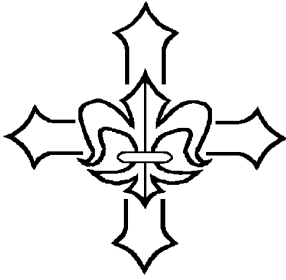


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 11th April 2010

Easter 2

Holy Communion *President & Preacher:* Mary Jepp

Sung Eucharist *President & Preacher:* Mary Jepp
Deacon: Linda Watson

Readers	Katherine Heeley & Jim Heeley
Readings	Acts 5:27 - 32; Revelation 1:4 - 8
Gospel	John 20:19 - end
Intercessions	Trevor Weedon
Hymns	104 486 105 338
Communion	282 459

Sung Evensong *Minister:* Pat Saunders

Readings	Isaiah 52:13 – 53:12; John 20:19 - 23
Hymns	342 114 361
Psalm	139 vv 1 - 11

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: The Chestnuts, Oak Tree Court, Berry Lane, Offord Hill

Charity of the month: Leprosy Mission

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.

NOTES

Churches Together Tuesday Lunch

The first Lunch after Easter will be on Tuesday 13 April at 12:00 for 12:30.

John Callaghan (354188)

Post Street Home Group.

The group meeting at 37 Post Street will reconvene on **Wednesday 21 April** at 7.30 pm.

We will be taking a bird's eye view of St. Matthew's Gospel through a series of eight weekly studies. New members are most welcome - details from either **Mary Jepp (411734)** or **Peter Dawe (392188)**.

Stepping Stones

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)

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 18th April 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.

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)

Sidespersons

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.

Assistant Churchwardens

Two of the assistant wardens wish to stand down this year so we are looking for two other people to take their places. If you feel you could help in this way we would be delighted.

Jean Morgan and Andrew McKie

Wives' Group

Tuesday 13th April. Life in the Big House - a talk by Deana Hudson about housekeeping in the 1890s at 7.30pm in the church hall. Entry £2 including refreshments. Raffle and bring & buy. New members always welcome.

Barbara Thirlwall (457018)

Flower Guild

I would like to thank all those who gave donations towards the Easter Flowers. Without your generosity and the skills of the members of our Flower Guild it would not have been possible to have the church looking so beautiful this Eastertide.

Thank you all very much

Sandra Sturgeon (458484)

Rectory Gardens

The residents of Rectory Gardens are having a Coffee Morning, Cake Stall and Raffle on **Tuesday 13 April** from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Entrance 20p.

The proceeds will go to the Kidney Unit at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital.

All welcome

Janet Ranger (412161)

Mission to Seamen

Val and Nigel Pithey are going to Felixstowe on Tuesday 13th April to visit the Mission to Seamen. Anyone with sweaters, jigsaws or both, for delivery to the Mission please bring them to Bob & Olwyn Hurd at 10 Crofffield Rd or ring them on 458700.

The Story of the English Parish

You are invited to a WEA course to be held at the Queen Elizabeth School, Godmanchester on Thursday mornings starting 22nd April 2010 from 10:15 am - 12:15 pm, coffee and biscuits from 10:00 am. We will learn how and why parishes were created and how they have changed over the centuries.

Fee £26.10.

Everyone welcome.

Enquiries to **Mary Fawcett. (458383)**

Town Open Garden Day – 20 June

Some 15 to 20 gardens in the town will be open to the public on Sunday afternoon on 20 June.

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 afternoon.

Proceeds to Godmanchester in Bloom for projects in your Town.

John Thackray (457722)

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.

Prayer Corner

I lift up my eyes to the hills - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:1-2. Forgive us Lord when we use prayer as a last resort rather than as our first priority.

DIARY

Sunday 11th April - Easter 2

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism: Aerin Lucy Dempster*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Monday 12th April

Mary Jepp away until Saturday 17th April

Tuesday 13th April

- 10:30 *Coffee Morning (Rectory Gardens)*
- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 19:30 *Wedding Rehearsal*
- 19:30 *Wives' Group (Church Hall)*

Wednesday 14th April

- 10:30 *Holy Communion (Oak Tree Court)*

Thursday 15th April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*

Friday 16th April

- 10:30 *Wedding Rehearsal*
- 19:30 *NO Choir Practice*

Saturday 17th April

- 14:00 *Wedding: Liam Roberts/Lorraine McGowan*

Sunday 18th April - Easter 3

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 11:30 *Election of Churchwardens & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Church Hall)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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