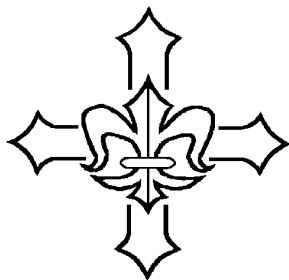


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 17th January 2010

Epiphany 2

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist

President: Jerry Craddock Preacher: David Shaw

Deacon: Mary Jepp

Readers

Derek Sheen & Stella Howard

Readings

Isaiah Ch 62 vv 1-5 & 1 Corinthians Ch 12 vv 1-11

Gospel

John Ch 2 vv 1-11

Intercessions

Dai Morgan

Hymns

349, 486, 377, 56 please omit any * verses

Communion

302, 367

Sung Evensong

David Busk

Readings

1 Samuel Ch 3 vv 1-20 & Ephesians Ch 4 vv 1-16

Hymns

390, 495, 298 please omit any * verses

Psalm

96

Collect

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Bayliss, Bluegate, Hudpool, Pinder Close, Malcoff

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.

Haiti Earthquake Disaster Relief

A plate is available by the south door for anyone wishing to make a donation.

Welcome in the Unity of Christ

We welcome as our preacher today the Revd David Shaw, Minister of Huntingdon Methodist Church. David is here while our David goes there to preach, as a way of marking the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

During the week (Monday 18th to Friday 22nd), there will be ecumenical prayers at 12.45 pm each day in the Methodist Church in Lower High Street. All are welcome. The week ends with an invitation to all to join the congregation of St Michael's Catholic Church at 6.00 pm on Sunday 24th as they celebrate the Conversion of St Paul.

Time 2 Talk

Come along and drop in for a cuppa, a cake and a chat on Wednesday 20th January at the Queen Elizabeth School between 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm. For further information please contact Gill Bathurst-Hoile 465442 or Mary Jepp 411734

Farewell service for Bishop Anthony

The farewell service for Bishop Anthony and Mrs Russell is to be held in Ely Cathedral, on Saturday 23rd January at 3.30pm, and a presentation is to be made at that service. I have two tickets left for the farewell service and will give these out on a first-come-first-served basis. I will also have one spare seat in my car - we will be leaving at 2.00pm. Please let me know when you receive your ticket if you would like a lift. The service and reception afterwards will last about two hours at most. Please remember that we are still receiving contributions for a farewell present to Bishop Anthony - the plate is by the south door of the church. *David Busk*

Appeal for Haiti

Drop in for Soup and Bread at the Church Hall on Saturday the 23rd of January between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm. There will be no set cost for this simple meal but it is hoped that you will give generously as all donations will be given to support the Haiti Emergency Appeal funds going via Christian Aid.

24th January Parish Praise

A reminder that next Sunday, 24th January, there will be no 9.45 Eucharist in church as there is a Parish Praise at 10.30 am in St Anne's School in London Road - all are welcome to this informal service (it does not include communion), which is followed by refreshments. The 8.00 am Holy Communion will take place in church as usual.

24th January Evening Service

As an experiment, on Parish Praise Sundays throughout this year (i.e. on six Sundays) we will be holding a Book of Common Prayer (Prayer Book) Holy Communion Service at the usual Evensong time of 6.30 pm. The format will be similar to Evensong in that there will be three hymns and a Psalm with singing led by the choir. This is an opportunity to experience a form of service that was once familiar to all Church of England worshippers, and we hope it will meet the needs of the regular Evensong congregation as well as perhaps a few others. It also means that we can offer two services with communion on Parish Praise days, as we do on all other Sundays.

Ely Diocesan Newsletter

The January 2010 issue of eLife, the newly named Diocesan Newsletter, can be found at http://www.ely.anglican.org/news_events/newsletters/latest.pdf or as a link from the home page of the Diocesan website, <http://www.ely.anglican.org/>. If you have access to the internet at home or in the library, do take a look.

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.

Ladies Breakfast

The next ladies breakfast will be on Saturday 6th February at the Barley Mow, Hartford Road, Huntingdon from 8:30 am - 10:00 am. The speaker is Jane Bushby (Huntingdon Methodist Church) about CRUSE & their role in supporting the bereaved. There is a choice of breakfast, full English or Continental, and the cost is £6:00. Bookings can be made through Chris Harter (01480-459703) or Claudette Simcoe (01480-412304). To help with catering, please book by Wednesday 3rd February.

Newsletter Compiler

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

Prayer Corner

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'your God reigns!'" Isaiah 52:7. The body of Christ has many parts and they are not all found in one denomination or church. Dear Lord, make us aware of our need for each other and the function of those different parts of the body. Amen.

Farewell

We mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place: Reports of a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition. Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sunscreen or an Aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; by his wife, Discretion; by his daughter, Responsibility and by his son, Reason.

He is survived by his 4 stepbrothers:

I Know My Rights

I Want It Now

Someone Else Is To Blame

I am a Victim

DIARY

Sunday 17th January *Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

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

Monday 18th January

- 11:00 *Funeral of Mr Leslie Dunn*
- 12:45 *Churches Together Midday Prayer (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)*
- 19:30 *Fabric Committee Meeting (Vestry)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church)*

Tuesday 19th January

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 12:45 *Churches Together Midday Prayer (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *PCC Meeting (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 20th January

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 12:45 *Churches Together Midday Prayer (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 14:00 *Time 2 Talk (Queen Elizabeth School)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*

Thursday 21st January

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 12:45 *Churches Together Midday Prayer (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*

Friday 22nd January

- 12:45 *Churches Together Midday Prayer (Huntingdon Methodist Church)*
- 19:15 *Choir Practice followed by AGM (Church Hall)*

Saturday 23rd January

- 19:30 *Mayor's Concert*

Sunday 24th January

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 10:30 *Parish Praise (St Anne's School)*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

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