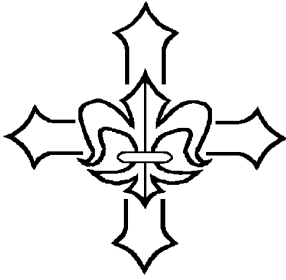


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 18th April 2010

Easter 3

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: David Busk

Readers

Nicholas & Samantha Leigh-Smith

Readings

Acts 9:1 - 20; Revelation 5:11 - end

Gospel

John 21:1 - 19

Intercessions

Dai Morgan

Hymns

349 282 345 Will you come and follow me

Communion

280 102

Sung Evensong

Minister: Gill Bathurst

Readings

Isaiah 38:9 - 20; John 11:17 - 44

Hymns

105 393 113

Psalm

86 vv 1 - 10

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Tudor Rd, York Close, Fairy Avenue, The Close

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

Flags on the tower

Flags will be flown from the Church Tower as follows in the coming week:

On Wednesday April 21, the Union Flag for the Queen's Birthday.

On Friday April 23, the Church Flag for St George's Day.

Charles Looker

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 TODAY 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.

Andrew Wright (437090)

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 (417502) or Andrew McKie (450636)

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)

Summer Fete

This year the date for your diaries is **Saturday 19 June** and we will, as usual, be needing lots of help with stalls, setting up etc.

This year we need volunteers to be responsible for the Grand Draw as Trevor and Linda are on holiday in June; if anyone feels they can undertake this task I am sure Trevor and Linda will provide guidance.

If you can help please contact **Christine or Mike Parker on 459640 or e-mail christine.mike.parker@ntlworld.com**

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)

Time2talk

Please come to the Queen Elizabeth School Hall at 2.00 pm on Wednesday 21 April and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, some homemade cake and a good old chat to your friends and neighbours – we'd love to see you.

Mary Jepp (411734) or Gill Bathurst (465442)

Thank you!!!

A big thank you to all who responded to our appeal for items for the Mission to Seafarers. Revd Moore immediately put everything we took into his car to give to the seafarers at Ipswich. We hope to visit again

in August so please watch for further appeals.

Olwyn and Bob Hurd

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

Friday 23rd is St George's Day. We may not be called to slay the beast as St George is remembered for doing, but we can pray for the courage to stand up and fight against the beasts of injustice in our nation and abroad.

DIARY

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*

Monday 19th April

- 20:00 *Worship Group Meeting (10 East Chadley Lane)*

Tuesday 20th April

- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 19:00 *Main Rehearsal for Ely Choirs Festival (Ely Cathedral)*

Wednesday 21st April

- 11.00 *Holy Communion (Woodley Court)*
- 14:00 *Time to Talk (QE School)*
- 19:30 *House Group (37 Post St)*

Thursday 22nd April

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

Friday 23rd April

- 19:30 *NO Choir Practice*

Saturday 24th April

Sunday 25th April - Easter 4

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Parish Communion*
- 14:45 *St George's Day Parade & Service*
- 16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory Gardens)*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group (Church Hall)*

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

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