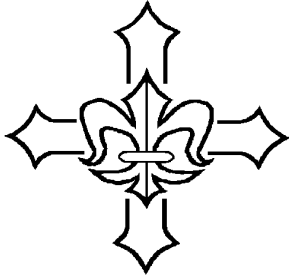


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 6th September

Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Service of Praise & Eucharist (St. Anne's Tenth Anniversary)

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Deacon: Jerry Craddock

Gospel: Luke 1: vv 46-55

Intercessions: *Dai Morgan*

Hymns: Let us build a house, Anthem (Mozart's Ave Verum),
Be Still, I the Lord of sea and sky, 436
(please omit * verses)

Communion: 187, 295 Clare Benediction after Blessing

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Readings Song of Solomon 2: vv 1-7 & Acts 1: vv 6-14

Hymns 467, 206, 343 (please omit * verses)

Psalm 132: vv 1-9

Collect

Almighty God,
you search us and know us,
may we rely on you in strength,
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Riverside Mill Flats & Bridge Place

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.

Shalom

Our next *Shalom* service, quiet prayer for wholeness and well-being, will be on Thursday September 10th at 7.30pm. All are welcome to this simple and reflective service. You can come to pray for someone else or the wider world, and it would be a good service to invite someone else to. Please consider coming.

For more information, please contact me. David (436400)

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.

Sponsored Ride and Stride - from 10.00am 12th September 2009

As in previous years, there is to be a sponsored cycle/walk around the Diocese, in support of the Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust. Of anything we raise, we get 50% back! We at St. Mary's have always been very successful in getting sponsorship and we hope to do well again.

Please get a sponsorship form from Nicholas Leigh-Smith (433467) and join us on bike or foot on the 12th. We are also looking for volunteers to staff the church hall during the day to welcome and offer refreshments to riders/walkers from other churches or you could sponsor a rider/walker. Peter Irving (382144) has kindly agreed to set up a church hall rota and I will manage the riding/walking side and collect sponsorship money.

Nicholas Leigh-Smith (433467)

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)

Porch Museum

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

Wives' Group

On Tuesday 8th September we will be holding our Annual Dinner at the White Hart at 7.30pm. Further details available from Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

Home Group News.

A home group is starting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7th October at 37 Post Street. We shall be using one of the study courses developed by the Diocese of York entitled 'Live Your Faith'. This will hopefully help us to have a better understanding of our faith and what it means to be a Christian. Do come and join us; please contact Mary Jepp (411734) or Peter Dawe (392188) for more information or to reserve your place.

Youth Group News

Next Sunday, 13th September, the Youth Group will begin meeting again. We'll be starting the term off with a team challenge in and around the Church Hall, at our usual time of 6.45pm-8.30pm. New members in school year 7 and above will be warmly welcomed. We will be publishing the full term's activities by email, on the Church website and in the Parish Magazine very shortly. Highlights will include a self-defence class, the Youth Alpha programme and our Christmas Party.

For further information please contact Jen Weedon (391093) or email:

jen_watsonuk@yahoo.co.uk

Prayer Corner

We pray for all children as they start school, especially those going to school for the first time or going to a new school; that they will feel safe and secure and excited by the new experiences ahead of them. We also give thanks for the commitment and strength of teachers and class room assistants. We pray that with God's guidance they will have the energy to teach, the creativity to excite and the power to motivate. Amen.

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 6th September

Blessed Virgin Mary - Patronal Festival

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Service of Praise & Eucharist (St. Anne's 10th Anniversary)
- 18:30 Sung Evensong

Monday 7th September

- 10:45 GMC Churches Together meeting (Vicarage)
- 13:30 Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)
- 20:00 Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)

Tuesday 8th September

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 19:30 Wives' Group annual dinner (White Hart)
- 19:45 MAP Group meeting (Vicarage)

Wednesday 9th September

- 10:30 Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)

Thursday 10th September

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 09:45 Holy Communion
- 10:00 St. Mary's 0 -5s (Comrades Club)
- 19:30 Shalom – Service of wellbeing and wholeness

Friday 11th September

- 11:30 Funeral of Rex Wells in Church
- 19:30 Choir Practice (Church Hall)

Saturday 12th September

- 10:00 Sponsored Ride & Stride in aid of Cambs. Historic Churches Trust

Sunday 13th September

Trinity Fourteen

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 09:45 Sung Eucharist
- 11:30 Holy Baptism – Madeline, Jake & Daniel Olsen
- 18:30 Sung Evensong
- 18:45 Youth Group – Team Challenge (Church Hall)
- 20:00 Children's Church Planning meeting (Vicarage)

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

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