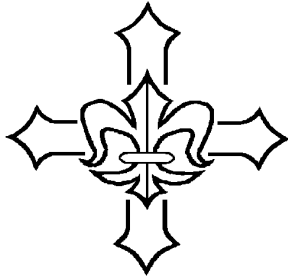


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 6th December 2009

Advent 2

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon & Preacher: Linda Watsoo

Readers	Colin Thirlwall & Peter Dawe
Readings	Malachi Ch 3 vv 1-4 & Philippians Ch 1 vv 3-11
Gospel	Luke Ch 3 vv 1-6
Intercessions	Catheryn Turrell
Hymns	12, 8, 500, 5 please omit any * verses
Communion	315, 407

Sung Evensong

Derek Billings

Readings	Isaiah Ch 40 v 1-11 & Luke Ch 1 vv 1-25
Hymns	14, 18, 15 please omit any * verses
Psalm	75

Collect

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.

Street Prayer Mission: White Hart Lane, Hilsden Drive, Anderson Crescent,
Kisby Avenue

Charity of the month: Small Donations

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.

Communion and Swine Flu

The advice from the Archbishops is now that the use of the common cup (chalice) at communion should resume, so that is what we will do. However, there are three important points:

1. Intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is strongly **discouraged**. Apparently it represents a greater health risk than drinking from the common cup.
2. Children should therefore receive the consecrated bread (wafer) only, and the cup will not be offered to them.
3. Anyone who has any concerns about receiving from the common cup should feel free to receive in one kind only (i.e. just the wafer). This has always been regarded as full communion, lacking nothing of God's gift.

I am sorry for all the confusion over this matter. I hope we are now unlikely to have to change our communion practice again. Thank you for your patience. If you have any concerns or queries, please speak to me.
David

Congratulations--Brian Atling

Everyone who knows him will be pleased to learn that the Bishop of Ely has appointed Brian an Honorary Canon. His Installation at the Cathedral will take place shortly. Brian's wife Margaret on learning the news hoped this would mean he could now retire fully!!!

Parish News

With the retirement of Joan Jackson from the Editorial Committee the role of typesetter passes to Dai Morgan. Committee members are delighted to have him on board. Items formerly sent to Joan may be sent to Dai on the following email address: morgan_01339@msn.com. Please note that the copy date for the January

magazine is a week earlier than usual i.e. Friday 11th December. The price of the magazine for 2010 remains unchanged – 45p for a single issue, £4.00 for a year's subscription. If you have not yet taken out a subscription and would like to do so please contact Mary Fawcett (458383) who will put you in touch with your nearest distributor.
Peter Irving (382144)

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

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)*

Christmas Flowers

The Flower Guild would be very grateful to receive donations towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas; these can either be given to Vera Arnold, or Linda Weedon, or placed in the wall box in one of the "Flower" marked envelopes. Thank you all very much. *Jean Miller*

Wives' Group

Christmas Party - Tuesday 8th December at 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Please bring a

plate of food and a present for the bran tub (£4-£5 value). Entry £2. Please also bring any old mobile phones or foreign coins for our charity. *Barbara Thirlwall (457018)*

Christmas Coffee Morning

Please come and join the Flower Guild at their annual Christmas coffee and a mince pie morning, next Saturday, 12th December, in Trish Pope's home, 43a West Street at 10:30am.-11:30am. There will be a raffle, bring and buy stall and a warm welcome to you all. *Jean Miller (437488)*

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.

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.

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.

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*

For your 2010 Diary

Saturday 22nd May. A concert by Carlo Curley, the renowned organist, will be presented in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Godmanchester at 7.30pm, by the Huntingdon Rotary Club and the Friends of St Mary the Virgin. For further details contact: Paul Wells (435251) or John Bathurst Hoile (465442)

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.

Newsletter Compiler

Jim Heeley (412264) jssc@btinternet.com is Newsletter compiler for December & January. Contributions please by 6.30pm Thursday.

Prayer Corner

"Make ready for the Christ whose smile, like lightning, sets free the song of everlasting glory that sleeps in your paper flesh - like dynamite." Thomas Merton. We pray for people who feel lonely and isolated from their families in this Advent season, that they may have sustaining relationships with friends, and be particularly aware of God's love for them.

Sunday 6th December Advent 2

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
18:45 *Youth Group – Youth ALPHA (Church Hall)*

Monday 7th December

- 10:45 *Churches Together Minister's Meeting (Baptist Church Centre)*
13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close – Tel: 436737)*
19:30 *Shalom*
19:45 *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

Tuesday 8th December

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*
19:30 *Wives' Group Christmas Party (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 9th December

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*
19:40 *Men's Group Christmas Dinner (7 Devana Close)*

Thursday 10th December

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
09:45 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
19:00 *Carol Service (Wood Green Animal Shelter)*

Friday 11th December

- 19:15 *Choristers Practice (Church Hall)*
19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 12th December

- 10:00 *Christingle Preparation (Church Hall)*
10:30 *Flower Guild Coffee Morning (43a West Street)*
14:00 *Christmas Carol Signing Workshop (Church Hall)*

Sunday 13th December Advent 3

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
11:30 *Holy Baptism of Lewis Taylor*
15:00 *Christingle Service*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
18:45 *Youth Group – Christmas Party (Church Hall)*

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