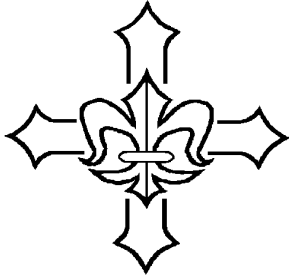


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 23rd August 2009

Trinity Eleven

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: Mary Jepp

Readers: *Andrew Fawcett & Trevor Weedon*
Readings: Joshua 24: vv 1-2a, 14-18 & Ephesians 6: vv 10-20
Gospel: John 6: vv 56-69
Intercessions: *Peter Dawe*
Hymns: 453, 186, 297, There is a Redeemer (please omit * verses)
Communion: 307, 274

Sung Evensong

Paul Sibley

Readings: Isaiah: vv 61: vv 1-9 & 2 Corinthians 6 : vv 1-10
Hymns: 374, 434, 361 (please omit * verses)
Psalm: 97

Collect

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside all that prevents us
from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Street Prayer Mission: Old Court Hall, Corpus Christie, Silver Street, Wigmore Close,
Duck End, Allen Farm 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.

Holy Baptism

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



Churches together in Godmanchester include for St Mary's, The Baptist Church, The Quakers

Lunch Club for Senior Citizens

The Lunch Club for Senior Citizens operated by The Godmanchester Churches Together is taking a summer break, but will recommence on Tuesday the 22nd September. We look forward to welcoming all those who attended on a regular basis prior to the summer and to greeting some folk who have not attended before.

Very importantly we need volunteers to strengthen the team who weekly decide on the menus, and purchase and prepare the food for the cooking on Tuesday mornings of each week. In addition helpers are required to layout the room and tables and deal with the washing up etc. If you have time to spare on a Tuesday and would like to be part of this team, please contact John & Elizabeth Callaghan on 01480 354188. They will be very pleased to hear from you.

Ride and Stride – 12th September 2009

There appears to have been a glitch in communications from Ely to the Huntington Deanery, but I am assured that this event is still happening.

When I get back from a short break I will sort out the paperwork but in the meantime I am asking that as many of you as have bikes or heavy boots volunteer your morning of Saturday 12th September to share good company, get some exercise and raise money for the Diocese and our church.

If you are up for the gig, please go to www.cambshistoricchurchestrust.co.uk, where you can get details and download a sponsorship form to enable you to start raising sponsorship money. Please note that the information initially received is incorrect which is why things might have got complicated! Please tell Deb Watts, Jane Nichols or myself, if you see one of us. If not, and we are all going to be missing at some point, please e-mail me on a.leighsmith@btinternet.com so I can start a list of runners and riders (so to speak).

I will make contact with those who send messages as soon as I can.

Nicholas Leigh-Smith (433467)

Carlo Curley Organ Recital, Bourn – 5th September

On Saturday 5th September at 5.00pm, Carlo Curley, the International Concert Organist, will be giving an organ recital at the church of St Helena and St Mary at Bourn. Specially for the concert, a 'state of the art' 45 stop, two manual, Allen digital organ has been hired which will produce a fantastic sound. To help your appreciation of the concert there will be an HD large screen video presentation, so that everyone should be able to see Carlo play at his '747 flight deck' as he often calls the organ console. In addition to being a supreme musician, he is also an engaging and witty raconteur, which makes his concerts that little bit different and special.

Tickets are available in advance from Graham Bruce (01954 718221) or Alison Newson (01954 719504) at £12.50 for the central pews of the nave and bell tower or £10.00 for the side aisles and Lady Chapel. Refreshments will be available in the interval and there will be plenty of time before the concert, during the interval and at the end, to meet Carlo and buy CDs or DVDs.

Friends 100 Club

We now have 65 players, but would welcome more to join, as the more there are the bigger the prizes. The cost is only £1.00 per month payable on an annual basis, and to join in August will only now cost £11.00, as the annual membership runs until June 2010. Please contact John Bathurst Hoile on 01480 465442, or pick up an application form from the south door table if you wish to join.

Please note that information has now been obtained from the Tax Office which unfortunately prevents the recovery of tax against 100 Club subscriptions. Your contributions are, therefore, even more

essential to the task of raising money to enable the Friends to help the PCC with their task of maintaining the church fabric etc. The August draw will take place on 6th September.

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).

Churchyard Dustbins

Just a reminder that there is a compost heap at the bottom end of the churchyard which is ready to receive any waste 'green' matter. It is more eco-friendly to dispose of old flowers etc on the compost heap rather than in the dustbins whose contents are eventually disposed of in a landfill site.

Peter Dawe

Adjutant, St. Mary's Recycling Corps

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.

DIARY

Sunday 23rd August

Trinity Eleven

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Macie Garnham*
- 12.30 *Midsummer Lunch (Church Hall)*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Monday 24th August

- 20:00 *Worship Group Parish Praise meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Tuesday 25th August

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 26th August

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

Thursday 27th August

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

Friday 28th August – Monday 31st August

Youth Group – Greenbelt Festival (Cheltenham Racecourse)

Sunday 30th August

Trinity Twelve

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Floella Kathleen Elizabeth Bland & Sidney Zoe Prior*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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