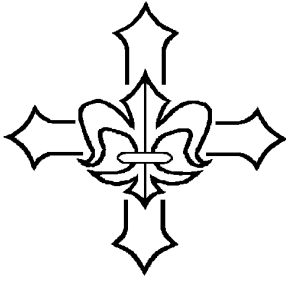


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 3rd January 2010

Epiphany

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Paul Sibley

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: Linda Watson

Readers

Robert Caroe & Claire Hurd

Readings

Isaiah Ch 60 vv 1-6 & Ephesians Ch 3 vv 1-12

Gospel

Matthew Ch 2 vv 1-12

Intercessions

Peter Dawe

Hymns

49, 48, 52, We three kings please omit any * verses

Communion

51, 295

Sung Evensong

Mary Jepp

Readings

Isaiah Ch 60 vv 1-9 & John Ch 2 vv 1-11

Hymns

48, 393, 241 please omit any * verses

Psalm

98

Collect

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Danes Croft, McCartney House, Woodly Court

Charity of the month: Depaul Trust

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.

Moving Onwards and Upwards

Everyone will be pleased to know that Peter Moger is to be installed as a Residentiary Canon and Precentor at York Minster in July 2010 after the Summer school term. Heather expects to start a Suzuki Recorder teaching practice then in York. We all wish them well.

Big Sing

On Sunday 10th January 2010, in Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, there will be a "Big Sing" in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Featuring **Mozart** Requiem, **Bruckner** Locus Iste & Ave Maria. All music will be provided for singers and Pam Rhodes hosts the event. Doors open to singers at 1.15pm for rehearsal from 2.00pm-5.00pm with a break of 45 minutes. Cost is £10 or £5 for under-16s. To book please send a stamped, addressed envelope with a cheque (payable to Huntingdon Alzheimer's Society) c/o 8 The Quay St. Ives, PE27 5AR.

Fairtrade Initiative

There is to be a concert of light musical entertainment at All Saints Church Huntingdon on Friday 15th January, at 7.30 pm. Please come and enjoy a variety of music provided by the Belladonna String Quartet, Heather and Peter Moger, with Ally and Sam Barrett, and also enjoy a glass of Fairtrade wine. £5 for adults, £1 children and students.

Bishop Anthony's Farewell

Bishop Anthony's farewell service is to be held in Ely Cathedral, on Saturday 23rd January, and a presentation is to be made at that service. If you feel you would like to make a donation towards this presentation then please put it in the plate by the South Door. Thank you.

A Note From The Treasurer

For those who have not already found them, the Free Will Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the church under the letter rack. If you own envelopes No 7 or 36, we are very grateful for your donations but I have no record of your name, so please contact me so I can link names to envelope numbers. If you wish to start using the Free Will Numbered Envelope Scheme please let me know and I will provide them. Unlike the early days of the scheme (in pre-history) there is no obligation to give a set amount each week, or indeed to donate each week, but it is a convenient way to organise your giving. If you pay UK tax then we can reclaim that tax from HMRC at the rate of 28p in the pound, so please ask me for a gift aid form if you qualify. Additionally, if you are a higher rate taxpayer you can reclaim tax against the difference between the basic rate of tax and the higher rate on your gifts. If you wish to take all the effort out of giving (certainly for the treasurer) then a standing order is the answer. Contact me for the church account details and I will help you to set it up. Please note that we only accept standing orders and not direct debits, so you have complete control over what and when you pay and you can cancel or change the amount as you wish. Again, if you are a UK taxpayer I can provide a gift aid form to accompany your standing order so that we can make the most efficient use of your donations. If you have any questions or wish to join either of the schemes please contact me on 457018 or at home – 49 London Road. *Colin Thirlwall*

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 one year's subscription. 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)*

Digital Keyboard

Thanks to a number of generous donations and fund-raising activities over the past month or so, we have now reached the target of raising £813 to pay for the cost of the digital keyboard that was urgently needed to replace the old digital piano. We are very grateful to all who contributed to this project. *Ken Diffey*

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.

Newsletter Compiler

Jim Heeley (412264) jskc@btinternet.com is Newsletter compiler for January. Contributions should be in by 8pm on the Thursday.

Prayer Corner

As we remember the journey of the Magi to the place of the infant Jesus, let us follow their example. May we, too, remain devoted to seeking Jesus, even when people or events put obstacles in our way.

DIARY

Sunday 3rd January **Epiphany**

08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Monday 4th January

Mary Jepp on leave until Friday 8th January

Tuesday 5th January

07:30 *Morning Prayer*
14:00 *Mothers' Union (Queen Elizabeth School)*

Wednesday 6th January

11:00 *Holy Communion (Chestnuts)*
14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Rd)*

Thursday 7th January

07:30 *Morning Prayer*
09:45 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
19:30 *Men's Social Group – dismantle Christmas tree*

Friday 8th January

19:30 *Choir Christmas/New Year Party (Church Hall)*

Sunday 10th January **Baptism of Christ**

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

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

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