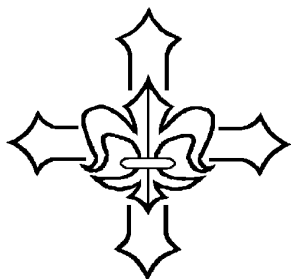


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 24th January 2010

Epiphany 3

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Parish Praise

President: Mary Jepp Preacher: David Busk

Separate order of service

Ecumenical

Rectory Gardens

Holy Communion

President: David Busk Preacher: Mary Jepp

Book of Common Prayer

Readings

Numbers Ch 9 vv 15-end & Mark Ch 1 vv 21-28

Hymns

407, 276, 244

please omit any * verses

Psalm

33 vv 1-12

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Pettit Road, Windsor Road, Stuart Close, Ravenshoe

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 door for anyone wishing to make a donation after the service.

Evening Service Tonight

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.

Youth Group

Youth group tonight at the Church Hall, from 6.45-8.30pm, for a Rainbow Supper. All tasty ingredients will be supplied - no need to bring anything. We promise there will be something you like! We'll sit down and eat together and play some after-dinner games (nothing too strenuous!). So, please don't eat just before you come to youth group! Jen Weedon (391093)

Can you host a missionary for five nights?

Claire Gelder, a mission partner in Japan with USPG, is in the UK on leave and hoping to spend a few days visiting parishes in this area. Can anyone provide her with bed and board from the evening of Monday 22nd February until the morning of Saturday 27th? Please contact me if you can. David Busk (436400)

Help Wanted For Churches Together

Churches Together in Huntingdon and Godmanchester has a new Chairman, Father Nicholas Kearney of the Catholic Church. He needs some secretarial help, including

minute taking, to enable him to carry out this role as well as his parish commitments. The body also needs a new treasurer - this is not a very big task, I'm told. Please contact me if you can help, or Father Nicholas directly (phone: 453257. e-mail: michaelarch@tesco.net) David Busk (436400)

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.

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.

Youth Group Film

The youth group are proud to have finished their short film about Godmanchester. It can be accessed by clicking on the link on the youth group page in the website. Hopefully it will also be shown at the next film night. Janie Prince.

Film Night 2010

Raising money for The Friends of St Mary's, this year's event takes place in the church hall on Saturday 13th February, starting at 7pm. The film, 'Last chance Harvey' stars Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman. A full supporting programme includes a short film before the main

feature, plus the usual attractions of ice cream, popcorn - and usherettes! Tickets £4.50 on sale in the south porch after the 9:45am service on Sundays 31st January and 7th February, or by telephone from Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile (465442) and Liz and Peter Irving (382144)

Family Baptism

On Sunday 14th February, the Baptism will take place of Isabella Rose, Mo Rey, Lilly-Anne and Daniella May, of the Attryde family, during the Eucharist at 9:45am. The congregation is invited after the service to welcome the children into our church family by a celebration in the church hall. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will also be available with a piece of Baptism cake. Godparents: Gillian Bathurst Hoile, Margaret and Robert Caroe, and Ruth Ekblom.

Flower Guild

Our AGM will take place on Saturday 27th February at 10am in the church hall. As most will know, I will be standing down as Chairman at the meeting and we need someone to fill my shoes and carry on the good work of the Flower Guild. Is there any one amongst our members, or the congregation, who feels they could take on the Chairman's role; does anyone have hidden talent that we do not know about? We have a good committee, secretary and treasurer who will help all they can, and I will happily guide someone through the Church's flower calendar if they so wish. Please give this some thought and have a chat with me if you would like to know more. Jean Miller 437488.

Caring for Carers Concert Cheque

Dame Norma Major handed over the final cheque to Crossroads this week. The total amount given to them for last Decembers concert is £12,000. Thank you to everyone for their help. This will make a significant difference to the Carers. John, Bizz, David and Ken.

Notice Boards

Peter Irving has kindly offered to help with the notice boards. If you have notices to display could you please put them in Peter's pigeonhole in church, or get them to me if more convenient and I will see that they get to Peter. Jean Morgan

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.

Godmanchester Town Development

There is an important public meeting to consider whether the area of Judiths Field should be developed as part of the proposed '800 houses' scheme. The meeting is at Judiths Field, 2pm on Saturday 30th January. Further details are available from the Town Clerk, Alan Hooker or John Thackray.

Next Newsletter Compiler

Bizz Thackray will be taking over as Newsletter compiler for February and March. Any items for inclusion on or after 7th February should go to Bizz

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

"Jesus replied, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.' Matthew 8:20" Just reading the papers or watching the TV news shows us how many of the world's poor live. Lord, grant us grace to do our bit to help others, knowing that every little helps and that each one of us can make a difference.

DIARY

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)*

Monday 25th January

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church)*

Tuesday 26th January

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

Wednesday 27th January

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post Street)*

Thursday 28th January

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*

Friday 29th January

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

Sunday 31st January *Candlemas*

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

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