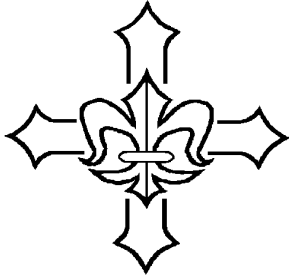


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 30th August 2009

Trinity Twelve

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock Preacher: David Busk

Readers: *Katherine Heeley & Pamela Ayres*
Readings: Deuteronomy 4: vv 1-2, 6-9 & James 1: vv 17-end
Gospel: Mark 7: vv 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Intercessions: *Jim Heeley*
Hymns: 232, 369, 407, Will you come and follow me
(please omit * verses)
Communion: 382, 313

Holy Baptism

Floella Kathleen Elizabeth Bland & Sidney Zoe Prior

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Readings: Exodus 12: vv 21-27 & Matthew 4: vv 23-5: 20
Hymns: 341, 353, 456 (please omit * verses)
Psalm: 119: 9-16

Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us,
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Sweetings Road, Devana Close, Parcell Walk, Middlemiss,
Miller Close

Charity of the month: Mashambanzou Care Trust

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 Floella Kathleen Elizabeth Bland and Sidney Zoe Prior into the family of Christ at 11.30am today. Please keep Floella and Sidney, their families and friends in your prayers.

Back to Church Sunday - September 27th

Sunday September 27th is Back to Church Sunday. For a good explanation, please see Mary Jepp's letter in September's Parish News, but the idea is very simple. Across the country on that Sunday, members of churches from all denominations are encouraged to invite back to church someone they know who for whatever reason has stopped coming. We can probably all think of someone. I believe this is something we all can - and should - do. There is a card in this newsletter with two parts. One is an invitation, which can be filled out and detached and given to someone you know. The other half is for you to keep, to help you pray for the person concerned.

The service we are inviting people to is **Parish Praise at 10.30am on Sunday September 27th in St. Anne's School.**

Please make this simple invitation if you possibly can - it does make a difference, to our church, and for the people invited.

Please speak to me or Mary if you have any queries or concerns - this is a 'doable' piece of evangelism for all.
David Busk (436400)

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.

Congratulations – 90 not out!

Jean Vane Percy will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday 5th September. Although somewhat incapacitated, Jean is still sharp as a needle and still retains her sense of humour, "old age is not for sissies"! Jean sends her love and best wishes to all her old friends at St Mary's

Cards for Good Causes

I am writing to introduce myself as the manager of the Cards for Good Causes (CFGC) shop in All Saints Church Huntingdon. The shop will be selling Christian Aid and Traidcraft Cards. In order to keep operating costs to a minimum and maximise the returns to the charity our shop is staffed by volunteers. I am writing to enquire whether any members of your church would be interested in joining us as volunteers for the Christmas season. Our shop opens on 2nd November and closes on 17th December. We are open 6 days a week usually 10.00am until 4.00pm. Volunteers usually work for one 3 hour session once a week or fortnight but that is flexible. I will be having an open coffee morning in All Saints Church on Tuesday 29th September from 10.30am until 12.00 noon if anyone is interested. Also if you would like All Saints church to host a coffee morning or evening for your church so your members can come and look at the card selection and Christmas goods, we would be very happy to do so.

Sue Milton, All Saints Rectory,
1 The Walks East, Huntingdon
(0774 6199679)

Prayer Corner

Father, we pray for the human rights situation in Eritrea. We pray for the approximately 3,000 Eritrean Christians who are imprisoned in terrible conditions simply because of their faith. We also pray for the thousands of non-Christian prisoners who are being held without charge in similar conditions.

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

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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*

Monday 31st August

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Men's Social Group Visit to Chicksands Military Intelligence Museum*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (QE School)*
- 19:45 *MAP Group meeting (Vicarage)*

Wednesday 2nd September

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 19:30 *Pastoral Visitors meeting (59 London Road)*

Thursday 3rd September

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St. Mary's 0 -5s (Comrades Club)*
- 20:00 *Wedding Rehearsal*

Friday 4th September

- 19:30 *Choir Practice in Church*

Saturday 5th September

- 14:30 *Wedding of Benjamin Jones & Camilla Wells*

Sunday 6th September

Blessed Virgin Mary Patronal Festival

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Service of Praise & Eucharist (St. Anne's 10th Anniversary)*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Gatley Green & Douglas Green*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

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

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