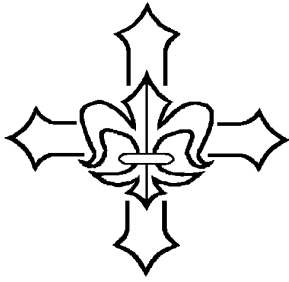


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 20th September 2009

Trinity Fifteen

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

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Reader: *Christopher Vane-Percy*
Reading: *Jeremiah 11: vv 18-20*
Gospel: *Mark 9: vv 30-37*
Intercessions: *Catheryn Turrell*
Hymns: *271, 407, 464, From heaven You came (please omit *
verses)*
Communion: *273 358*

Civic Service (see separate order of service)

Sung Evensong

Paul Sibley

Readings *Isaiah 33: vv 13-17 & Matthew 6: vv 19-end*
Hymns *456, 383, 249 (please omit * verses)*
Psalm *34 vv 1-8*

Collect

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Cambridge Road, Cambridge Villas, Meadow Way,
Harcourt, Almond 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.

Churches Together Christmas Lunch

As you probably know, the churches of Godmanchester are this year organising and hosting the annual Churches Together Christmas Lunch for the people of Huntingdon and Godmanchester who would otherwise be on their own on Christmas Day. We need a small army of volunteers to make this happen. There are three basic categories of volunteer needed:

1. People to help from now until Christmas with admin and preparation. These people do not necessarily have to be available on Christmas Day as well.

2. People to help on Christmas Eve, with food preparation and getting the hall ready. These people do not have to volunteer on Christmas Day either.

3. People to help on the day. These include several drivers to pick up and return guests. Drivers can volunteer for either the morning or the evening run only. The remainder are needed to help with preparing and serving the food and looking after the guests.

Please note **1. Children are very definitely invited to accompany volunteers in the hall on the day, food is of course provided. 2. It is not necessary to be a member of a church or a practising Christian to volunteer.**

Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether **you** might be able to volunteer in any capacity, or whether you know someone who might. It is worth remembering that some of the best volunteers are often people who themselves might otherwise be alone on Christmas Day. Please contact Mary Jepp (411734) or me (436400) if you think you can help. This is a very valuable service local churches provide for local people. We need to start gathering names of volunteers **now!** David

Churches Together in Godmanchester Lunch Club

Following the sad closure of the Salvation Army Hall, the Tuesday Lunch Club will resume on 22nd September in the Baptist Church in East Chadley Lane. Please let people know about this. If you would like to go, please contact John Callaghan (354188). We need more volunteers to help with this – you do not have to be available every week. Please contact me (436400) or John if you can help. David.

Visiting speaker at Harvest Festival - October 4th

We have a visiting speaker at our main 9.45 Harvest Service on Sunday October 4th. Bill Ashdown is a member of St. Neots Methodist Church and is a regional co-ordinator for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas shoe box appeal – we have been involved in this for the past few years through Joan Jackson's leadership. Bill recently delivered some of the shoeboxes filled with gifts to Kyrgyzstan, and will be giving an illustrated presentation on how these gifts affected some of the recipients. This is a good opportunity to remind ourselves that for most of us our harvest is not only in marrows and apples but also in what we can offer to God from the riches we already have. There will be no Children's Church that day - this service should have an appeal for children as well as adults.

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.

Godmanchester In Bloom AGM

You are invited to the first Godmanchester in Bloom AGM on Thursday 1st October in Queen Elizabeth School at 7.00 for 7.30pm. Hear about our progress on the Front Gardens, Flowers, Baskets, Osiers, the Schools, Wood Green, Oak Tree Court, Swifts, Nightingales, Otters, Trees and June 2010 Town Open Gardens, Scarecrow Festival and much more. Your contributions will be most welcome towards an interesting and fun evening!!

John Thackray (457722)

The Friends of St. Mary The Virgin Godmanchester

The Friends AGM will be held in church on Sunday 4th October at 2.00pm. After which the choirs of St. Anne's School and Godmanchester Community Primary School will give a short concert beginning at 3.00pm. The children will take refreshment in the church after singing, of apple pie and juice. Donations of apple pies would be gratefully received and can be left at the hall prior to the concert or after the morning service. Everyone is welcome to come and hear the children sing.

Gillian Bathurst-Hoile (465442).

Harvest Festival 4th October

The Flower Guild would be very grateful for donations towards the cost of the Harvest Festival decoration of the church. Please would you kindly give these to Vera Arnold or Linda Weedon. Thank you very much.

Jean Miller

Children's Society Boxes

The Children's Society boxes are due to be emptied this month. If you would like your box emptying please could you bring it to church or alternatively telephone me to arrange a convenient time for collection.

Thank you.

Kate Steed (382101)

"Worlds Biggest Coffee Morning"

Derek and Jennifer Shepherd invite you to a coffee morning on Friday 25th September at 9 Sweetings Road, Godmanchester, from 10.30am – 12.00noon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. Raffle, Bring & Buy. All are welcome.

Jennifer Shepherd (459214).

Lesson Reader Organisers

Due to personal reasons we are now down to a rota of two. If you feel you can help with this please speak to me. Thank you.

John Bathurst-Hoile (465442)

Advance Notice 1.

Autumn BBQ on Sunday 11th October at 12.45pm in the church hall. Tickets £5 (adults) £2.50 (children) available from Val Pithey (454851).

Advance Notice 2.

Jean Morgan is Newsletter Compiler for October and November.

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Newsletter Compiler for September is Pam Ayres. pamtimayres@talktalk.net, or 436395. Items for inclusion by 6.30pm Thursday please.

Prayer Corner

Heavenly Father, we pray for the vibrant nation of India and ask that you would shape the future of that country and transform the lives of those living under discrimination and treated as outcasts. We pray for an end to caste-based and religiously-motivated discrimination and violence in India. Amen.

DIARY

Sunday 20th 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 Chill-out – Feet special! (Church Hall)*

Monday 21st September

David Busk away until Friday 25th September

- 13:00 *Funeral of Darren Marsh in church*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (contact Naomi Tel. No. 436737)*
- 20:00 *Singing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Tuesday 22nd September

Mary Jepp away until Saturday 26th September

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*

Wednesday 23rd September

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*

Thursday 24th September

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

Friday 25th September

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Saturday 26th September

- 15:00 *Wedding of Adam Trevitt & Ruth Fasham*

Sunday 27th September Trinity Sixteen - Back to Church Sunday

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 10:30 *Parish Praise*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group- Walk in the dark (if wet, then games in the Church Hall)*

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

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