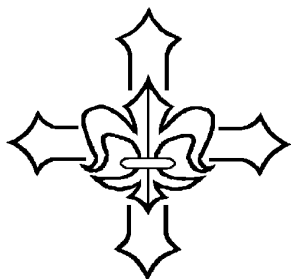


# Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



## Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010

Lent 5

### Holy Communion

*President:*

David Busk

*Preacher:*

Pat Saunders

### Sung Eucharist

*President:*

David Busk

*Deacon & Preacher:*

Pat Saunders

Readers

Christine Parker and Susan Bates

Readings

Isaiah 43: vv 16 - 21; Philippians 3: vv 4b - 14

Gospel

John 12: vv 1 - 8

Intercessions

Peter Dawe

Hymns

379, 92, 186,

omit any \* verses

Communion

89, 82

### Sung Evensong

Paul Sibley

Readings

2 Chronicles 35 vv 1 – 6. 10 - 16: Luke 22 vv 1 – 13

Hymns

95, 385, 242

omit any \* verses

Psalm

35: vv 1 - 9

### Collect

Gracious Father,

you gave up your Son

out of love for the world:

lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,

that we may know eternal peace

through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Street Prayer Mission:** London Road, Martin Close and Roman Gate

**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.

***St Anne's CE Primary School:  
Appointment of Headteacher***

The Governing Body of St Anne's C of E Primary School is delighted to announce that it has appointed ***Mr Adrian Shepherd***, currently Deputy Head at Houghton Primary School, as Headteacher of St Anne's, with effect from the beginning of the Summer Term 2010. Many people in the Parish will be especially pleased about this appointment as they remember with affection Adrian's time as a server in the Church, so he is very much one of our own! Not to mention Derek, Jennifer, Heide and Noami's part in all of this too!

We all send our love to him and wish him well.

***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 only be by ticket. For adults the cost will be £ 3.00, but for students and children there will be no charge.***

***Gillian Bathurst Hoile 01480 465442***

***Good Friday Workshop***

As in previous years, the Good Friday workshop will run on 2nd April 2010 led by Pat Saunders from 1:30pm to approximately 2:30pm, in the church hall, during the service in church. The children will not be going into church. All are welcome. Come along and help create the Easter garden, make hot cross buns, and see how far our Lent collection coins will stretch as well as other activities around the Good Friday theme.

***For more details, please contact Pat on 354764 or Angela 437090***

***Haydn's Nelson Mass***

On ***Thursday 25 March*** the '***Godmanchester Singers***' will perform a charity concert in the Church. The first half includes the '***Tapestry Singers***' and performances of music by a variety of composers. The second half will be a performance of ***Haydn's Nelson Mass*** with choir, orchestra and soloists. The conductor is ***Alex Fryer***, a gap year student going on to study music at university next year. ***Doors open 7pm and the concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets are available on the door (Adults £3, under 16's free). Proceeds from the concert will be split between the Church and CamSAR (Cambridge Search and Rescue).***

***Katherine Heeley (01480 412264).***

### ***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***

### ***Electoral Roll Revision***

The PCC requires the Electoral Roll to be revised prior to the AGM on 18 April. Members of the congregation, who are not already on the Roll and wish to join the Roll, are requested to complete an application form available on the table by the South door and to post the completed form in the box also on the table. Completed forms should be posted **NOT LATER THAN 4 APRIL** or they will not be included.

***Please remember, if your name is not on the Electoral Roll you will not be eligible to vote at the AGM.***

### ***Lady Day Curfew***

The curfew will be rung on Thursday 25 March, which is Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary), starting at 7.55pm and finishing just after 8.00pm. Anyone interested in witnessing this old Godmanchester tradition (with running commentary) should be at the West Door at 7.45pm prompt. ***For an explanation email [charles.looker@virgin.net](mailto:charles.looker@virgin.net).***

### ***Churches Together Tuesday Lunch***

Due to Easter holiday The Churches Together Tuesday Lunch at the Baptist Centre will **not** take place on Tuesday 30 March and Tuesday 6 April. ***The first Lunch after Easter will be on Tuesday 13 April at 12:00 for 12:30***

### ***Forthcoming Event – Town Open Garden Day – June 20***

Some 15 -20 gardens in the Town will be open to the Public on Sunday afternoon on June 20. The Church and Town Museum will also be open. Teas will be served at the Town Hall and some of the gardens. Bring your friends and come and enjoy a happy day.

Proceeds to Godmanchester in Bloom for projects in your Town.

***For further details: Sarah Wilson (412747), Peter and Margaret Arch and John Thackray***

***Prayer Corner*** “And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me”. Matthew 18:5. Lord, we pray for all parents and carers of young children, that you would give them strength and discernment to protect them from unwise and unhealthy influences.

### ***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 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist and Children's Church*
- 12:00 *Frugal Lunch (Church Hall)*
- 18.30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth Alpha (Church Hall)*

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

- 19:30 *Governors' Meeting (St Anne's School)*

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch Club (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 13:30 *Lent Group (Vicarage)*
- 19:30 *Lent House Group (59 London Road)*

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *Nelson Mass (Church)*

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- 19:15 *Junior Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Full Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Deanery Evensong Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Palm Sunday**

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 16:30 *Deanery Evensong Rehearsal, o/c Tea (Church/Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Deanery Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Spymasters Trip (Bar Hill)*

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