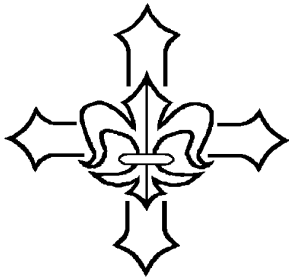


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 4th October 2009

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Trinity Seventeen

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Mary Jepp *Preacher:* Bill Ashdown

Deacon: Linda Watson

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-33

Intercessions

Jean Morgan

Hymns

259 Anthem 261 397 262

Communion

260 264

Sung Evensong

Minister: Jerry Craddock

Readings

Joshua 3:7 – end; Matthew 10:1 - 22

Hymns

263 392 250

Psalm

125

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: The Chestnuts, Oak Tree Court, Berry Lane, Offord Hill & Road

Charity of the month: Mission Aviation Fellowship

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

There will be a baptism at 11.30am today as we welcome Olivia Kirsten Varey into the family of Christ. Please keep Olivia, her family and friends in your prayers.

Churches Together Christmas Lunch

The churches of Godmanchester are this year organising and hosting the annual 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 it happen. Three categories of volunteers are needed to help:

1. from now until Christmas with admin and preparation. They do not necessarily have to be available on Christmas Day.
2. on Christmas Eve with food preparation and getting the hall ready. They do not have to volunteer on Christmas Day.
3. on the day:
 - a. drivers to pick up and return guests. They can volunteer for either the morning or the evening run only.
 - b. to prepare and serve the food and look after the guests.

Please note:

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

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 (436400)

Chocolate Tea Party in aid of The Sick Children's Trust

Please come and support the Chocolate Tea Party being held at Simon & Paula Williams' home on Saturday 24th October 2009. The event

is in aid of The Sick Children's Trust which is a charity that runs homes at various hospitals across the country which enable parents and siblings of very ill children to stay close by them whilst they are in hospital. Simon and Paula were very fortunate in being to stay at Acorn House at Addenbrooke's last December when their (then) 3 month old daughter Lydia was in intensive care fighting off a virus which attacked her lungs and seriously harmed her ability to breathe. Lydia is fighting fit now and is looking forward to welcoming people to raise money for this worthwhile charity. There will be tea, coffee, cakes and lots of yummy treats to eat as well as a raffle. The tea party will be from 1.30pm – 6.00pm at 4 Croftfield Road, Godmanchester. Admission is £1 per adult; 50p per child over 3 years; under 3 years free. Offers of cakes, biscuits etc (chocolate or not!) would be very welcome – please contact ***Paula on 411470*** for further details.

Churches Together Lunch Club

Following the sad closure of the Salvation Army Hall, the Tuesday Lunch Club will resume on 6th October 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 – you do not have to be available every week. Please contact me or John if you can help.

David (436400)

Visiting speaker at Harvest Festival

The speaker at this morning's 9.45 Harvest Service will be Bill Ashdown who is a member of St. Neots Methodist Church and the 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.

Digital Piano

Following the demise of the digital piano, which has served the church well for the last 9 years, the PCC has agreed to invest in a good quality keyboard which costs far less than a new piano and which is completely portable. It will be kept in the hall for use for choir practices but will be available for other occasions as necessary. Meanwhile, the choir's acoustic piano will remain in the church. The choir is making a significant contribution to the cost of the new keyboard, and over the winter there will be various fund-raising activities to reach the balance needed. If you would like to support this initiative, could you please send your donation to the Treasurer, Colin Thirlwall. Any contribution, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

Deanery Evensong

On Sunday 25th October at 6.00pm a Deanery Evensong will be held at the Kimbolton Parish Church when choirs from the Deanery (including our own) will join forces for a full Choral Evensong that includes the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Stanford and the anthem 'O Thou the Central Orb' by Charles Wood. Our own Evensong will be cancelled on that evening and it is hoped that many of our congregation will be able to make the short journey to Kimbolton to support the Rural Dean, the clergy and the choirs in this special joint venture.

Men's Social Group - Visit to Magdalene College.

A visit to Magdalene College has been arranged for Tuesday 13 October. We will probably leave GMC about 10.00 am and return about 4.00 pm - confirmation of the times and meeting place will be in next week's newsletter. Everyone is welcome to join us; names please to **Peter Dawe (392188)**.

The Friends of St. Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

The AGM will be held in church this afternoon at 2.00pm, after which the choirs of St. Anne's School and Godmanchester Community Primary School will give a short concert at 3.00pm. The children will take refreshment of apple pie and juice in the church after singing.

Gillian Bathurst-Hoile (465442)

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will take place in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday 6th October. Daphne Meats will be teaching us how to ice cakes decoratively. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.

MU Coffee Morning.....

at the home of Linda Weedon, 21 Hudpool, on Friday October 16th from 10.30 to 11.30. There will be a 'Bring and Buy' and a raffle. Do come and bring your friends. All are welcome.

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'. Please contact Mary Jepp (411734) or Peter Dawe (392188) for more information or to reserve your place.

Autumn BBQ

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

Ride and Stride

If you took part would you please get your sponsor money to Nicholas Leigh Smith as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 please telephone me to arrange a convenient time for collection.

Kate Steed (382101)

Parish Office Telephone

The Parish Office telephone is now working again but please note that the number has changed to **01480 457744**.

Newsletter Compiler is Jean Morgan. Please submit items by Thursday evening. morgan.01339@msn.com, or 417502.

Prayer Corner

"Today is the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi who was brought up in wealth but renounced it all for a life in the service of Christ. We pray that we may have the same courage in the smaller changes we need to make in our lives."

DIARY

Sunday 4th October – Trinity Seventeen

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Olivia Kirsten Varey*
- 14:00 *Friends of St Mary the Virgin AGM (Church)*
- 15:00 *St Anne's & Community Schools' Concert*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth ALPHA (Church Hall)*

Monday 5th October

- 09:15 *St Anne's School Harvest Service (Church)*
- 10:45 *Churches Together Clergy Meeting (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 13.30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*
- 20:00 *Worship Group Committee (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Tuesday 6th October

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (QE School)*
- 19:30 *Listening Skills (59 London Rd)*

Wednesday 7th October

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 19:30 *Home Group (37 Post St)*

Thursday 8th October

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

Friday 9th October

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*
- 20:00 *Deanery Evensong Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

Saturday 10th October

- 10:00 *Working Party (Parish Office area, Vicarage)*

Sunday 11th October – Trinity Eighteen

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist with Holy Baptism – Henry Lill*
- 12:45 *Autumn BBQ (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth ALPHA (Church Hall)*

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