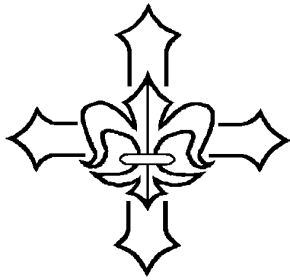


**Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester**

***Weekly Newsletter***



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

***Third before Advent***

**Holy Communion**     *President & Preacher:* Mary Jepp

**Sung Eucharist**     *President:* Jerry Craddock, *Preacher:* Mary Jepp  
*Deacon:* Mary Jepp

Gospel                     Mark 1:14 - 20

Intercessions             Jim Heeley

Hymns                     443   431   357   Jesus Christ is waiting

Communion                374   313

**Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial**

**Service of Remembrance**

*Minister:* David Busk

***Separate order of service***

**Collect**

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** Crowhill, Thicketwillow, Bergamont Close

**Charity of the month:** Soldiers, Sailors Airmen & Families Association (SSAFA)

**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.

### ***Advent Carol Service 29 November***

At 6.30 on Advent Sunday (29 November) we shall be holding our annual Advent Carol Service at which we can once again commemorate the start of the Christian year with familiar Advent hymns, readings from the scriptures and items from the choir.

The service will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the hall, provided by the choir. As usual, we shall be asking for contributions on the night (suggested minimum £1) to cover the cost of these refreshments. We hope that members of the congregation will give their support to this special service.

### ***Wives' Group***

Tuesday 10th November- 'Advent Surprises' at 8pm in the Church Hall. We look ahead to Christmas so come and be surprised!

***Barbara 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](mailto:DIRandVMR@aol.com)

### ***Christmas Coffee Morning.***

The Flower Guild will be having their coffee and mince pie morning on the second Saturday in December, the 12<sup>th</sup>, not the first one as we usually do, to avoid clashing with the Crossroads Concert preparations. It will be held at Trish Pope's home, 43a West Street from 10.30am to 11.30am. Please come and support the Flower Guild and help them raise funds for the Christmas flowers: everyone welcome.

***Jean Miller (437488)***

### ***Time to Talk***

Mary Jepp and Gill Bathurst Hoile invite you to join them for a chat over a cup of tea and a piece of cake on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

November at the Queen Elizabeth School from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

They look forward to seeing you there

### ***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](mailto:m.jepp@btinternet.com)

### ***Change of Address***

From November 7<sup>th</sup> Jean White's address will be:

Hunters Down Care Centre,

Hartford Road, Huntingdon, PE29 1XL

Her telephone will be the same – 454920

### ***Charities Committee***

The next meeting of the Charities Committee will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm at 17 Porch Close.

***Roy Norris (431961)***

### ***Operation Christmas Child***

Please remember to bring your filled shoe box(es) to the 9.45am Eucharist next Sunday, **the 15 November**, when they will be blessed during the service before being taken to our local distribution centre.

***Joan Jackson (374590)***

### ***Ely Cathedral Pilgrimage***

Jan Munt will lead a pilgrimage around the cathedral on Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm followed by 'Compline by Candlelight' at 9.00pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the south door.

Anyone who like to meet for supper at Pizza Express in Ely High St at 6.00pm please contact me.

***Gillian Bathurst-Hoile (465442)***

### ***History and origin of church furniture***

This will be the subject of a talk by The Revd Dr Lynn Broughton in the Church hall on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. Tickets £3, which will include refreshments on arrival. Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

***Gillian Bathurst-Hoile (465442)***

### ***Thank You***

My thanks to everyone who has made me so welcome and at home in St Mary's. My time here has been very precious and I am sorry to be moving. My husband and I are moving to Tunbridge Wells in Kent to be near our daughter. Very best wishes to you all and every blessing on the life in this lovely church.

***Ann Scott***

### ***Friends' of St Mary's 100 Club***

Result of the 100 Club draw for October:

- 1st prize £ 15 goes to Moya Ovens
- 2nd prize £ 10 goes to Roz Fletcher

There is still plenty of time to hold a second membership of the club, with the cost for November 2009 to June 2010 now only £ 8. Please contact ***John Bathurst Hoile 465442*** for further action.

### ***Curry at the Vicarage***

A curry and pudding feast will be held at the vicarage at 7.30pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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

### ***Churchyard Clearing***

It is planned to try and clear the church yard of the fallen leaves etc and I am hoping that we shall be inundated with keen volunteers for the task!!

The two dates we had in mind are **Saturday 14 November** and **Saturday 21 November** starting at about 9.30am.

Refreshments will be available in the church hall as usual. Please could you let us know if you are able to help.

***Jean Morgan (417502)***

***Andrew McKie (450636)***

### ***Christmas Bazaar***

The Christmas Bazaar will take place at St Anne's School from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. Stallholders are:

GRAND DRAW	Linda & Trevor Weedon	413264
REFRESHMENTS	Wives' Group	
CAKES	Jean Morgan	417502
NEW GIFTS	Gill Bathurst Pauline Mollyneaux	465442 411541
CHRISTMAS TREATS	Olwyn Hurd	458700
PRODUCE	Val Pithey	454851
FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS	Pam Ferris Christine Parker	385070
BOTTLE STALL	Jack Shimmons	413621
CHRISTMAS WONDERS	Childrens' Church	
GAMES	James & Louise Orton	
CHRISTMAS CARDS & DECORATIONS	Paula Williams Cathryn Trrrell	

Stalls will be ready for preparation by 10.30am. Donations of items such as new gifts, produce, cakes toys and full bottles would be very welcome. Please contact individual stallholders or bring items to St Anne's School before 1.00pm on the day.

***Trevor Weedon (413264)***

### ***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](mailto:morgan_01339@msn.com), or 417502.

### ***Prayer Corner***

"God of mystery and presence, fill us with the understanding of your spirit within our souls so that, filled by you, in the darkest moments of our lives, no deprivation can ever leave us destitute".

## **DIARY**

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Third before Advent**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 10:50 *Act of Remembrance (War Memorial)*
- 18:30 *Remembrance Service*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Self-defence Awareness Course Pt 1 (Church Hall)*

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

- 13.30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*
- 19:30 *Charities Committee Meeting*

### **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (GMC Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*
- 20:00 *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

### **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

- 13:00 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:30 *Home Group (37 Post St)*
- 19:30 *Deanery Synod*

### **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0s – 5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:45 *MAP Committee Meeting (Vicarage)*

### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- 0900 – 12:00 *Churchyard clear-up*
- 20:00 *Curry Night (Vicarage)*

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Second before Advent**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Self-defence Awareness Course Pt 2 (Church Hall)*

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