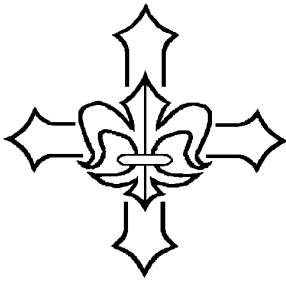


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 29th November 2009

Advent Sunday

Holy Communion *President & Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist *President:* David Busk *Preacher:* Mary Jepp
Deacon: Mary Jepp

Readings Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:9 – end

Readers John & Linda Watson

Gospel Luke 21:25 - 36

Intercessions Nicholas Leigh-Smith

Hymns 11 Anthem – *Advent Message (Martin How)* 14 Longing for Light

Communion 18 6

Advent Carols *Minister:* David Busk

Separate order of service

Hymns: please omit * verses, if any

Collect

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Croftfield Rd, Peate 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

At our annual Advent Carol Service at 6.30 pm this evening 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.

Church Christmas cards.

Christmas cards displaying four images of the church in packs of eight, two cards of each image, together with accompanying envelopes, for £4 a pack will be on sale in the south porch after this morning's 9.45 Sung Eucharist and on the following Sunday

mornings until Christmas - or until we sell out! People who have ordered cards in advance may collect them in the porch, where they will be held separately. Proceeds from the Christmas card sales go towards church funds.

Barbara and Colin Thirlwall (457018) and Liz and Peter Irving (382144)

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)

Evening of Carols at Island Hall

Lady Linda Vane Percy Is hosting an evening of carols performed by 'Tapestry' in aid of Magpas, the emergency medical charity, at Island Hall on Wednesday 16th December from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. Tickets £25 each, including refreshments, available from **01480 371062**. Numbers are limited

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)

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

If you wish to book the church hall or plan to use the church for an event outside the normal services please contact **Barbara or Colin Thirlwall on 457018** to put the date in the diary.

Free Bicycle

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

Parish Office Telephone

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

Rectory Gardens Christmas Bazaar Saturday 5th December 2 pm to 4 pm

Refreshments, cakes etc. Everybody welcome.

Janet Ranger (412161)

Mothers' Union

The next meeting will be on Tuesday December 1st at 2.00pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. We will welcome members of other branches in the deanery with entertainment and refreshments. If you need a lift, please contact **Jean Morgan 417502**

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

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 for December and January is Jim Heeley. Please submit items by Thursday evening.

jskc@btinternet.com, or 412264.

Prayer Corner

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth" Luke 2:14.

Jesus will soon be born in a stable. Let us use this precious time to sweep out the corners of our hearts; let us make the households of our souls ready and welcoming for his birth,

DIARY

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*

Monday 30th November

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*
- 20:00 *Worship Group Christmas Planning Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Tuesday 1st December

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:15 *Advent Eucharist & Christingle Service (St Anne's School)*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (GMC Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union Meeting (QE School)*
- 19:30 *Ely Cathedral Pilgrimage & Compline by candlelight (Ely Cathedral)*

Wednesday 2nd December

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post St)*
- 19:00 *Men's Group Christmas Dinner (7 Devana Close)*

Thursday 3rd December

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

Friday 4th December

- 16:00 *Crossroads Staff meeting (Church)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 5th December

- 08:30 *Churches Together Women's Breakfast (Church Hall)*
- 16:00 *Rectory gardens Christmas Bazaar (Rectory Gardens)*
- 19:30 *Crossroads Concert*

Sunday 6th December – Advent 2

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 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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