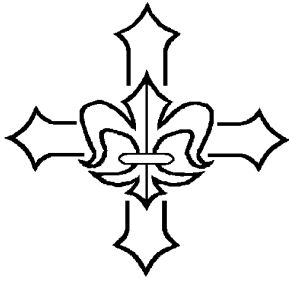


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester
Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 26th July 2009
Trinity Seven

Holy Communion *President & Preacher: David Busk*

Parish Praise *See separate order of service*

Holy Baptism *Frederick & Abigail Greaves, George Atkin*

Ecumenical Service *Rectory Gardens*

Sung Evensong *David Busk*

Readings Job Ch 19 vv 1-27a & Hebrews Ch 8

Hymns 347, 137, 245 please omit any * verses

Psalm 74 vv 1-13

Collect

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Buttermel, Brick Kiln, Ferndown and Golden Rod

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.

Swineflu and Church Life

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York issued on Thursday 23rd July a strong recommendation, re-iterated by Bishop Anthony, that congregations in the Church of England should for the time being:

1. receive only the consecrated bread at Communion, with no administration of the chalice (wine).
2. refrain from shaking hands at the Peace.
3. refrain from shaking the hands of the minister(s) after the service.

We will be following these recommendations. Please also note that the consecrated bread should be received from the minister into the hand, not directly into the mouth. As far as the Peace is concerned, you can still greet as many people as you like, and you could even follow the Japanese church custom of bowing rather than shaking hands! More information about these matters can be found on the diocesan website at: http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/swineflu.html

Copies of the latest advice have also been printed and are available on the table by the south porch for anyone who would like one – if they run out you can get one from me.

This is not a happy decision to have to take. I would like to stress two important points also made in the diocesan advice:

1. Receiving communion 'in one kind', i.e. the consecrated bread only, has the same spiritual value and meaning as receiving both the bread and the wine. It is still full communion.
2. There is no reason at the moment to curtail normal pastoral work such as home communions, hospital visits and communion in residential homes, or other church functions and gatherings, provided special care is taken over hygiene.

The church as a whole is attempting, in the face of an uncertain threat, to strike a proper balance between exercising reasonable caution and preserving the normal life of the

church. As the situation evolves, this advice and the actions we have to take may well change. Let us all pray for a swift return to normality, and for all those affected by this disease. David Busk.

Holy Baptism

On a much happier note, we shall be welcoming into the family of Christ Frederick Thomas & Abigail Maria, GREAVES & George David Macleod, ATKIN, at 3pm today. Please keep them, their families and friends in your prayers.

Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to Arthur & Edith Ayres who will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on Wednesday 29th July.

Replacement Piano

Many of you will be aware that the digital piano in the church has developed a serious fault and cannot be repaired. We are therefore faced with the unexpected challenge of finding a replacement instrument. The choir piano can remain in the church until the end of the summer, but will then need to be moved back. One solution to the problem would be to purchase a new digital piano, but that has considerable fundraising implications which we are just beginning to explore. Meanwhile, could I ask anyone who knows of a second-hand piano in good condition that needs a new home and could be donated to the church to contact me as soon as possible? Ken Diffey (458846).

Churches Together Ladies Breakfast

The next ladies breakfast will be held on Saturday 1st 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 28th July. Bookings

through Chris Harter on 01480 459703 or Claudette Simcoe on 01480 412304.

Mothers' Union

On Tuesday 4th August, the Mothers' Union will hold a garden party at the home of Trish Pope 43A West Street. There will be a Bring and Buy sale, a raffle, and Heather Moger playing her recorders will entertain us. Please do come along and encourage your friends to come. Everyone is welcome - the more the merrier. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.

Men's Social Group

We will be mounting an expedition across the great Port Holme on Tuesday 4th August to see if we can reach our base camp at Brampton Mill before sundown. Do join us if you can - all will be very welcome. Meet at QE school at 7.00pm. Contact Peter Dawe (392188).

Keys

I am doing an inventory of keys to the church. I would be grateful if you could let me know which, if any, keys you have so that I can make a record of who has what. Thank you. Jean Morgan (417502).

Car Treasure Hunt—16th August 2009

Why not join the Friends on their Treasure Hunt by Car on 16th 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 (465442).

Midsummer Lunch

Forthcoming event - Midsummer lunch in Church Hall Sunday 23rd August; adults £5.00; children £2.50. Tickets available next week from Val Pithey (454851).

Choir Filing Cabinet

The choir needs an additional filing cabinet to facilitate the storage of music in the tower vestry. Before investing in a new one, I would appreciate details of any redundant second-hand filing cabinet that needs a new home. Ken Diffey (458846).

Lost Coat

A brown suedette M&S jacket - size 16 petite, was found in the hall after the lunch following Mary's first celebration of the Eucharist. If you know of anyone missing a jacket please contact Jean Morgan (417502).

Friends 100 Club

The first draw for the 100 Club took place on Sunday 19th July in the Church Hall. The first prize of £15 went to Ken Negus and the second prize of £10 went to Roy Norris. We currently have 64 players, but would welcome more to join, as the more there are the bigger the prizes. The cost is only £1 per month payable on an annual basis. However, to join in August will only now cost £11, as the annual membership runs until June 2010. Please pick up an application form from the south door table or contact John Bathurst Hoile (465442).

Newsletter Compiler

Pam Ayres is the Newsletter compiler during August and September. Items to Pam at pamtimayres@talktalk.net, or on 436395, by 6.30pm Thursday please.

Prayer Corner

"Father, we thank you that you are mightier than those who persecute others. Thank you that, even though we can get overwhelmed when we see so much suffering in the world and don't know how we can make a difference, you can intervene in ways that we can't even understand. Right now, we lift up the people of Burma to you. You know how much suffering they have faced. Please bring them peace and remind them that they have not been forgotten by the rest of the world. Amen".

DIARY

Sunday 26th July

Trinity Seven

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
10:30 *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*
15:00 *Holy Baptism – Frederick & Abigail Greaves, George Atkin*
16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Monday 27th July

- 20:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 28th July

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
19:45 *MAP Meeting (Vicarage)*

Thursday 30th July

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
09:45 *Holy Communion*

Friday 31st July

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

Saturday 1st August

- 13:00 *Wedding of Jonathon Clitheroe & Faye Dunbavan*

Sunday 2nd August

Trinity Eight

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
11:30 *Holy Baptism – Tilley Skinner*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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