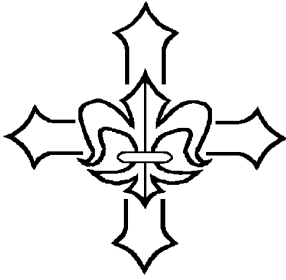


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 2nd May 2010

Easter 5

Holy Communion

President: Mary Jepp Preacher: Jerry Craddock

Sung Eucharist

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Deacon: David Busk*

Readers

Ruth Ekblom, Jean White

Readings

Acts 11:1 – 18; Revelation 21:1 - 6

Gospel

John 13::31 - 35

Intercessions

Jean Morgan

Hymns

351 388 332 413

Communion

282 457

Sung Evensong

Minister: David Busk

Readings

Daniel 6:1 - 23; Mark 15:46 – 16:8

Hymns

114 416 248

Psalm

98

Hymns: please omit any * verses

Collect

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Street Prayer Mission: Lancaster Way, Fox Grove, Rectory Gardens, Grove Court

Charity of the month: Tear Fund

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

Christian Aid Week 9-15 May 2010

'Going door to door so that someone in a slum in Kenya can change their life is amazing to me.' Catherine Nyaata, Kiambiu slum, Nairobi, Kenya.

I need some new collectors this year. If you can help, please contact me.

Trevor Weedon (413264)

St Mary's Christian Aid Week Organiser

2010 Ely Choirs' Festival - 15 May

On Saturday 15 May the annual Choirs' Festival will be held in Ely Cathedral, conducted this year by Louise Reid, the Director of the Ely Cathedral Girls' Choir.

With over 300 singers from across the Diocese and a splendid choice of music, this promises to be an event not to be missed.

As always, our choir will be taking part and it is hoped that they will be supported by many members of the congregation on this special occasion. The service starts at 5.30 and you are advised to be seated by 5.00.

Ken Diffey (458846)

Youth Group Cakes

The youth group will be continuing their fundraising efforts to support their trip to the Greenbelt Arts Festival in August. Among other things they will be baking and selling cakes after the 9.45 service on 9 May. Your support would be very much appreciated. Many thanks.

Jen Weedon (391093)

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**

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall, on Tuesday May 4th at 2.00 pm.

Adrian White will talk on the work of the Co-op. All are welcome.

Coffee! Coffee!! Coffee!!

There will be a coffee morning on Wednesday 5th of May at the home of Jean Morgan, 2A Earning Street, from 10.30 am to 11.30.

There will be a Bring & Buy and a raffle.

You do not need to be a member of the Mothers' Union to attend!!!! For a lift to either event please contact **Jean Morgan on 417502**

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

Parish Nursing

On Monday May 17th there will be a coffee morning and Bring and Buy in aid of Parish Nursing at the vicarage from 10.30 am until 11.30 am. All are welcome.

All in the Merry Month of May

Saturday 8 May. Last Night of the Proms

At the Comrades Club at 7.30pm. Organised by Godmanchester Community Association. Featuring the Foss Dyke Band. The event was a sell-out success this time last year!

Tickets £11, children £5, on sale in the south porch today after the 9.45am service.

Sunday 16 May. Afternoon cream teas!

These will be in the church hall from 2pm to 5pm to raise funds for this year's Plant Sale, which follows a fortnight later. (see details below) 2pm to 5pm

Saturday 22 May. Carlo Curley's Organ Spectacular

Sponsored jointly by The Friends of St Mary's and the Rotary Club of Huntingdon, in church at 7.30pm. Refreshments available at 7.00 pm before the concert and during the interval. Tickets £12 from John Hoile (465442), Paul Wells (435251) and on sale in the south porch on 9 and 16 May.

Monday 24 May. Men's Social Group visit to the Dunarvon Recycling Centre at Waterbeach.

Discover what really happens to our black sacks! Visit starts 10.30am. Leave from School Hill at 9.45am. Offers of transport to and from Waterbeach would be appreciated. Please wear heavy shoes or boots. Numbers limited to sixteen. Names to Peter Dawe (392188) or Peter Irving (382144) asap please. This is Another event which is not gender-specific! All welcome

Sunday 30 May. Island Hall Grounds Open to the Public & Annual Plant Sale

Over the last ten years the National Gardens Scheme has raised £25 million for some truly great charities: Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Help the Hospices and Crossroads Care.

The grounds of Island Hall will be open once again under the scheme, on Sunday 30th May 11am - 5.00pm, admission £3.00 - accompanied children free.

The Annual St Mary's plant sale will also be taking place in the court yard, admission free.

The afternoon teas will be in aid of the church Fabric Fund, any help or offers of cakes etc would be much appreciated

The combined sum raised by last year's event was over £2,000!

Christopher Vane Percy

Wednesday 9 June. Friends of St Mary's Away Day to Wisbech

Visiting **Elgoods Brewery and Victorian Garden** in the morning, and the **Octavia Hill Birthplace House** in the afternoon. Lunch available in the brewery refectory, or bring a picnic. Cost of the three visits – brewery, garden and house - £8. Numbers limited to twenty. The four acre garden incorporates 150 year old specimen trees; herbaceous borders; a lake: rockery: water features: rose, herb and knot gardens. All welcome – these visits are not limited to members of the Friends. Names to Liz and Peter Irving (382144) asap please.

Further details on all the above events available from Peter Irving (382144)

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 please.

Prayer Corner

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27. Lord, may we never sacrifice our quality of relationships for the sake of upholding our rules.

DIARY

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)*

Tuesday 4th May

- 12:30 *Churches Together Lunch (Baptist Church Centre)*
- 14:00 *Mothers' Union Meeting (Queen Elizabeth School)*

Wednesday 5th May

- 10:30 *Mothers' Union Coffee Morning (2A Earning St)*
- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*
- 19.30 *House Group (37 Post St)*

Thursday 6th May

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

Friday 7th May

- 19:30 *Choir Practice (Church Hall)*
- 20:00 *Ely Choir Festival Rehearsal (Church Hall)*

Saturday 8th May

- 19.30 *Last Night of the Proms (Comrades' Club)*

Sunday 2nd May - Easter 5

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
- 09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
- o/c Youth Group Cake Stall (Church Hall)*
- 11:30 *Holy Baptism – Ellis Farley Underwood and Dominic Andrew Dicks*
- 18:30 *Sung Evensong*

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

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