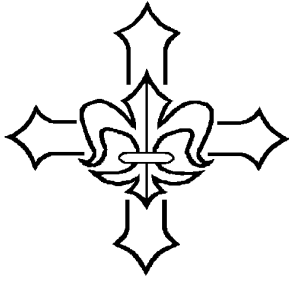


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 18th October 2009

Trinity Nineteen

Luke the Evangelist

Holy Communion	<i>President & Preacher:</i> David Busk
Sung Eucharist	<i>President</i> David Busk <i>Preacher:</i> Canon Dr Andrew Wingate <i>Deacon:</i> Gill Bathurst Hoile
Readers	Robert Hurd, Bizz Thackray
Readings	Genesis 1:24 - 31; Colossians 4:2 - 6
Gospel	John 4:4 - 21
Intercessions	Linda Watson
Hymns	473 324 368 Make way, make way
Communion	276 297
Sung Evensong	<i>Minister:</i> Mary Jepp
Readings	Isaiah 61:1-6; Colossians 4:7 - end
Hymns	433 384 388
Psalm	103 vv 1 - 10

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord..

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Post Street, Church Place, Chadley Lane, The Causeway

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.

Gift Day

A big thank you to those who gave so generously on gift day to raise the sum of £1,300. It was, however, rather disappointing to compare the sum raised this year to the £2,900 raised in 2008 and £2,800 in 2009, but all is not lost as you can still subscribe to gift day by using the envelope supplied with your magazine or collecting one from the back of the church and dropping it in the collection plate or the wooden box at the back of the church or even delivering it to the treasurer if you wish. Please complete your name and address only if you are a tax payer so that we can claim Gift Aid on your donation.

Colin Thirlwall (457018)

Free-Will Offerings – A Plea

I am trying to compile an accurate list of Free Will Envelope numbers against names in preparation for both our claim of income tax from HMCR and also the distribution of the boxes for next year. I am grateful to those who have helped in this quest and it is almost complete, but I still do not know who owns envelopes number 5, 7 or 35. A grateful thank you for your contributions but would you please let me know your names to set the records straight.

Colin Thirlwall 457018

2010 Magazine Advertisers

I have started to compile the advertising pages for next year's church magazine. Please get in touch with me if you hear of anybody who hasn't previously advertised with us, but who might be interested. Thank you,

Victoria Richardson (431430)

DIRandVMR@aol.com

Churches Together Christmas Lunch Update

As I am sure you all know, we with GBC will be hosting the Churches Together Christmas Lunch for the lonely this year. Plans are coming along well. We have had lots of offers of help for the day and before. BUT...it's not too late to volunteer...if you would like more information, please contact ***Mary Jepp (411734)*** or m.jepp@btinternet.com

All Souls – November 1st

If you would like someone to be remembered during the All Souls service please could you add their name to the list on the table by the south door. The names of people whose funerals have been conducted in the church during the last three years will automatically be added to the list.

This year we celebrate All Saints at the morning services on Sunday 1st November and the special All Souls Service in the evening instead of Evensong.

Holy Baptism

Alexandra Isobel Prince is going to be baptised in church on the 25th October as part of the 9:45 family service. Janie and Simon and Alexandra would be delighted if you could all come to the service and stay afterwards for some celebratory drinks and cake to mark this special occasion.

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. For further details please contact ***Paula (411470)***

Churches Together Lunch Club

The reintroduction of the weekly 'Tuesday Lunch Club' at the Baptist Church in East Chadley Lane has been a great success. Thank you to the helpers who assist in the preparation and serving of the Lunch. We look forward to a steady increase in the number of people enjoying the meal and the fellowship. If you would like to come along on any Tuesday, please call **John or Elizabeth Callaghan (354188)**

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.

After Dark

Following a talk by Caroline Gould on "Religion through art", a Monastic Supper will be held in the nave on Wednesday 28th October, culminating in Compline (night prayer) by candlelight as a celebration of All Saints Day.

Tickets @ £6 will be on sale in the south porch after the 9.45 am service from today, or by contacting **Gillian Bathurst Hoile (465442)**

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What does this *really* mean? The former BBC Look East presenter James Blatch, who now works as an examiner for the British Board of Film Classification, will talk about his work at a joint Men's Social Group/Friends of St Mary's evening on Tuesday 3 November at 7.30pm.

Entitled 'Censored?', James's talk will include clips from films and explain how examiners decide what to leave in and what to take out. A must for all film fans, and coming soon to a church hall near you!

Tickets, £3, will be on sale in the south porch from Sunday 11 October.

Peter Irving (382144)

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)

Friends of St Mary's Concert

Cotswold Male Voice Choir will be in concert with the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir in church on Saturday 31 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets at £8 & £6 concessions can be obtained from **John Bathurst Hoile (465442)**, or on the door that night.

Parish Office Telephone

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

Dear Lord, we thank you for the hospice movement. Give guidance to those who administer and advise, give wisdom to those who listen and counsel, give gentleness and patience to those who nurse the terminally ill. Amen.

DIARY

Sunday 18th October – Trinity Nineteen (Luke the Evangelist)

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
Children's Church (Church Hall)
- o/c* *Blessing of tree in memorial to Penny Jones*
- 16:00 *Godmanchester Baptist Church Songs of Praise (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Parish Praise preparation/Christmas boxes*

Monday 19th October

- 13.30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*

Tuesday 20th October

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (GMC Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

Wednesday 21st October

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

Thursday 22nd October

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's Os – 5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *GMC 800 Meeting*

Friday 23rd October

- 19:30 *No Choir Practice in Church Hall*
- 19:30 *Deanery Evensong Rehearsal (Kimbolton)*

Saturday 24th October

- 13:30 *Chocolate Tea Party in aid of The Sick Children's Trust (4 Croftfield Rd0)*

Sunday 25th October – Trinity Twenty One (Bible Sunday)

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion & Holy Baptism - Alexandra Isobel Prince*
- 18:00** ***Deanery Evensong (Kimbolton)***
- 18:30 ***No Sung Evensong in Church***
- 18:45 *No Youth Group (Half Term)*

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