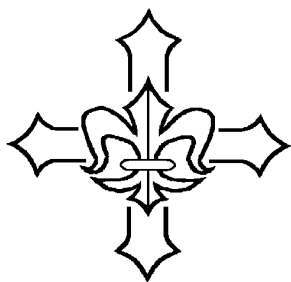


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 7th March 2010

Lent 3

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: Mary Jepp

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Deacon & Preacher: David Busk

Readers	Anissia Abbott & Catheryn Turrell
Readings	Isaiah 55: vv 1 – 9, 1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13
Gospel	Luke Ch 13 vv 1 – 9
Intercessions	Trevor Weedon
Hymns	362, 368, 379, As the deer pants omit any * verses
Communion	276, 282

Sung Evensong

Pat Saunders

Readings Genesis Ch 28 vv 10 – 19a, John Ch 1: vv 35 – end

Hymns 374, 414, 445 omit any * verses

Psalm 12

Collect

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Street Prayer Mission: London Street, Betts Close, Barringer Court, Earning Street and Sylton 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.

Churches Together

In the next week (hopefully before the 14th for those who have a deadline for their own church bulletins) I would like to produce my first effort as Churches Together Diarist, for April. I know there will be a great deal going on in that month, so please let me have the details asap. Also please send me forward dates of activities within your church, so that I can highlight them for everyone. ***Thank- you.*** I will also be e-mailing you individually within the next week or so, requesting update information on Ministers' Names, Church Representatives together with email and telephone details. ***I hope to have produced this in time for our next CT meeting on 28th April at Godmanchester Church..***

Jo Fisher

The 100 Club winners for February were Gladys Mason £15.00 and Jean Morgan £10.00 There is still time to take a second membership for the next four months from ***March to June 2010 at a cost of only £4.00*** Please contact ***John Bathurst Hoile*** by telephone on ***01480 465442*** for an application form.

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.

Wives' Group

Tuesday 9 March - A talk by Sarah Oliver who is a local lady plumber at 7.30pm in the church hall. Bring & Buy and raffle. New members always welcome.

Barbara Thirlwall

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***

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

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

Dai Morgan 41702

Deanery Evensong

On Palm Sunday, 28 March, a Deanery Evensong will be held in our church at 6.30. The preacher will be the Right Reverend John Flack, the former Bishop of Huntingdon, and a choir of 60 will lead the singing. Every effort is being made to ensure that this will be a memorable occasion and it is hoped that many members of our congregation will be able to attend. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Ken Diffey

Celebration of the Passion

So he sent two of his disciples telling them "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him. Say to the owner of the house he enters the Teacher asks – Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples? He will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready; make preparations for us there."

The disciples left, went into the city, and found things just as Jesus had told them. So they prepared the Passover – Mark 14 V 13-16

On Wednesday 31 March at 7.00 pm, we will hold our celebration of the Passover Supper in church, followed by Compline.

Entrance will be by ticket at a cost of £3.00 so please contact me if you wish to attend.

Gillian Bathurst Hoile 01480 465442

Thank You - I would like to thank all the Flower Guild members very much for my lovely flowers and presents you so kindly gave me as I stepped down from the committee; I was over whelmed by your generosity. Thank you all for your love and support over the last few years and I would like to wish Sandra Sturgeon and the committee all the very best for the future and hope the Flower Guild will continue to go from strength to strength .

Jean Miller

Coffee Morning

You are invited to a coffee morning at the home of ***Paula Williams, 4, Croftfield Road, on Friday March 12 from 10.30 am to 11.30am.*** Everyone is cordially invited and please bring your friends. There will be a Bring and Buy sale and a raffle. ***If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan on 417502.***

Website Fundraising

I have received a cheque from EasyFundraising for £44.09 to cover the final quarter of last year. This brings the total raised in 2009 through the links on the parish website to £146.29, and the total since starting this scheme just over two years ago to £252.84 This sum of money has been achieved by a few people changing their habits slightly when using the internet. The more of us that do this, the more money we can raise for the Church. If you search the internet at all, or shop online, do please consider using the links on the Church website. It won't cost you anything and the Church will benefit. Thank you to those people who have helped us benefit already.

Paul Sibley

Prayer Corner

Tuesday 9 March is International Womens' Day. We remember in prayer all women throughout the world who have positions of leadership and influence in their country.

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 7th March

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

Monday 8th March

- 10:45 *Churches Together Clergy Meeting (Baptist Church Centre)*

Tuesday 9th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *Wives' Group – A Lady Plumber (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 10th March

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*
- 19:30 *Lent House Group (59 London Road)*

Thursday 11th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *RSCM Workshop – Role of Cantor (Church Hall)*

Friday 12th March

- 10:30 *MU Coffee Morning (4 Croftfield Road)*
- 19:15 *Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Women's World Day of Prayer (Church)*
- 19:30 *Full Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Ely Festival Area Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

Saturday 13th March

- pm *Youth Group Cake Baking*

Sunday 14th March *Mothering Sunday*

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharhist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *NO Youth Group*