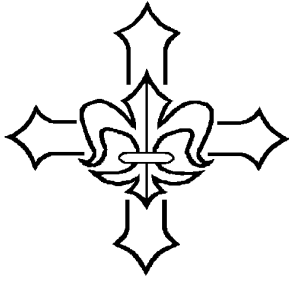


Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin Godmanchester

Weekly Newsletter



Sunday 29th June 2008

Peter & Paul Apostles

Holy Communion *President* David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk

Sung Eucharist *President:* David Busk *Preacher:* David Busk
Deacon Mary Jepp

Reader Ann Tilley & Nigel Pithey
Readings Zechariah 4:1-6a, 10b-end; Acts 12:1-11
Gospel Matthew 16:13-19
Intercessions Jim Heeley
Hymns 205, 368, 333, 476
Communion 273, 409

Sung Evensong *Minister:* David Busk

Hymns 456, 367ii, 235
Psalm 124

Collect

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Street Prayer Mission: Bayliss, Bluegate, Hudpool, Pinder Close, Malcoff

Charity of the month: Committee for Family and Social Welfare

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.

NOTICES

Welcome to Mary Jepp

Today we welcome Mary into the family of our church on her first day as our new Curate.

Please join us, if you can, in the Church Hall after this service for coffee and cake to meet Mary and her family

David Busk (436400)

Sidespersons

The new July to December rota is available in letter rack at rear of Church. Thank you

Peter Hartwell

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who helped to make the summer fete a success.

We are, as usual, indebted to David and the Churchwardens, the people who help to set up and clear away, run the stalls and games, supply the teas and ice creams and of course to the people who come and spend their money – we could not manage without any of you.

It was a good day in spite of the weather, and we made a gross total of £1870, which is an excellent result.

Christine and Mike Parker

Picnic in the Vicarage Garden

In 1604 King James 1st granted a charter to the Royal Manor of Godmanchester to make it a Free Borough. It was given a common seal and put under the control of two bailiffs and twelve assistants. A town clerk was also sworn in and a Mr. Henry Croft was noted as being the first in the post. Authority was also given in 1605 to hold a Fair, or Mart, on the Tuesday in Easter week.

The Fair was for all kinds of horned stock, sheep and horses and attracted people from miles around. As many as 800 to 1000 horses have been recorded at the fair as there were many required for ploughing and hackneys. The inns reaped a good harvest and the fair provided considerable pleasure with animals, stalls, sideshows and fun. In the late 1860s, the fair diminished because of a disastrous epidemic of Rinder Pest , which attacked the horned stock.

The Godmanchester Feast followed 10 weeks after the fair, and was held in the churchyard to honour the dead, and included sideshows and stalls. The most popular stall was one run by Johnny Rhodes, who sold a brown concoction called 'frumity'. This was brewed from wheat, plums, currants and thickened milk, and was well patronised by the local boys. The feast presumably stopped following the Rinder pest epidemic.

A picnic is therefore being held in the vicarage garden on 13th July from 12.00 am, as a way of reviving this old custom. The entry will be free, and the emphasis will be on the children attending, who will have competitions for fancy dress as a Superhero, and decorated bicycles and hats. There will also be free activities to participate in, such as a Treasure Trail, Tug-of-war, Balloon modelling and “Welly Wanging“. The church will be open for visitors, and tea and cakes will also be available in the Church Hall.

Bring your own blanket (some tables and chairs will be available), lunch and drinks and come and enjoy the day.

Gillian Bathurst-Hoile

Wanted

We need some **2p coins** for the children to use as tokens at a picnic in the vicarage gardens on Sunday July 13th. If you have any to spare, we would be very glad to

receive them. Watch out for more news about this event in next week's newsletter.

*Gill Bathurst(465442) or
Jean Morgan (417502)*

Website Fundraising

We have received our first cheque from **easyfundraising**. The cheque is for £49.59 and it comes as a result of people using the links on the Church website for carrying out internet searches, and online shopping through any of the supported retail outfits e.g. Amazon etc.

This sum of money has been achieved by a few people changing their habits slightly when using the internet; the more of us that do this, the more money we can raise for the Church.

At the end of this quarter, **easyfundraising** paid out a massive £80,000 to good causes across the UK; as a result of people changing their habits slightly.

The search engine used has been improved enormously since they started combining results from three well known internet search engines and is now well on a par with Google for the quality of results produced.

There is a good selection of online stores supported through the shopping portal.

A quick, one time, registration means that a percentage of what you spend is given back to the Church. I tend to buy quite a lot of books through Amazon; and not only do I benefit from the good discounts available to all, but the Church receives 2.5% of what I spend too. To achieve that I've only had to make a very small change to my internet use; instead of going directly to the Amazon website, I go through the **easyfundraising** links, two extra clicks with my mouse.

If you search the internet at all, or shop online, do please consider using the links on the Church website. It won't cost you anything and the Church will benefit. Thank you to those people who have helped us benefit already.

Paul Sibley

Mothers' Union

The next meeting of the Mothers' Union will take place at St Anne's School at the usual time of 2.00 pm on Tuesday July 1st. This is always a very enjoyable occasion with excellent entertainment from the pupils and we are always welcomed so warmly by everyone. If you need a lift please contact either *Megan Macdiarmid on 437278 or Jean Morgan on 417502.*

Gala Day

On Gala Day, Saturday 5th July, Churches Together in Godmanchester are serving teas and running an information stall.

Volunteers are needed to help man (person?) the tea tent and contributions of cakes would be very welcome. Please contact me if you can help

Jean Morgan (417502)

Jean Morgan is newsletter compiler during June and July. Jean can be contacted on 417502 or morgan_01339@msn.com.

All contributions would be appreciated by 6.30pm Thursday please.

DIARY

Sunday 29th June Peter & Paul Apostles

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
09:45 *Sung Eucharist*
 Coffee and cakes to meet Mary Jepp (Church Hall)
16:00 *Ecumenical Service (Rectory gardens)*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*
18:45 *Youth Group – Film: Shaun the Sheep (79 Roman Way)*

Monday 30th June

- 13:30 *Stepping Stones (Baptist Church Centre)*

Tuesday 1st July

- 14:00 *Mothers' Union (St Anne's School)*

Wednesday 2nd July

- 11:00 *Holy Communion (The Chestnuts)*

Thursday 3rd July

- 09:45 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *St Mary's 0-5s (Comrades Club)*
19:30 *Deanery Synod*
20:00 *Worship in the park Music Practice (Baptist Church Centre)*

Friday 4th July

- 19:30 *Choir Practice*
19:45 *'Rave in the Nave' (Ely Cathedral)*

Saturday 5th July

Godmanchester Gala Day

Sunday 6th July Trinity 7

- 08:00 *Holy Communion*
10:00 *Ecumenical Worship in the Park*
18:30 *Sung Evensong*

Coffee is served in the Church Hall after the morning Eucharist. Everyone is welcome

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