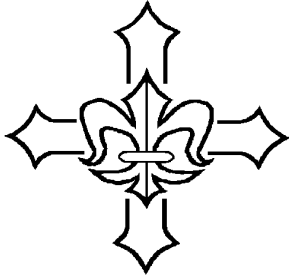


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

*Trinity Six*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: Mary Jepp*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: Mary Jepp*

*Deacon: Linda Weedon*

Readers

Robert Caroe & Megan MacDiarmid

Readings

Jeremiah Ch 23 vv 1-6 & Ephesians Ch 2 vv 11-end

Gospel

Mark Ch 6 vv 30-34, 53-end

Intercessions

Jean Morgan

Hymns

205, 459, 378, 415      please omit any \* verses

Communion

282, 513

## **Sung Evensong**

*Paul Sibley*

Readings

Job Ch 13 v 13 - Ch 14 v 6 & Hebrews Ch 2 vv 5-end

Hymns

353, 456, 409      please omit any \* verses

Psalm

73 vv 1-6, 22-27

## **Collect**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Pettit Road, Windsor Road, Stuart Close and Ravenshoe.

**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 Holidays*

School's out for summer, and many activities within the parish will, or have already, come to a stop. Please note that there will be no more:

Youth Group

Stepping Stones

St Mary's 0-5s

Next Friday is the last choir practice, before September, although the following Friday is their annual barbecue and party, and we move into a period when many of us will be going away on holiday for a week or two. Let us therefore give thanks to God for this wonderful opportunity to break with routine, recharge our batteries and return afresh to continue the spirit of community that is our congregation of St Mary the Virgin.

### *Parish Praise*

Please note that there will be no 9.45 Sung Eucharist next week and we shall be celebrating Parish Praise in St Anne's School at 10.30am. Do come along and be a part of the enjoyment.

### *Churches Together Ladies Breakfast*

The next ladies breakfast will be held on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August at the Barley Mow, Hartford Road Huntingdon, 8.30 - 10.30 am. The guest speaker will be Jean Casling who will share the role of 'The Spring' - a place of support and change through prayer. There is a choice of full English or Continental breakfast at a cost of £6. Please book your place by 28<sup>th</sup> July. Bookings through Chris Harter on 01480 459703 or Claudette Simcoe on 01480 412304.

### *Porch Museum*

Enjoy Godmanchester's extraordinary and diverse history with a visit to the Porch Museum at the Queen Elizabeth School.

Open on 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.

### *Car Treasure Hunt—16<sup>th</sup> August 2009*

Do you have the wanderlust? Have you a yearning to tour the countryside and spend an afternoon of abandon, yielding to a careless freedom of manner? If this is an idea that appeals to you, why not join the Friends on their Treasure Hunt by Car on 16<sup>th</sup> August. For as little as £10 per car (with a maximum of four passengers) the fun begins at 2pm at the church hall in Chadley Lane and ends at an exciting destination with a tasty treat. Prizes will be presented to the winners. We would love to see you, need one say more? If you wish to participate, please see me or ring me and I will give you further information. *Gillian Bathurst Hoile 01480 465442*

### *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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### *Coming Soon*

Pam Ayres will be the Newsletter compiler during August and September. Items to Pam at [pamtimayres@talktalk.net](mailto:pamtimayres@talktalk.net) or on 436395.

## **Humour**

### ***Off The Wall***

Father Murphy walked into a pub and said to the first man he met, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

The man replied, "I do Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked a second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," was the man's reply.

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and said, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

### ***A Collection of Sermons***

One beautiful Sunday morning, a priest announced to his congregation: "My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons...a £100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a £50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a £10 sermon that lasts a full hour.

"The Offertory Hymn is 'Guide me, o thou great redeemer' and after the collection we shall see which sermon I'll deliver."

### ***Desperate Measures***

Little Johnnie desperately wanted a bright red wagon for Christmas.

His friends were writing letters to Santa Claus, but Johnnie decided to go one better.

"Dear Jesus," he wrote. "If I get a red wagon for Christmas, I won't fight with my brother Hank for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, Hank is such a brat, I could never, ever

keep that promise. So Johnnie threw away the letter and started again.

"Dear Jesus, if I get a red wagon for Christmas, I will eat all my vegetables for a year." Then Johnnie thought, Oh, no, that means spinach, broccoli and asparagus. Yuck! I could never ever keep that promise.

Suddenly Johnnie had an idea. He went downstairs to the living room. From the mantel above the fireplace, he grabbed the family's statue of the Virgin Mary. Taking the statue to the kitchen he wrapped it in newspapers and stuffed it into a grocery bag. He took the bag upstairs to his room, opened the closet and placed the package in the farthest, darkest corner.

He then closed the closet door, took a new sheet of paper and wrote, "Dear Jesus, if you ever want to see your mother again..."

### ***One Liners***

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen: 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

People are funny: they want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.

Quit moaning about your church, if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

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

### ***Prayer Corner***

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July is the feast day of St James, the Apostle. James was an extraordinary pilgrim for Christ and his journey to Santiago de Compostela was a huge adventure in faith. "We pray that his pilgrimage may enthuse us as we journey for Christ this year. Amen."

## **DIARY**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**                      **Trinity Six**  
08:00                      *Holy Communion*  
09:45                      *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*  
18:30                      *Sung Evensong*

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
20:00                      *No Stepping Stones until September*  
                                 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
07:30                      *Morning Prayer*  
19:30                      *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**  
09:45                      *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**  
07:30                      *Morning Prayer*  
09:45                      *Holy Communion*

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
19:30                      *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**                      **Trinity Seven**  
08:00                      *Holy Communion*  
10:30                      *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*  
14:30                      *Holy Baptism – Frederick & Abigail Greaves, George Atkin*  
18:30                      *Sung Evensong*

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

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