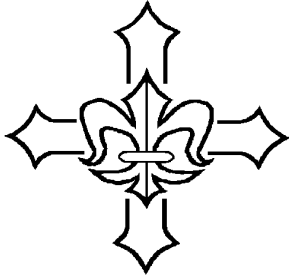


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

*Trinity Fourteen*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President & Preacher: Derek Billings*

*Deacon: David Busk*

Readers: *Mary Hardy & Tony Bird*  
Readings: *Isaiah 50: vv 4-9a & James 3: vv 1-12*  
Gospel: *Mark 8: vv 27-end*  
Intercessions: *Nicholas Leigh-Smith*  
Hymns: *443, 378, 456, 338 (please omit \* verses)*  
Communion: *299, 307*

## **Holy Baptism**

*Madeline, Jake & Daniel Olsen*

## **Sung Evensong**

*Gillian Bathurst-Hoile*

Readings *Isaiah 52: vv 13-end of 53 & Ephesians 2: vv 11-end*  
Hymns *346, 294, 499 (please omit \* verses)*  
Psalm *66 vv 1-8*

## **Collect**

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** London Road, Martin Close, Roman Gate

**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.

### ***Swine Flu and Church Life***

After consulting with other clergy in the Huntingdon Deanery, I have decided to restore the use of the chalice at communion. Please feel free to receive communion in any of the following ways:

1. by receiving the chalice into your own hands and drinking directly from it
2. by allowing the chalice administrator to present the chalice to your mouth (possibly with your hands to guide it)
3. by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine)
4. receiving only the consecrated bread, and not taking the wine in any form

Please note that you should feel entirely at liberty to follow any of the above ways, and if you choose not to receive the chalice, receiving the bread alone is still full communion.

Please also feel free to shake hands at the Peace - or not to do so if you are concerned about possible infection - and to shake the minister's hand after the service.

Alcohol gel is available by the South door for use before, during or after the service if you wish.

If swine flu returns in force in the autumn, or if it mutates into a more virulent form, we may have to change our response accordingly once again. Please speak to me if you have any concerns or questions.  
David (436400)

### ***Holy Baptism***

We shall be welcoming Madeline, Jake and Daniel Olsen into the family of Christ at 11.30am today. Please keep Madeline, Jake and Daniel, their family and friends in your prayers.

### ***Back to Church Sunday - September 27<sup>th</sup>***

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> 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 with two parts which is available on the table near the south door. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 (436400)

### ***Home Group News.***

A home group is starting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### ***Friends 100 Club***

The August draw took place on 6<sup>th</sup> September and the winners were Sharon Peacock £15 and Joan Jackson £10.

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 September will only now cost £10.00, 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.

### ***Parish Office Telephone***

The telephone in the parish office has been disconnected by BT and we have been unable to find out exactly why or get it reconnected immediately. We have therefore had to order a new line which should be in operation soon after the 24<sup>th</sup> September and there will be no phone connection in or out of the office until then. We are having difficulty getting our old number back but will advise you of the correct number as soon as possible.  
Colin Thirlwall (457018)

### ***Advance Notice***

Autumn BBQ on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 12.45pm in the church hall. Tickets available next Sunday from Val Pithey (454851)

### ***Prayer Corner***

Father, thank you that you are our strength and shield, our fortress in times of trouble. Lord, our hearts break to hear of the suffering in Burma - bring your peace to this troubled nation we pray. Let your light shine in Burma, Lord.  
Amen

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Pam Ayres is the newsletter compiler during August and September. Items to Pam at [pamtimayres@talktalk.net](mailto:pamtimayres@talktalk.net), or on 436395, by 6.30pm Thursday please.

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September                      Trinity Fourteen**

- 08:00        *Holy Communion*
- 09:45        *Sung Eucharist & Children's Church*
- 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)*

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

- 13:30        *Stepping Stones (contact Naomi Tel. No. 436737)*
- 20:00        *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

- 07:30        *Morning Prayer*
- 19:30        *Parochial Church Council meeting (Church Hall)*

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September**

- 11:00        *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 19:30        *Churches Together Members meeting (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

- 07:30        *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45        *Holy Communion*
- 10:00        *St. Mary's 0 -5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30        *Governors' meeting (St. Anne's School)*

### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

- 14:00        *A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Bill Looker (Church)*
- 19:30        *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September                      Trinity Fifteen**

- 08:00        *Holy Communion*
- 09:45        *Sung Eucharist & Children's Church*
- 11:30        *Civic Service*
- 15:00        *Wedding Rehearsal*
- 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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