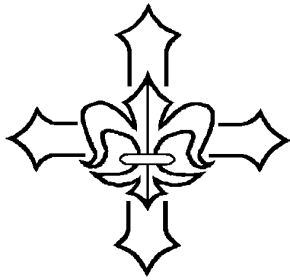


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 25th October 2009

Trinity Twenty

Bible Sunday

Holy Communion *President & Preacher:* David Busk

Parish Communion & Holy Baptism

President: Mary Jepp *Preacher:* David Busk
Deacon: Pat Saunders

Readers	John Thackray
Readings	Isaiah 55:1 - 11
Gospel	John 5:36b - end
Intercessions	David Ferris
Hymns	466 370 348 Great is they faithfulness
Communion	407 272

No Sung Evensong

Collect

God, our light and our salvation:
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Lancaster Way, Fox Grove, Retory Gardens, Grove Court

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 the Parish Communion this morning as we welcome Alexandra Isobel Prince into the family of Christ. Please keep Alexandra, her family and friends in your prayers.

Janie and Simon and Alexandra would be delighted if you could all stay afterwards for some celebratory drinks and cake to mark this special occasion.

Information for the curious

The Union Flag was flown from the Church Tower on Wednesday 21st October to mark Trafalgar Day

Charles Looker

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)

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.

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

This evening 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 has been cancelled this 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)***

Joint meeting of The Friends on St Mary's and the Men's Social Group - An evening with former TV presenter James Blatch

James, son of the late Baroness Blatch, Minister of State for Education, will talk about life behind the scenes at BBC Look East and earning a living by going to the Cinema at 9 o'clock on Monday mornings.

In the Church Hall on Tuesday 3rd November at 7.30pm (coffee from 7.00pm), the evening, entitled "Censorship?" promises to be illuminating and entertaining.

Tickets, £3, on sale in the south porch today. Proceeds to The Friends of St Mary's.

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.

Change of Address

From November 7th Jean White's address will be:

Hunters Down Care Centre,
Hartford Road, Huntingdon, PE29 1XL
Her telephone will be the same - 454920

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall on Tuesday 3 November at 2.00pm. Joan Walton will give a slide show entitled 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.

Curry at the Vicarage

A curry and pudding feast will be held at the vicarage at 7.30pm on Saturday 14th November to raise funds for a Parish Leaflet. Casual dress. Please provide your own drinks. Tickets, Adults £5, under 12's £2.50, on sale in south porch each Sunday after 9.45am service, or call 436400

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

While he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20.

Dear Lord, may any of our relationships that are fragmented or fragile be restored and reconciled in some way. Where they remain in pieces or blocked let us pray for long-awaited healing. Amen.

DIARY

Sunday 25th October – Trinity Twenty (Bible Sunday)

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion & Holy Baptism - Alexandra Isobel Prince*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:00 *Deanery Evensong (Kimbolton)***
- 18:30 ***No Sung Evensong in Church***
- 18:45 *No Youth Group (Half Term)*

Monday 26th October

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

Tuesday 27th October

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

Wednesday 28th October

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 19:00 *'After Dark' - Monastic Supper & Compline (in church)*

Thursday 29th October

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *No St Mary's 0s – 5s (Half Term)*

Friday 30th October

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 31st October

- 14:30 *Annual Reader's Service*
Admission and Licensing of Readers (Ely Cathedral)

Sunday 1st November – All Saints

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *All Souls Service*
- 18:45 *No Youth Group (Half Term)*

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