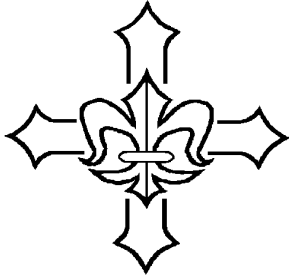


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 5th July 2009

Trinity Four

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Mary Jepp

Worship in the Park

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Readings

Jeremiah Ch 20 vv 1-11a & Romans Ch 14 vv 1-17

Hymns

369, 374, 243

please omit any * verses

Psalm

64

Collect

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Street Prayer Mission: For those living outside of the Parish.

Charity of the month: USPG

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

Summer Fête 2009

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Summer Fête a success and without whom this event could not take place; there are too many people for us to thank personally, but be assured that we are grateful for all the help we receive. The fête was a success and we made somewhere in the region of £1800 for Church Funds.

Christine and Mike Parker

Sidespersons Rota

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

Porch Museum

Enjoy Godmanchester's extraordinary and diverse history with a visit to the Porch Museum at the Queen Elizabeth School. Open today (5th July) and again on 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 be speaking in St Etheldreda's, Egremont Street, Ely, (*not in the Cathedral, as previously announced*) 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*

Funeral of James Dean

On Thursday 9th July, the funeral of James (Jim) Dean will be held in church at 11.00 am. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Haydn's Trumpet Concerto

Michel Sedgwick of 'Prime Brass' (which performed at the last Crossroads Concert) is visiting five churches in the area on a fund raising mission, playing the Haydn Trumpet Concerto with recorded orchestral accompaniment in each one. He will visit our Church on Saturday 11th July at 1.00 pm. On 4th October he is going to Zambia as part of a team to provide free labour to build houses and he is inviting donations to the charity 'Habitat for Humanity' - www.habitatforhumanity.org.uk . It will be a great sound and he wants you all to come and listen. It takes only 17 minutes so please do come and support this worthy cause. Thank you.

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.

Launching Parish Nursing

Godmanchester Baptist Church started a Parish Nursing scheme 3½ years ago. St. Mary's is now hoping to launch its own scheme. What is Parish Nursing? What can it do for us? How can it be useful in our local community? Come to an informal presentation and chance to ask questions on Wednesday 15th July, at 8 pm, in the vicarage.

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.

Sponsored Ride & Stride

This year's sponsored cycle/walk around the Diocese, in support of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust, will be taking place on Saturday 12th September. This is just an early notice so that you can put the date in your diary and repair your bicycle or dubbin your walking boots. More details will follow soon.

The Sin of Lying

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. "How many of you have read Mark 17 this week?" Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has

only sixteen chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

Newsletter Compiler

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Prayer Corner

My dear friends, let us love one another, since love is from God and everyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. *1 John 4:7*. "Thank you Father - for adopting each one of us into your own family; for giving your own Son to draw us into relationship with you. Amen."

DIARY

Sunday 5th July

Trinity Four

08:00 Holy Communion
10:00 Worship in the Park (Recreation Ground)
18:30 Sung Evensong
No Youth Group

Monday 6th July

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

Tuesday 7th July

07:30 Morning Prayer
14:00 Mothers' Union (St Anne's School)
19:45 MAP Meeting (Vicarage)

Wednesday 8th July

11:00 Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)

Thursday 9th July

07:30 Morning Prayer
09:45 Holy Communion
10:00 St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)
11:00 Funeral of James Dean
19:30 Deanery Synod

Friday 10th July

10:00 Class 3 wedding re-enactment (Church)
19:15 Youth Group – Rave in the Nave (Ely Cathedral)
19:30 Choir Practice (Church Hall)

Saturday 11th July

pm Cantores Novae Practice (Church)
Evening Concert of Huntingdon Male Voice Choir & Cantores Novae

Sunday 12th July

Trinity Five

08:00 Holy Communion
09:45 Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)
12:00 Picnic in the Garden (Vicarage Garden)
18:30 Sung Evensong
No Youth Group

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

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