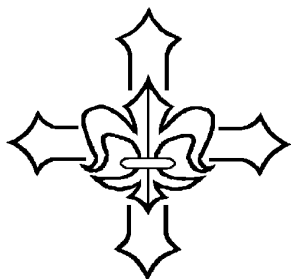


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 28th March 2010
Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

President & Preacher:

David Busk

**Parish Communion
with Procession**

President:

Mary Jepp

Deacon & Preacher:

David Busk

Hymns

509, 511, 86, *Make Way, Make Way*
92, 465

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Deanery Evensong

Minister:

David Busk

Preacher:

Right Reverend John Flack

Separate order of service

Collect

True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.

Street Prayer Mission: Cambridge Road, Cambridge Villas, Meadow Way, Harcourt and Almond 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.

Deanery Evensong

This evening at 6.30 a Deanery Evensong will be held in our church. 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

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

Maundy Thursday foot washing

As in previous years, during the ***Eucharist of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (April 1, 7.30 pm)*** we will be performing the ritual of foot washing. This is of course a re-enactment of what Jesus did for his disciples at the last Supper. If you would like to have your feet washed as a way of entering more deeply into the meaning of Maundy Thursday, please put your name on the list by the south door of the church.

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***

The next meeting of the **Mothers' Union** will take place on Tuesday 6th April at the

2.00 pm in the QE School. Rachel Thirley will be talking about her work in India. If you need a lift please contact Jean Morgan (417502)

Flower Guild are running their lily donation scheme again for Easter. If you would like to donate a lily in memory of a loved one, the cost will be £3.50 per lily and you are invited to make a personal dedication in the remembrance book which will be placed by the memorial altar with a flower pedestal containing the lilies.

Please give donations to Linda Weedon (413264). Donations for other flowers will also be most welcome and may be handed to ***Linda or Vera Arnold*** or placed in the donation envelopes at the church door.

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.

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***

The Men's Social Group welcomes Oliver Caroe as its guest speaker for April. Nephew of Margaret and Robert, Oliver will be talking about his work with churches and their conservation, and no doubt mentioning at some stage his renowned ancestor who

was responsible for some work carried out in this church. **Tuesday 6 April, Church Hall, 7pm for 7.30pm.** This is not a gender specific meeting! Given the interest the talk, and photographs, are likely to generate the presentation is open to all and we look forward to having lady guests and non-MSG members with us for the evening.

Contact: Peter Irving

Easter Bunnies and some exciting news...

The Easter bunny is arriving a little early at St Mary's Church for the Stepping Stones Easter Service on **MONDAY 29 MARCH AT 1.30PM.....**As well as enjoying a short service aimed at little ones, we'll be having refreshments and a little Easter Egg hunt with eggs hidden around the church.....New members are always very welcome, so please join us for this celebration of Easter and our term together.

Our exciting news, is that after a year as a home based group, we now feel the time is right to return to the Baptist Church! This was always our intention and with the help and cooperation of the Baptist Church we're going to return at the beginning of the Easter term for us, **Monday 26 April.** More details to follow!

Naomi Shepherd (436737)



IN HUNTINGDON & GODMANCHESTER

Next ladies breakfast Saturday 3 April

Barley Mow, Hartford Road, Huntingdon
8:30 - 10:00 am

Speaker: Sue Shorter (Samaritan's Purse)

Topic: 'The end journey of the shoe boxes'

Choice of breakfast: full English or Continental

Cost: £6:00

Bookings: Chris Harter (459703) or

Claudette Simcoe (412304)

To help with catering please book by 31 March.

Election of Churchwardens and Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

The formal "Notice of Annual Parochial Church Meeting" is on the main notice board in the South Porch. The election of churchwardens and **APCM will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 18 April 2010 starting at 11.30a.m.** The meeting includes the election of 2 Churchwardens, 3 members of the PCC for 3 years and 1 member of the PCC for 2 years. **Nomination forms are available from Andrew Wright (PCC Secretary).**

Anybody registered on the local government electoral roll is entitled to vote for the election of the churchwardens, but only persons whose names are entered upon the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote at the APCM. **If you are member of the congregation but are not on the electoral roll please complete an electoral roll form and pass to John Bathurst-Hoile (Electoral Roll Officer) or Andrew Wright (PCC Secretary).**

Members of the congregation wishing to raise any item under "Any other business" are asked to give notice of the item to the PCC Secretary by 16 April.

Andrew Wright (437090)

Prayer Corner By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work." Genesis 2:2. Thank you Lord that you call us to work, but you also call us to rest.

Newsletter Compiler

Jean Morgan will be Newsletter compiler for April and May. **Contact Jean on (417502) or morgan_01339@msn.com** Contributions should be in by 8pm on Thursday.

DIARY

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion – NO Children’s Church*
- 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)*

Monday 29th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 19:30 *Shalom Service of healing and wholeness*

Tuesday 30th March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:30 *Holy Communion*
- 14:00 *Signing Group (17 Windsor Road)*
- 20:00 *Evening Devotions (Church open from 19:00)*

Wednesday 31st March

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 19:00 *Passover Supper followed by Compline (Church)*

Thursday 1st April - Maundy Thursday

- 07:30 *Morning Prayer*
- 10:00 *St Mary’s 0-5s (Comrades’ Club)*
- 19:30 *Sung Eucharist Foot Washing, Stripping the Altars & Vigil*

Friday 2nd April – Good Friday

- 10:50 *Good Friday Procession (Methodist Church)*
- 13:30 *Good Friday Liturgy*
- 13:30 *Children’s Workshop (Church Hall)*
- 19:30 *Full Choir Practice (Church Hall)*

Saturday 3rd April

- 19:30 *Sung Eucharist*

Sunday 4th April - EASTER DAY

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Evening Prayer*