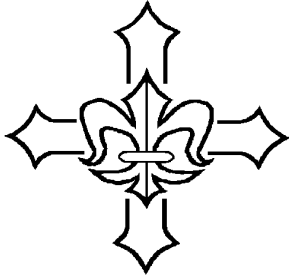


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 28th June 2009

Trinity Three

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Mary Jepp Preacher: David Busk

Deacon: David Busk

Readers Catheryn Turrell & Ken Negus
Readings Lamentations Ch 3 vv 22-33 & 2 Corinthians Ch 8 vv 7-
end

Gospel Mark Ch 5 vv 21-end

Intercessions Jean Morgan

Hymns 440, In Christ alone, 335, 338 please omit any *
verses

Communion 339, There is a redeemer

Sung Evensong

Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Readings Ezekiel Ch 3 vv 4-11 & Galatians Ch 1:13 - Ch 2:8

Hymns 465, 324, 331 please omit any * verses

Psalm 66

Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Street Prayer Mission: Danes Croft, McCartney House and Woodly Court.

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

Youth Group

Youth group tonight will be a chillout with barbecue and games, at our usual time of 6.45pm-8.30pm. We'll meet at the Church Hall and weather permitting we hope to use the back of the vicarage garden.

Sidespersons Rota

The rota for July to December is in the letter rack in Church. *Peter Hartwell*

Funeral of Phyllis Whymark

On Wednesday 1st July, the funeral of Phyllis Whymark will be held in church at 2.15 pm.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning at the home of Liz Morgan, 2 Hayling Close, on Friday 3rd 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.

Godmanchester Churches Together on Gala Day

As usual there will be a Godmanchester Churches Together marquee (or two) contributing to the attractions of Gala Day in the afternoon of Saturday 4th July. As the name suggests, this is jointly arranged between the local churches. It is an opportunity to 'show the flag' and illustrate the part the church plays in the life of the town by a display of information or perhaps by chatting to people who are around. On the practical side we at St Mary's are asked to bring over our wooden chairs, and help set up the tents on the Saturday morning. Our gazebo will be needed. Would any men who are available for an hour or so to help with this please meet at the church at 10am. St Mary's has also offered to obtain some of the catering items required for the tea and cakes tent,

which is the main (and always popular) feature of our site. Most of this is in hand, but if four or five people could each provide a cake for cutting up, this would be much appreciated. Similarly, the assistance of one or two ladies in serving refreshments during the Saturday afternoon would be welcomed. Please let Andrew Fawcett know if you can help. But most importantly, it is hoped that everyone will come to the Churches Together marquee and enjoy the occasion!

Men's Breakfast

The next Churches Together Men's Breakfast will be held at The Barley Mow, Hartford, next Saturday 4th July. The speaker is Geoff Larcombe and the title of his talk is 'Asian Perspectives from the back of a Hero Honda motorbike (without a helmet).' All men of whatever age are welcome. We begin with tea/coffee at 8 am, followed by the talk then a good breakfast. We finish by 9:30 am. The cost is £7 collected on the day. For catering purposes please let Andrew Fawcett know before Monday 29th June if you intend to be there."

Porch Museum

Enjoy Godmanchester's extraordinary and diverse history with a visit to the Porch Museum at the Queen Elizabeth School. Open on 4th and 5th July, 2nd August and 6th 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.

Mother's Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at St Anne's School on Tuesday 7th July at 2pm. This is always a

very enjoyable occasion when we are entertained by the pupils and given excellent refreshments. If you need a lift and haven't been contacted, please ring Jean Morgan on 417502.

Karen Armstrong

Karen Armstrong will speak at the Cathedral on Wednesday 8th 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*

Picnic In The Vicarage Garden

This year's picnic will be held on Sunday 12th July from 12 noon. Activities will include a treasure hunt, games, balloon modelling, cake and races. Entry is free to all – just bring your own picnic, drink and blanket. There will be a fancy dress parade, and also opportunities to show off decorated hats and bikes. Everyone is welcome for a fun, informal afternoon. For further details, please contact Gillian Bathurst-Hoile on 465442.

Sponsored Walk

We are organising a Sponsored Walk in aid of church funds, on Port Holme, on Saturday 18th 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 30th 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)

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)

Medical Advice

Tension, headache? Do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two" and "keep away from children"!!!!

Newsletter Compiler

Jim Heeley (412264) jask@btinternet.com is Newsletter compiler for June & July. Contributions please by 6.30pm Thursday.

Prayer Corner

Monday is the Feast Day of the Apostles, St Peter and St Paul. *Lord, like Peter and Paul, our discipleship is not always what you would have it be. Forgive us, Father, and help us live as true witnesses to you in our daily lives. Amen.*

DIARY

Sunday 28th 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)*

Monday 29th June

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close - 436737)*
- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 30th June

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 1st July

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 14:15 *Funeral of Phyllis Whymark*

Thursday 2nd July

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

Friday 3rd July

Choir Practice

Saturday 4th July

- 14:00 *Godmanchester Gala Day (Recreation Ground)*

Sunday 5th July Trinity Four

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *Worship in the Park (Recreation Ground)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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