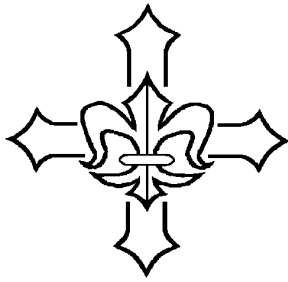


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 10th January 2010

Baptism of Christ

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President: Mary Jepp

Deacon & Preacher: David Busk

Readers

Andrew McKie & Katherine Heeley

Readings

Isaiah Ch 43 vv 1-7 & Acts Ch 8 vv 14-17

Gospel

Luke Ch 3 vv 15-17, 21-22

Intercessions

Jim Heeley

Hymns

55, 347, 57, Shine, Jesus shine please omit any * verses

Communion

414, 425

Sung Evensong

Derek Billings

Readings

Isaiah Ch 55 vv 1-11 & Romans Ch 6 vv 1-11

Hymns

52, 58, 431 please omit any * verses

Psalm

46

Collect

Heavenly Father,

at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:

may we recognize him as our Lord

and know ourselves to be your beloved children;

through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Street Prayer Mission: Those living outside of the Parish

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.

Youth Group

The term kicks off this Sunday night (10th January) at the usual time of 6.45-8.30pm in the Church Hall with a bit of a crafty session - we'll be trying our hands at things like making pine-cone firelighters, making beads out of nothing but paper and hopefully having a lesson or two in origami as well. Should be nice and chilled (but hopefully not too chilly!) Jen Weedon (391093).

Plough Monday Curfew

The curfew will be rung on 11th January, which is Plough Monday (the first Monday after Epiphany), starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm.

Churches Together Lunch Club

The Weekly Godmanchester Churches Together Lunch Club will recommence on Tuesday 12th January at the Godmanchester Baptists Centre. Lunch is served at 12:30. Price £4:00. If you have not been before and would like to come along on Tuesday, please contact Elizabeth or John Callaghan Tel 01480 354188.

Wives' Group

Tuesday 12th January - Davina Hogben from the Huntingdon branch of the Alzheimer's Society will talk about her work. Please note the earlier start time of 7.30pm in the Church Hall. Bring and buy & raffle. Entry £2, including refreshments. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

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.

Beetle Drive

The Friends of St Mary's will be holding a fund raising Beetle Drive on Saturday 16th January, at 7pm for 7.30pm, in the Church Hall. £3 to play with coffee and biscuits in the interval. Raffle, for which prizes are welcome. Tickets are on sale after the 9.45 Sung Eucharist today and also available from Gillian & John Bathurst-Hoile (465442) and Liz & Peter Irving (382144).

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.

Altar Servers

There will be a meeting on Saturday the 13th February at 10am in church for all those who currently serve as well as for anyone who thinks they might like to. Further information from Richard Bunn telephone 810911.

100 Club

The 100 Club winners for December were Colin Thirlwall £15 and Samantha Leigh-Smith £10. Now is the time to take a second membership for the next five months from February to June 2010 at a cost of only £5. Please contact John Bathurst Hoile after the 9.45 service, or by telephone on 01480 465442 for an application form.

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)*

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.

Seal of Approval?

An unusual traveller has recently visited Godmanchester Lock. Having negotiated five lock gates and about fifty miles from the sea, a seal has been sighted in the area of the lock. If you are taking a stroll towards Portholme Meadow, do keep an eye open



for our latest resident.

Newsletter Compiler

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

Prayer Corner

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength". Deuteronomy 6:5. A new year stretches before us. Lord, show us the way we should go. We commit this year to you and ask for your guidance.

DIARY

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 (Church Hall)*

Monday 11th January

- 10:45 *Churches Together Clergy Meeting (59 London Road)*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church)*
- 20:00 *Communications Committee Meeting (23 Earning Street)*

Tuesday 12th January

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 08:30 *Huntingdon Deanery Chapter Communion (Church)*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 13th January

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*

Thursday 14th January

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 14:30 *Funeral of Mrs Enid Watson*
- 19:30 *Pastoral Team Meeting (59 London Road)*

Friday 15th January

- 19:15 *Young Choristers' Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Choir Practice & AGM (Church Hall)*

Saturday 16th January

- 15:00 *Induction of Revd Kevin Taylor at Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon*

Sunday 17th January

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

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

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