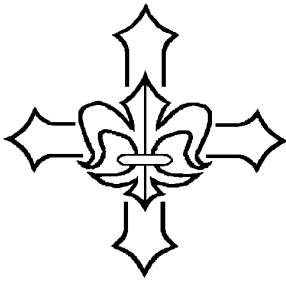


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 22nd November 2009

Christ the King

Holy Communion *President & Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Reading Daniel 7:9 – 10, 13 - 14

Gospel John 18:33 - 37

Parish Praise Separate order of service

Sung Evensong *Minister:* Pat Saunders

Readings Daniel 3 Matthew 13: 24 - 30, 36 - 43

Hymns 393 345 499

Psalm 72 vv 1 - 7

Hymns: please omit * verses, if any

Collect

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Bascraft Way, Mowlands, Lions Cross, Dovehouse 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 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.

Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 12th 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)

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

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 23rd 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

Ely Cathedral Pilgrimage

Jan Munt will lead a pilgrimage around the cathedral on Tuesday December 1st 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 25th 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 22nd 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)

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will take place at St Anne's School from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Saturday 28th 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

Lady's, reliable, folding bike, in working order. Please contact the Caroes on 393806

Parish Directory

Andrew McKie is now updating the Parish Directory. **If you want your name to be in it please inform Andrew on 450636.** We must have your permission to enter your name so please let Andrew know. Please note we need your permission whether or not you are already in it as some people may want their names removed.

Hall and Church bookings

Please inform Colin Thirlwall on 457018 if you have booked the hall or the church for any activity. Thank you.

Parish Office Telephone

Please note that the number has changed to **01480 457744.**

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

MAP - 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

Newsletter Compiler is Jean Morgan. Please submit items by Thursday evening. 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.

DIARY

Sunday 22nd 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)*

Monday 23rd November

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*
- 20:00 *Fabric Committee meeting (Vestry)*

Tuesday 24th November

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

Wednesday 25th November

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 19:00 *Friends of St Mary's talk – 'Treasures of Cambridgeshire Churches' (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Home Group (37 Post St)*

Thursday 26th November

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's Os – 5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:00 *Churches Together AGM (Huntingdon Community Church)*

Friday 27th November

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

Saturday 28th November

- 14:00 *Christmas Bazaar (St Anne's School)*

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Rueben Downer*
- 18:30 *Advent Carol Service*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Night*

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

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