on 431430.

### ***Greenbelt 2009***

Greenbelt Festival 2009 The youth group are going to Greenbelt again this year over the August Bank Holiday weekend (28-31 August). If anyone aged 11-17 is interested in coming along, we can majority-fund tickets and provide transport. Please let us know if you'd like to come by 30 June. If anyone else (of any age!) is up for coming then you are welcome to camp with us. To find out more about this event see the festival website <http://www.greenbelt.org.uk/>. Jen Weedon (391093)

### ***Website Fundraising***

We have just received the latest cheque, for £18.62, from easyfundraising for the last quarter. This brings the total since we started to £140.07. This is great, as we are just covering the annual running costs of the website. It is possible, however, for us to generate a small amount of extra income through easyfundraising. If you use the internet, you too could be helping the Church to raise much needed funds, at no cost to yourself — it just takes a small change in habits. If you would like to know more about helping, do please check the [www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/fundraisin](http://www.stmarysgodmanchester.org/fundraisin) g.php page on the website, or contact me: [paul.sibley@stmarysgodmanchester.org](mailto:paul.sibley@stmarysgodmanchester.org) or 380754. Paul Sibley.

### ***Surplus to Requirements***

I have a few Lever Arch files and A4 size ringbinders for quick disposal. Please speak to Nigel Pithey if you are interested (454851)

### ***Christian Aid Week***

I am pleased to advise that the total amount collected by the team from St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week was £1,556. A big thank you to all our collectors and all who gave so generously. Trevor Weedon

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Jim Heeley (412264) [jskc@btinternet.com](mailto:jskc@btinternet.com) is Newsletter compiler for June & July. Contributions please by 6.30pm Thursday.

### ***Prayer Corner***

*While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him. Luke 15:20. Dear Lord, we rejoice at the unique gift of fatherhood, the individual qualities that each good dad brings to being a parent. Amen.*

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June      Trinity Two**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 09:45      *Sung Eucharist (children in church)*
- 11:30      *Holy Baptism of William, Timothy & Freya, Jones and George Wilson*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

- 13:30      *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close - 436737)*
- 19:30      *Governors' Meeting (St Anne's School)*
- 20:00      *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

- 07:30      *Morning Prayer*

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June      John the Baptist**

- 11:00      *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 19:45      *MAP Group Meeting (Vicarage)*

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

- 07:30      *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45      *Holy Communion*
- 10:00      *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
- 13:00      *Funeral of Paul Burbridge*

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

*Choir Practice*

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June      Petertide**

- 15:00      *Priesting of Mary Jepp (Ely Cathedral)*

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June      Trinity Three**

- 08:00      *Holy Communion*
- 09:45      *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
- 18:30      *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45      *Session with Year 6s (Church Hall)*

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

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