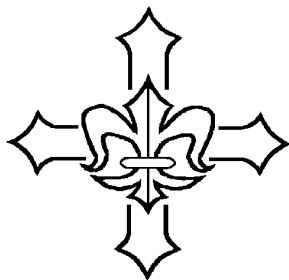


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 13th December 2009

Advent 3

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Pat Saunders

Sung Eucharist

*President: Jerry Craddock
Deacon & Preacher: Pat Saunders*

Readers	Trevor Weedon & Louise Orton	
Readings	Zaphania Ch 3 vv 14-end & Philippians Ch 4 vv 4-7	
Gospel	Luke Ch 3 vv 7-8	
Intercessions	Catheryn Turrell	
Hymns	6, 16, 7, 3	please omit any * verses
Communion	500, 18	

Christingle

Separate Order of Service

Sung Evensong

Derek Billings

Readings	Isaiah Ch 35 & Luke Ch 1 vv 57-66	
Hymns	12, 5, 499	please omit any * verses
Psalm	50 vv 1-6	

Collect

God for whom we watch and wait,
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Saxon Close, Pipers Lane/Laroc Close, Lavender Grove, Cow Lane

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.

Holy Baptism

Today, at 11.30am, we shall welcome Lewis Taylor into the family of Christ at a service of Holy Baptism. Please keep Lewis, his family and friends in your prayers and come along to support if you can.

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

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. The price of the magazine for 2010 remains unchanged – 45p for a single issue, £4.50 for a year's subscription (not £4.00 as

mistakenly advertised last week and apologies for any confusion caused). Annual subscriptions should be paid by the end of January at the latest. 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)*

Time to Talk

Wednesday 23rd December, in the small room at the Queen Elizabeth School from 2.00 to 3.30pm. Come and have a chat over a piece of Christmas cake and a cup of tea. If you have any queries, please contact: Revd.Mary Jepp 01480 411734. *Gillian Bathurst Hoile 01480 465442*

100 Club News

The 100 Club winners for November were Elizabeth Morgan £15 and Gladys Mason £10. Now is the time to take a second membership for the next six months from January to June 2010 at a cost of only £6. Please contact John Bathurst Hoile after the 0945 service, or by telephone on 01480 465442 for an application form.

Lost Umbrella

At the end of the concert last Saturday evening a member of the audience found that a Gold and Maroon golfing umbrella was missing from the south porch. It has some sentimental value to the owner, so if anyone can help get it back to her, please contact David Ferris on 385070.

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 Card Delivery Service

Once again the Men's Social Group are offering to deliver Christmas cards in Godmanchester as an adjunct to using the lettered 'pigeon holes' near the font. Cards may be left in the 'Post Box' by the south door - this will be removed after evensong on Sunday 20th December. Please note that only cards with a Godmanchester address, which should be in full, will be delivered. Volunteers to help with the delivery would be very welcome. Contact Peter Dawe (392188).

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*

Christmas Biscuits

As in previous years, we would like to hand out home-made Christmas biscuits at the end of the 4.00pm service on Christmas Eve: there was a lovely selection again last year and they were much appreciated. I know the cooks in the congregation are already really busy, but please can I appeal for their help? Batches of biscuits, individually wrapped in cling film, will need to be brought to the Church Hall before the service. I can let you have a biscuit recipe if you don't have one, but any of your favourite recipes will be fine, except any which contain nuts. If you are able to volunteer, either to cook, or hand out biscuits at the door, please let me know. Thank you very much, Victoria Richardson (431430)

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!!!

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.

Newsletter Compiler

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

Prayer Corner

Dear Lord, you are beside us in all our seasons; may the colours of your love bring us hope in our despair and peace in our joy.

DIARY

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)*

Monday 14th December

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones Christmas Service*

Tuesday 15th December

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- All Day *St Anne's School in Church*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club Christmas Lunch (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*
- 18:00 *St Anne's School Christmas Carols*

Wednesday 16th December

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*

Thursday 17th December

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 11:00 *St Mary's 0-5s Christmas Party (Comrades' Club)*

Friday 18th December

- 14:00 *Crib Service (St Anne's School)*
- 19:15 *Young Choristers' Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Sunday 20th December Advent 4

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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