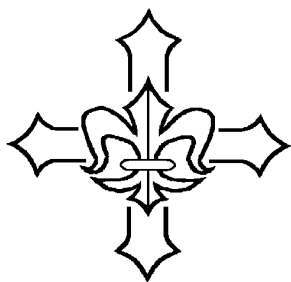


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

*Next before Lent*

## **Holy Communion**

*President & Preacher: David Busk*

## **Sung Eucharist**

*President: Mary Jepp*

*Deacon & Preacher: David Busk*

Reader  
Reading  
Gospel

Lynda Smith  
Exodus Ch 34 vv 29 - end,  
Luke Ch 9 vv 28 - 43a

Intercessions

Jean Morgan

Hymns  
Communion

440, 234, 376 vv 2 & 3 only, 410, Meekness & Majesty  
358, 389

## **Sung Evensong**

Mary Jepp

Readings

Exodus Ch 3 vv 1 -6, John Ch 12: vv 27 – 36a

Hymns  
Psalm

391, 384, 404  
89 vv 1-12

please omit any \* verses

## **Ash Wednesday**

see separate order of service

### **Collect**

Holy God,  
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory  
in Jesus Christ our Lord

**Street Prayer Mission:** Holmhill, Hayling Close, Cob Place and Fishers Way.

**Charity of the month:** Corrymeela

**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.

## *Family Baptisms*

Today we welcome five members of the Attryde family Isabella Rose, Mo Rey, Alexia Jayne, Aiesha & Daniella Mae, into the church of Christ, We are also admitting them to communion for the first time during the Eucharist at 9:45am.

Please join in the following prayer when invited to do so:  
**Minister:** As these children receive the sacrament of the body and blood of Christ for the first time today, let us pray that we may all know and reflect the love of Christ in our lives.

**All: Merciful God, you give us new life in baptism and call us to your table. Today we thank you for calling these children to receive the bread of heaven and the wine of life, and we ask you to bless them. As we feed on your love, help us to live our lives for the sake of others and to shine as your lights in the world; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

**Their Godparents are:** John & Gillian Bathurst Hoile, Margaret & Robert Caroe, & Ruth Ekblom.

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.

*David Busk*

*Edith Ashley*

There will be a memorial service in church on Monday Feb. 15th at 3.30 pm. This is for Edith Ashley of Linden Grove.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

## *2010 Lent Groups*

As in past years, we will be running Lent Groups to help us focus on the meaning of this season. There will be two available, one on Wednesday afternoons and one on Wednesday evenings. The evening one consists of a general invitation to join the already existing Wednesday evening house group that meets in the home of Peter and Mary Dawe. Both groups will follow the same material, one of the well-known York Courses entitled 'When I survey...', with the subtitle 'Christ's cross and ours'.

The times are:

***Wednesdays at 1.30 pm in the Vicarage.***

or

***Wednesdays at 7.30 pm at 37 Post Street.*** If numbers for this are too great, it may move to ***59 London Road (Mary Jepp's house).***

The groups will begin on ***February 24<sup>th</sup>***, and then be held on ***March 3<sup>rd</sup>***, ***March 10<sup>th</sup>***, ***March 17<sup>th</sup>*** and ***March 24<sup>th</sup>***.

There is no need to bring anything other than yourself to the groups, as the course material will be supplied. Please bring your own notepaper and pen if you want to take notes.

***So that we can order the right amount of course material, it would be very helpful (but not absolutely essential) to have advance notice if you intend to come. Please sign up on the sheet provided by the south door of the church (unless you are a regular member of the Wednesday evening group).***

For more information, contact ***Mary Jepp (411734) or myself (436400).*** Please do consider coming – it can help to make Lent, and Easter, a more profound experience.

*David Busk*

## ***Haiti Earthquake Disaster Appeal***

I promised to provide the final figure for the Haiti retiring collection as soon as it became available. Colin Thirlwall has provided the following breakdown:

Sun 17 Jan - retiring collection - £192.70  
Soup Lunch - £736.49  
Sun 24 Jan - retiring collection - £161.81  
Sun 31 Jan - retiring collection - £109.00  
Giving a total of:- **£1200.00**

Colin has already sent the money to Christian Aid. I think all will agree that this is a magnificent sum. Thank you all for your generosity.

## ***Roy Norris - Charities***

### ***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)***

This year ***Fairtrade Fortnight is 22nd February-2nd March***, and the theme is ***'The Big Swap'***. This is about trying to make changes in how we shop by swapping some of the things we buy to Fairtrade versions, where they exist. In November 2009, the Diocese of Ely made the swap to Fairtrade. In the record time of just 15 months, 50% of the Churches gained Fairtrade status. We hope to be following in their footsteps, and the youth group will be doing their bit to promote this when they

serve Fairtrade coffee and other goodies after the 9.45 service on Sunday 28th February. There will also be a variety of goods to buy from the Fairtrade stall.

Please make a note in your diaries to stay for a cuppa on the 28th if you can.

## ***Jen Weedon***

***The 100 Club*** winners for January were Jean Nicholls £ 15 and Maureen Mendham £ 10. There is still 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 by telephone on 01480 465442 for an application form."***

## ***Time 2 Talk***

The next meeting of Time 2 Talk will take place on Wednesday the 17th of February at Queen Elizabeth Hall between 2.00 and 3.30. Come for a cuppa, a cake and a chat...All Welcome

## ***Prayer Corner***

As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and these are united into one." Ephesians 5:31-32. Lord, we pray for those about to embark on the exciting adventure of marriage. We remember that a successful marriage depends on two things: finding the right person and being the right person.

## ***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.

## DIARY

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

- 8:00        *Holy Communion*
- 9:45        *Sung Eucharist & Holy Baptism – Attryde Family*
- 18:30       *Sung Evensong*  
*No Youth Group (Half Term)*

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

- 13:30       *NO Stepping Stones (Half Term)*
- 15:30       *Memorial Service for Edith Ashley*
- 19:30       *Nelson Mass rehearsal (Church)*

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February      Ash Wednesday**

- 11:00       *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 19:30       *Sung Eucharist & Ashes*

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

- 07:30       *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45       *Holy Communion*  
*NO St Mary's 0-5s (Half Term)*

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

- 08:00       *Holy Communion*
- 09:45       *Sung Eucharist*
- o/c*         *Pancake Race*
- 18:30       *Sung Evensong*  
*NO Youth Group (Half Term)*

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

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