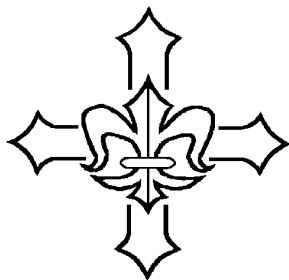


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 21st February 2010

Lent 1

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

President & Preacher: Derek Billings

Deacon: Linda Watson

Readers

Peter Taylor and Daphne Dobson

Readings

Deuteronomy Ch 25 vv 1 – 11, Romans Ch 10 vv 8b - 13

Gospel

Luke Ch 4 vv 1 - 13

Intercessions

Linda Watson

Hymns

470, 385, 333, Father I place into your

Communion

393, 358

Sung Evensong

Pat Saunders

Readings

Jonah Ch 3, Luke Ch 18: vv 9 – 14

Hymns

299, 83, 445 please omit any * verses

Psalm

119 vv 73 - 80

Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Cambridge Street, Orchard Way, Linden Grove, Clyde Yard and East Chadley Lane.

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.

Pancake Race and Lent Appeal

The annual pancake race will take place after the 9:45am service today – all are welcome to take part, adults and children alike! Our chosen charity this year is Christian Aid and we are hoping to raise enough money to buy mosquito nets, or even a goat or two! Donation buckets and gift aid forms will be available outside for your donations. Also starting today is our Lent appeal, and the children will be collecting money for Christian Aid for good behaviour and odd jobs. We are hoping to get enough coins to make a line stretch from the church hall to the church on Good Friday (weather permitting!). *For further details, please contact Angela Wright (437090).*

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 meeting at *Mary Jepp's house, 59, London Road*. 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 59 London Road (Mary Jepp's house).

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

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

Fairtrade Fortnight 2010

This year *Fairtrade Fortnight* is *22*

February - 2 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

Sidespersons have to be re-elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting so I shall soon be preparing the list of names to be submitted for election. If any member currently on the rota wishes to stand down or any parishioner who would wish to be included on the rota please advise me as soon as possible. *Peter Hartwell 453336 or peter.hartwell@btinternet.com*.

Prayer for Fairtrade Fortnight

We pray for a world where all are heard
and rivers flow where each may drink.
A world where the harvest becomes
a banquet for all. God of all creation,
You have blessed us with a world of beauty.
You have gifted us a place of plenty,
Where no one stands outside your loving
care.

Open your hearts and teach us your
compassion.

Open our minds and grant us the courage to
stay true to your will. Give us the strength to
cast off the shackles that bind us to wealth
and possessions. Guide us as we work for
your kingdom, Lead us and move us to
become a people clothed with joy.
Amen

Womens' Group

The next meeting of The Womens Group
will be on Monday 22nd February at The
George & Dragon , Elsworth . We meet at
7.30pm for supper at 8.00pm. The speaker
will be Mary Jepp. All are very welcome. If
you would be interested in coming along,
please contact Christina Sheppard at
sheppard4@dsl.pipex.com

Men's Social Group.

The AGM will be held in the White Hart on
Tuesday 2nd March starting at 7.30 pm. Do
please come if you can as we need ideas for
next year's programme. There may also be
time for a little liquid refreshment. ***Contact***
Peter Dawe (392188).

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.
Town Housing

Replies on the Consultations about the 5
potentially suitable sites for housing in the
Town should be returned to HDC by the 26
February.

email: ld@huntsdc.gov.uk

John Thackray (457722)

LEFT AT TIME 2 TALK
Pair of black leather gloves

Prayer Corner

The feeling of being valuable -'I am a
valuable person' - is essential to mental
health and is a cornerstone of self-
discipline". ***M Scott Peck.***

Forgive us, Lord, when we turn away from
those who are a challenge to love and
understand. Give me the ability to see them
as you do and the desire to reach out in
friendship.

Newsletter Compiler

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

DIARY

Sunday 21st February

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

Monday 22nd February

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close, Tel: 436737)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass Rehearsal (Church)*

Tuesday 23rd February

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:15 *School Eucharist (St Anne's School)*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (18 Windsor Road)*

Wednesday 24th February

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

Thursday 25th February

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

Friday 26th February

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

Sunday 28th February

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion (Children in Church)*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth Alpha (ChurchHall)*

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

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