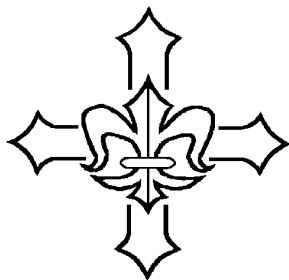


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010**

*Candlemas*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: Mary Jepp*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President: David Busk*

*Deacon & Preacher: Mary Jepp*

Readers

Jen Weedon & Hayley Tasker

Readings

Malachi Ch 3 vv 1-5 & Hebrews Ch 2 vv 14-end

Gospel

Luke Ch 2 vv 22-40

Intercessions

Nicholas Leigh-Smith

Hymns

234, 157, 500, Give me joy in my heart

please omit any

Communion

44, 187

\* verses

## **Sung Evensong**

*Paul Sibley*

Readings

Haggai Ch 2 vv 1-9 & John Ch 2 vv 18-22

Hymns

52, 257, 249 please omit any \* verses

Psalm

132 vv 1-13

## **Collect**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.

**Street Prayer Mission:** Buttermel, Brick Kiln, Ferndown, Golden Rod

**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 Appeal***

Everyone will be interested to know that our fund raising for the appeal has so far reached the magnificent sum of £1091. Most of this, over £700, was raised through our 'soup lunch' last Saturday. The remainder is from the Retiring Collection, which we propose to continue over this weekend. This will allow some extra time for those who have not yet had an opportunity to make a donation. If you are a taxpayer, you may wish to make your donation using the 'Gift Aid' facility. A form is available next to the collection plate at the back of the church. The final figure that we send to Christian Aid will be published in the Newsletter once the figure is to hand. Roy Norris, Charities (431961)

### ***Youth Group***

This Sunday we're in the Church Hall at the usual time (6.45-8.30pm) for the next part of Youth Alpha. All welcome; you don't have to have been to any/all the other Alpha sessions. This is a great opportunity to chat about some of the big questions in life and have some fun at the same time. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February until the morning of Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>? 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](mailto:michaelarch@tesco.net)) David Busk (436400)

### ***Carols at Island Hall***

The total amount raised for MAGPAS at the 'Carols at Island Hall', was just over £2,000. Christopher & Linda Vane Percy would like to thank all those who supported the evening.

### ***Mothers' Union***

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm in the Queen Elizabeth School Hall. At this meeting Jeannette Birch will be talking to us about the Woodlands Centre. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.

### ***Ladies Breakfast***

The next ladies breakfast will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

### ***Altar Servers***

There will be a meeting on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> January and 7<sup>th</sup> February, or by telephone from Gillian and John Bathurst-Hoile (465442 ) and Liz and Peter Irving (382144)

### ***Family Baptism***

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February, the Baptism will take place of Isabella Rose, Mo Rey, Lilly-Anne and Daniella May, of the Attride 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 last 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.

### ***Roman Gate Surgery Patients Forum***

As requested by the Partners we are looking to help the practice. With the help of the Town Council we have raised money towards a defibrillator for the Surgery. We hope to have this in place shortly. The NHS does not provide this equipment. Please contact the Surgery or us if you feel able to help. John Thackray (457722)

### ***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

### ***Newsletter Compiler***

Bizz Thackray will be Newsletter compiler for February and March. Contact Bizz on (457722) or [bizzthackray@hotmail.com](mailto:bizzthackray@hotmail.com). Contributions should be in by 8pm on the Thursday before publishing.

### ***Prayer Corner***

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February is the feast day of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas). Like Simeon and Anna, we await for the coming of the Lord. Help us recognise You in people we meet and listen for your voice in the conversations we have this week.

## DIARY

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January**                      **Candlemas**

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

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

- 13:30        *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close)*
- 19:30        *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church)*
- 20:00        *Worship Group Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

- 07:30        *Morning Prayer*
- 12:15        *Ecumenical Prayer (All Saints Huntingdon)*
- 12:30        *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00        *Mothers' Union (Queen Elizabeth School)*
- 19:00        *Ely Choir Festival Preliminary Rehearsal (Ely Cathedral)*

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

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

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

- 07:30        *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45        *Holy Communion*
- 10:00        *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 20:00        *Communications Committee Meeting (23 Earning Street)*

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

- 08:30        *Women's Breakfast (Barley Mow, Hartford)*

### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

- 08:00        *Holy Communion*
- 09:45        *Sung Eucharist (Children's Church)*
- 11:30        *Holy Baptism of Rueben George Wylie-Deacon*
- 18:30        *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45        *Youth Group – Lent Mardi Gras (Church Hall)*

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

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