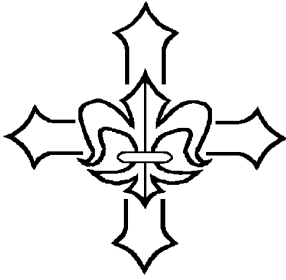


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 25th April 2010

Easter 4

Vocations Sunday

Holy Communion

President & Preacher: David Busk

Parish Communion

President & Preacher: Mary Jepp

Deacon: David Busk

Gospel

John 10:22 - 30

Intercessions

The Attryde Family

Hymns

437 347 271 One more step

Communion

410 102

St George's Parade & Service *Minister:* Mary Jepp

Separate order of service

Sung Evensong

Minister: Derek Billings

Readings

Isaiah 52:7 - 10; Mark 1:1 - 15

Hymns

374 457 464

Psalm

19 vv 1 - 10

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Street Prayer Mission: Post St, Church Place, Chadley Lane, The Causeway

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

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

If you are free on a **Monday afternoon at 1.30** and fancy some bible study and fun for little ones, why not come and join us at the **Godmanchester Baptist Church**? Stepping Stones is a enjoyable way for children under five to learn about God in a lively and interesting setting amongst friends of all ages.

We are now in our 10th year as a group and have adapted over the years to suit our children and environment. After a year at home, we can now benefit again from the excellent facilities the church provides but will also bring from our home setting some of our newest creations including 'pray and play'.

And of course there will be refreshments for all, craft, singing, circle time and toys galore as well!

Our first meeting back at the church is this **Monday 26th April** and as always, we will wrap things up by **3.00** in time for picking up older children from school

Naomi Shepherd (436737)

Youth group

The youth group summer term activities start tonight, beginning in the Church Hall at the usual time of 6.45pm. We'll be making plans for further fundraising activities and sketching out ideas for the Hope Art Competition. For more details of our

activities this term please contact **Jen Weedon (391093)**

Post Street Home Group

There will be no meeting on Wednesday 28 April. Normal service will be resumed on Wednesday 5 May at 7.30 pm.

Peter Dawe (392188)

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)

Last Night of the Proms

Returning by popular demand, and organised by Godmanchester Community Association, *Last Night of the Proms* featuring the Foss Dyke Band, takes place at the Comrades Club on Saturday 8 May at 7.30pm. The event was a sell-out success this time last year!

Tickets £11 (children £5) will be on sale in the south porch today and next Sunday after the 9.45am service.

John Thackray (457722) and Peter Irving (382144)

Thursdays@7

Have you heard of this? It is the name given to a series of meetings (generally held on the first Thursday of the month), hosted by All Saints Huntingdon, Huntingdon Methodist Church and Stukely Meadows Church.

On Thursday 6 May at 7.00pm at All Saints there is an opportunity, over a meal, to question some of today's issues. The guest speaker will be Teresa Clark from the Spring of Hope in Uganda. This charity provides assistance to people living in rural communities who have disabled children.

All welcome. No need to book.

Contact: Jo Fisher. Email: jorod.fisher@btinternet.com

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

Monday 26th April is the Feast Day of St Mark, the Evangelist.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20.

We thank you Lord for the example of St Mark who shared the gospel through his actions and through his written word. Let us not just look to others to go and fulfil your mission, but let us be prepared to say 'Here I am, Lord, send me.'

DIARY

Sunday 25th April - Easter 4 (Vocations Sunday)

- 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 – Greenbelt fundraising planning (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Children's Church Leaders' Meeting*

Monday 26th April

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 19:30 *Shalom Meeting (Vicarage)*

Tuesday 27th April

- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch (Baptist Church Centre)*

Wednesday 28th April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion (McCartney House)*
- 19:30 *Churches Together Members' Meeting (Church Hall)*

Thursday 29th April

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
- 10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades' Club)*
- 19:30 *Fabric Committee meeting (Vestry)*
- 20:00 *Communications Committee Meeting (23 Earning St)*

Friday 30th April

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*

Sunday 2nd May - Easter 5

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*
- 18:45 *Youth Group – Youth Alpha (Church Hall)*

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

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