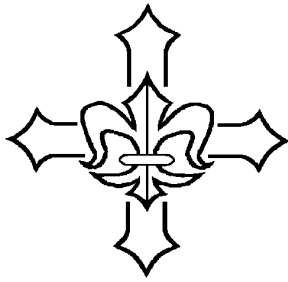


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

*Weekly Newsletter*



Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2009

*Second before Advent*

**Holy Communion**    *President:* David Busk    *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock

**Sung Eucharist**    *President:* David Busk    *Preacher:* Jerry Craddock  
*Deacon:* Pat Saunders

Readers	Ken Diffey and Richard Bunn
Readings	Daniel 12:1 – 3    Hebrews 10:11 - 25
Gospel	Mark 13:1 - 8
Intercessions	Dai Morgan
Hymns	333   368   460   362
Communion	315   306

**Sung Evensong**    *Minister:* Mary Jepp

Readings	Daniel 3    Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43
Hymns	416   468   235
Psalm	95

Hymns: please omit \* verses, if any

**Collect**

Heavenly Lord,  
you long for the world's salvation:  
stir us from apathy,  
restrain us from excess  
and revive in us new hope  
that all creation will one day be healed  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Street Prayer Mission:** St Anne's Lane, The Stiles, New Street, St Anne's Court

**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 Sunday 29 November***

At our annual Advent Carol Service at 7.30pm we commemorate the start of the Christian year with familiar Advent hymns, readings 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. 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 am compiling advertising pages for next year's church magazine. Please contact 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***

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 - 11.30 am**

The Flower Guild will be having their coffee and mince pie morning at Trish Pope's home, 43a West Street. Please support the Flower Guild and help raise funds for Christmas flowers: all 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***

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)

### ***Sidespersons***

I shall soon be compiling the sidespersons rota for period January to end of June 2010. If you have any specific dates you would wish me to avoid please advise me as soon as possible before the end of November. Peter Hartwell 01480 453336 or [peter.hartwell@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.hartwell@btinternet.com)

### ***Churches Together Ladies Breakfast***

**Saturday 5 December 8.30 -10.00**

This month's breakfast will be a frugal breakfast in our church hall. The speaker is Connie Andrews, UK Representative for Rehobath Children's Home Trust - a trust which provides children's homes in the Phillippines. Bookings to Mary Jepp.

### ***Christmas cards - Save some for us!***

Cards for Good Causes are on sale at All Saints, Huntingdon and many of you will be taking advantage of this charity already. But before you buy all you need, you may wish to know that we are producing Christmas cards of our own, featuring views of the church. We have selected four images from a portfolio of photographs taken by Grace Vane Percy. The cards, with envelopes, will be sold in packs of eight – two of each image – for £4.00 a pack, and these will be on sale at the Christmas Bazaar on 28 November. We have 100 packs for sale. To avoid disappointment you may order cards in advance, either by signing the list on the table at the back of the church, where the four images are also displayed, or by phoning Barbara & Colin Thirlwall (382154) or Liz & Peter Irving (382144).

### ***Women's Christian Discussion group***

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

The next meeting will be at The George & Dragon in Elsworth when Ruth Bond, a lay

reader and National Chair of the Women's Institute will be talking. We meet at 7.30pm for supper at 8pm, followed by the speaker. All are very welcome.

Please contact Christina Sheppard 01480 831454 [sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com](mailto:sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com)

### ***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 would like to meet for supper at Pizza Express in Ely High St at 6.00pm please contact me.

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

### ***Treasures of Cambridgeshire Churches***

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

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

### ***For your 2010 Diary***

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010 at 7.30 pm**

A concert by **Carlo Curley**, the renowned organist, will be presented in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester, by the Huntingdon Rotary Club and the Friends of St Mary the Virgin. For further information contact:

**Paul Wells (435251) or John Bathurst Hoile (465442)**

### ***Churchyard Clearing***

**Saturday 21 November** starting at about 9.30 am. It is planned to try and clear the churchyard of the fallen leaves etc and we are hoping that we shall be inundated with keen volunteers for the task!!

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 Turrell	

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)***

### ***Free Bicycle***

Reliable folding lady's bike in working order. Please contact the Caroes on 393806

### ***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***

This is Prisons' Week. We pray for all prison chaplains and staff, for the unseen work they offer each day to those in their care. May Christ be among them always and especially in the most challenging situations.

## ***MESSAGES FROM THE VICAR***

### ***Communion and Swine Flu***

The Archbishops have reviewed the situation concerning the use of the chalice, and have re-issued their strong recommendation, endorsed by Bishop Anthony, to refrain from drinking from a common cup at communion. After consulting with the Standing Committee of the PCC, I have very reluctantly concluded that we should adopt the practice followed by a majority of parishes in this deanery, which is for the priest or deacon administering the consecrated bread to intinct (dip) each wafer into the wine before placing the intincted wafer onto the communicant's hand. In this way, the risk of the flu virus being transmitted by the common cup (chalice) is very greatly reduced, as it is not passed from communicant to communicant. I am very sad to have to take this step again - please pray for a speedy return to normality.

David

### ***Archbishop of York in Ely***

To round off the 900th anniversary celebrations of the diocese, the Archbishop of York, The Most Revd Dr John Sentamu, will be visiting the diocese and taking part in a special service in Ely Cathedral on Saturday November 21st. The service will take place from 1.15 pm to 5.00 pm, and will be a form of 'fluid worship', which people can take part in for as long or as briefly as they like. There will be a variety of styles of worship taking place simultaneously at various places in the cathedral, with three acts of gathered worship during the afternoon, at each of which the Archbishop will speak. At 2.15 pm the focus will be on young people and teenagers, at 3.15 pm on children and families, and the final gathering at 4.15 pm will be a more traditional act of worship with choir and hymns. All are welcome to

any part of this and there are no tickets needed.

### ***Mission Action Planning - collated responses***

You might have thought Mission Action Planning had gone away, but in fact it is all about to take off! There is a leaflet on the table by the south door setting out all the various proposals that came forward during the long process of consultation. This is for information, so we can see the kind of ideas that came up. Not all of them can be implemented, and some conflict with others! The PCC will soon be deciding on a selection of these to form our Mission Action Plan - a document setting out the priorities for the mission of our church. We will then get on - all of us - with the actual tasks of putting the plan into action. (If the leaflets run out, please contact me for a copy.)

David

## DIARY

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

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

### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

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

### **Tuesday 17<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)
- 19:30 PCC Meeting (Church Hall)

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

- 11:00 Holy Communion (Woodley Court)
- 14:00 Time to Talk (QE School)
- 19:30 Home Group (37 Post St)

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 09:45 Holy Communion
- 10:00 St Mary's Os – 5s (Comrades' Club)
- 15:00 Flower Guild Committee meeting (4 Miller Close)
- 20:00 Shalom Planning Meeting (Vicarage)

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

- 19:15 Choir Practice (Church Hall)
- 20:00 Crossroads Rehearsal (Church Hall)

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

- 0900 – 12:00 Churchyard clear-up

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Christ the King**

- 08:00 Holy Communion
- 10:30 Parish Praise (St Anne's School)
- 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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