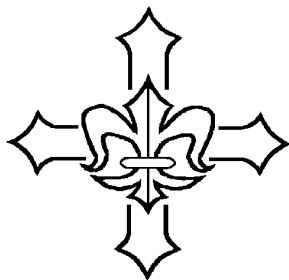


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 28th February 2010

Lent 2

Holy Communion *President & Preacher:* David Busk

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Deacon: Jen Weedon

Gospel	Luke Ch 13 vv 31 - end
Intercessions	Linda Watson
Hymns	401 omit vv 4 & 5, 64, 72, Great is thy faithfulness
Communion	382, 379

Sung Evensong Gillian Bathurst

Readings Jeremiah Ch 22 vv 1 – 9, 13 - 17, Luke Ch 14: vv 27 – 33

Hymns	337, 73, 248	please omit any * verses
Psalm	135 vv 1 - 14	

Collect

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: Old Court Hall, Corpus Christi, Silver Street, Wigmore Close, Duck End and Allen Farm Close.

Charity of the month: DHIVerse

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.

Polly Smith - Bronze Award

We are delighted that ***Polly Smith*** was successful in the recent examination for the RSCM Bronze Award (also known as the Dean's Award) and gained a ***Pass with Merit***. She will be presented with the medal at the Awards Choristers' Evensong in the Cathedral on 20 March and with the certificate at the Ely Choirs' Festival on 15 May, also in the Cathedral.

Ken Diffey

Pancake Race

Although the pancake race had to be cancelled last Sunday due to the snowy conditions, Children's Church would like to say a big thank you to the congregation who, between them, donated £72.33 at the end of the service. Thank you! We needed to raise £60 in order to purchase a herd of goats for Burundi, so have managed this, and will now be trying to purchase something else – pigs seemed a popular suggestion. Further donations can still be made to any Children's Church leader.

During Lent, we will continue to collect coins for Christian Aid and hope to make a coin line on Good Friday.

Angela Wright (437090).

Mother's Day cake sale

After the 9.45 service on Sunday 14th March, the youth group will be holding a cake sale to help raise funds for their tickets to the Greenbelt Christian arts festival in August. Please make a note in your diaries to support them if you can. Many thanks.

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at the ***Queen Elizabeth School Hall on Tuesday March 2 at 2pm.*** Mary Jepp is going to lead us in a meditation for Lent. Then on Friday 5 March it is the Women's World Day of Prayer and there will be a service in Church. Coffee will be served from 7:00 pm and the service will begin at 7:30 pm. The title of the service is 'Let Everything That Has Breath, Praise God'. If you need a lift to ***either of these events please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.***

2010 Lent Groups 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 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.

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

Parish Annual Report

A reminder that the closing date for receipt of contributions to the Parish Annual Report is ***Monday 8 March*** please.

Dai Morgan 417502

Support Fairtrade Fortnight today!

St. Mary's is supporting ***Fairtrade Fortnight (22 Feb-7 March)*** and we're helping you to get involved today. After the 9.45 service the youth group will be serving (free) Fairtrade coffee and biscuits for you to enjoy, and there will also be a variety of goods available to buy from the Fairtrade stall. Please stay after the service for a few minutes for a cuppa and/or to browse the stall if you can - it's as simple as that!

Prayer for Fairtrade Fortnight

Great Creator God, who gave life to the world and everyone in it, create in me a heart of careful consumerism. As I stand in a shop, as I prepare my meals, help me to remember that what I buy and eat comes from farmers, growers, workers and labourers in fields and factories across the world. Help me to remember that someone's life and wellbeing depends on the products I hold in my hands, place into my shopping basket, and eat from my plate, that I may be thankful and act with justice.

Amen

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***.

Men's Social Group.

The ***AGM*** will be held in the ***White Hart on Tuesday 2 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)***.

Ladies who Breakfast!

We have been invited to attend the ***Churches Together Men's Frugal Breakfast on Saturday 6 March at 8 am*** at Huntingdon Methodist Church. The speaker will be ***John Marshall who works for the charity 'Send a Cow'***. If you plan to attend could you please let ***Mary Jepp on 01480411734 or m.jepp@btinternet.com*** know by the 1 March.

P.S. The next Ladies Breakfast is on April the 3rd at the Barley Mow

Frugal Lunch

On Sunday 21 March at 12.30pm in the Church Hall. ***Tickets available from Val Pithey (454851); Adults £3.00, Children £1.50.***

Prizes for the raffle will be welcomed. All proceeds donated to Christian Aid.

Val Pithey

Prayer Corner

March 1 is St David's Day. One of St David's sayings was "Do the little things you have seen me do and heard about." Lord, may we be faithful in both the small and big things you call us do to.

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 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 (Church Hall)*

Monday 1st March

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (22 Porch Close, Tel: 436737)*
- 19:00 *Governors' Training (St Anne's School)*

Tuesday 2nd March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (QE School)*
- 19:30 *Men's Social Group AGM (White Hart)*

Wednesday 3rd March

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *Lent House Group (59 London Road)*

Thursday 4th March

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

Friday 5th March

- 14:00 *Women's World Day of Prayer (Trinity Free Church, Huntingdon)*
- 19:15 *Young Choristers' Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Women's World Day of Prayer (Church)*
NO Choir Practice

Sunday 7th March

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharhist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Film Night (t.b.d.)*