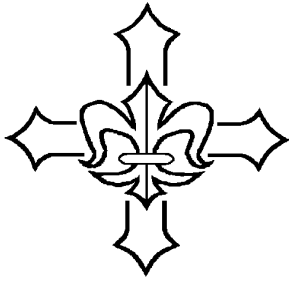


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 2nd August 2009

Trinity Eight

Holy Communion

President: Mary Jepp Preacher: Paul Sibley

Sung Eucharist

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Readers: Jen Weedon Claire Hurd
Readings: Exodus 16: vv 2-4, 9-15 & Ephesians 4: vv 1-16
Gospel: John 6: vv 24-35
Intercessions: David Morgan
Hymns: 345, 302, 296, I the Lord of Sea & Sky (please omit * verses)
Communion: 295, 297

Holy Baptism

Tilly Skinner

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Readings Job Ch 28 & Hebrews Ch 11 vv 17-31
Hymns 433, 434, 244 (please omit * verses)
Psalm 88: vv 1-10

Collect

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: London Street, Betts Close, Barringer Court, Earning Street,
Sylton Close

Charity of the month: Christian Solidarity Worldwide

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.

Swine Flu 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

We shall be welcoming Tilley Skinner into the family of Christ at 11.30am today. Please keep Tilley, her family and friends in your prayers.

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).

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 (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 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).

Porch Museum

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

A Double Whammy

Dai Morgan who has been Chair of the Governors of St. Anne's School for 10 years has decided to step down. Dai, who has given so much to the School, will be greatly missed.

Anthea Kenna has been appointed Head of the Chelmsford Choir School and leaves at Christmas. We send Anthea our congratulations on her new appointment and thank her for all she has done during her time with us.

John Thackray (Publicity)

Happy Holiday

David, Yoko and family will be away from 3rd to 21st August. For all pastoral matters, please contact Mary Jepp (411734) and for all other church related business contact the Churchwardens, Andrew McKie (450636) or Jean Morgan (417502).

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

We discover glimpses of the transcendent in our ability to wonder, to be awe-struck, to sense the sacredness of a particular place, or glimpse the depth of mystery in another person (from God in All Things - Gerard Hughes). On Thursday 6th August we commemorate the Transfiguration. "Transfigure us wonder-filled God. Mould us, shape us and heal us, so that we may willingly follow you. Amen".

DIARY

Sunday 2nd August Trinity Eight

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

Monday 3rd August

David Busk away until Friday 21st August

Tuesday 4th August

07:30 *Morning Prayer*
14:00 *Mothers' Union Garden Party (43A West Street)*
19:00 *Men's Social Group Walk to Brampton (meet at School Hill)*

Wednesday 5th August

11.00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*

Thursday 6th August

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

Sunday 9th August Trinity Nine

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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