



# EWELL PARISH NEWS

The monthly newspaper of St Mary the Virgin

No.435

April 2009

60p



**Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell**

## MOSES AND DARWIN WERE LATECOMERS

It is a very natural temptation for literate man to imagine that "things written down" or "verified by experiment" are more significant than things which happened "before records were kept". "Pre-historic" people are often regarded as "primitive", "less developed" than modern human beings. It is debatable.

Our Mugabes and Goodwins, who at first seemed so helpful, brave and honourable, have turned out to be self-servers, setting aside much of the progress built by humans on two age-old Recognitions -

1. The difference between Good and Evil
2. Love

For as long as human beings have talked to one another they have discussed the Whys and Wherefores of Good and Evil, and Love. Talk. Just talk.

Yet one fact stands out. In every age and place some women have picked up and cared for abandoned children, and some men have defended their actions against those who criticised them for "bringing in outsiders to eat our food".

One result of this extraordinary unnatural behaviour is that here in Britain today our fellow-citizens who have rendered themselves incapable through misuse of drugs, alcohol or gambling, are cared for by the rest of us. And so are refugees from cruel regimes worldwide.

This inexplicable flow of continuous "good" behaviour down through history is accompanied by recognition that Love is incomprehensible, and can even be set as the polar opposite of Evil.

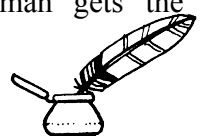
So, Love and Evil.

Enter Moses. He wrote down a thing or two. And in stone. To this day The Ten Commandments command respect.

1. The idea of One God simplifies matters (without solving the problem of Evil but neatly suggesting that God is Love).
2. The idea of not creating other gods forestalls distraction.
3. The idea of respecting God's name enshrines our own desire to have our names respected.
4. The idea of setting aside a particular time (the Sabbath) to remember these basics helps us work out their consequences collectively.
5. The idea of behaving well towards our parents keeps our villages moving along smoothly.
6. The idea of "not killing" sets a limit to the physical expression of Anger (a Deadly Sin indeed).
7. The idea of "not committing adultery" helps with the age-old desire to be sure our children are our own, and clarifies matters with our neighbours.
8. The idea of "not stealing" sets guidelines to the idea of Property.
9. The idea of "not bearing false witness" sidelines bribery and corruption.
10. The idea of "not coveting" arrows straight into the gut of our wanting what we see others have.

Whole careers, even industries, have been built on discussions of the origin of Love and Evil. Shakespeare, well fit to be mentioned alongside Moses and Darwin, left it at - "There are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in your philosophy". With apologies for adding even more words to the discussion, we can be glad that even illiterate man "gets" the difference between Love and Evil.

And God is there to help.



## A READER writes

### Keeping Up Appearances

The observation of the Transfiguration of Christ is sometimes not given the prominence it deserves. This is probably because modern thought does not sit easily with special effects, except perhaps on television or in the cinema. A survey of what happened may be helpful.

Christ and Peter, James and John were on one of the hillsides about a week after the feeding of the multitude. Without apparent warning the whole aspect of Christ became radiant with light to the astonishment and trepidation of the apostles. Furthermore, in the background appeared shadowy figures in the guise of Isaiah and Moses and a voice proclaimed Jesus as Messiah. Peter in character decided that action would be appropriate. Taking the initiative he asked Jesus whether the situation called for three shrines to be made to commemorate the event. Jesus appreciated the gesture but made it plain action was needed not passive veneration. In any case the figures of Isaiah and Moses were rapidly disappearing to leave the scene as it was before. What then was and is the significance of the phenomenon?

To begin with Moses and Isaiah had fulfilled their purpose in the Old Testament and now had to retire before the promised splendour of what they had foretold. A hilltop is fine for contemplation but Christ now decided to lead his apostles down to the real world where his intended work was to be completed. After having seen visually that the Messiah had arrived and a voice heard confirming the event the missionary candle was lit and ready to give enlightenment. It is not surprising that Samaria, shunned by the Jews, would become part of the area covered by Jesus and his followers. In other words, the ministry in Galilee was in hand and a comparatively short time would lead to Easter Day.

Although the church time-table does not recognise officially the Transfiguration until August 6th, I thought it might help us to remember the practicalities which lead up to our own observance of Lent and the Passion stories. Much obviously has to be covered between Christmas and Easter, but St Mary's will continue the pattern of worship we have come to expect. Our grateful thanks go out to all who plan and execute our services between now and April 12.

*Reginald Saunders*

## St Mary the Virgin EWELL PARISH CHURCH

# 020 8393 2643

Website: [www.stmarysewell.com](http://www.stmarysewell.com)

### CLERGY

(Incumbency - vacant since 11 January 2009)

**The Reverend Patrick Miller MA PhD (Honorary)**

### READERS

Mr Reginald Saunders MA MEd 020 8393 5550

Mrs Wendy Varney 020 8393 5212

### CHURCHWARDENS AND SEQUESTATORS

Mr David Crick 07850 709461

Mr Jonathan Gocher 020 8224 5942

### SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

#### 0800 HOLY COMMUNION

#### 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday mornings, and a chance for members of the congregation to meet or visitors to be welcomed to St Mary's.

#### 1100 MATTINS

(Third Sunday in each month SUNG EUCHARIST to the Book of Common Prayer Rite)

#### 1830 EVENING WORSHIP

1700 - Choral Evensong (2nd Sunday in the month)

1830 - Evening Prayer at the United Reform Church on other Sundays  
Details are on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

### ON WEEKDAYS

The Eucharist is normally celebrated at present on Tuesdays at 1000, and at other times as printed on the Weekly Notes. Most of the Weekday services take place in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

### THE PARISH OFFICE

#### Administrator:

Mrs Lynne Yuille 020 8393 2643 (Office)

Office email: [parishoffice@stmarysewell.com](mailto:parishoffice@stmarysewell.com)

St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-13.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

The postal address is:

C/O Ewell Vicarage, Church Street, Ewell KT17 2AQ.

### CHURCHWARDEN'S SURGERIES

The churchwardens normally hold two surgeries each month. Please see the calendar on the back page for details.

EST.1934  
**A.E. BOOTH & SON**  
**REPAIRS TO**  
**ANTIQUE &**  
**REPRODUCTION**  
**FURNITURE**

300 Hook Road, Hook  
 Chessington KT9 1NY  
 020 8397 7675

# FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Ivan Turgenev



## CHRIST

I SAW myself in a dream, as a youth, scarcely more than a boy, in a low village church. Thin wax candles were glimmering like little red spots, before the ancient pictures of the saints.

Each small flame was surrounded by a rainbow-coloured coronet. It was dark and dim in the church, but I saw that there were many people standing in front of me.

All had fair-haired peasant heads, and from time to time they would begin to sway, falling and rising again like ripe ears of corn when the summer wind passes in slow ripples over them.

I did not turn towards him, but instantly I felt that this person was Christ.

I was overcome all at once by emotion, curiosity and fear.

I mastered myself with an effort, and looked at my neighbour.

His face was like everybody else's, just an ordinary human face. His eyes, raised slightly upwards, were attentive and still. His lips were closed, but not compressed; his upper lip as if resting on his lower; his beard was not long and was parted in two. His hands were folded and still. His clothes were just like other people's!

"What a strange Christ!" I thought. "Such an ordinary, simple man! It cannot be He!"

I turned away. But no sooner did I take my eyes from that simple being than it again seemed to me that it was actually Christ who stood by my side.

Again I made a great effort. . . . And again I saw the same face, just like other human faces, the same ordinary, although to me unknown, features.

I suddenly felt awe-struck—and I woke up. Only then did I realise that just such a face, a face like any other human being's, is precisely the face of Christ.

December, 1878

**YOGA,**  
**REFLEXOLOGY**  
**& much more**

Pavana Therapies caring holistically about your overall health and lifestyle

**New Hatha Yoga Classes**

Tues 10-1130am/Thurs 8-9.30pm

Starts 19th August 2008  
 Ewell United Reformed Church

For further details call  
 020 8873 2843 / 07973 410375

enquiries@pavanatherapies.co.uk  
 www.pavanatherapies.co.uk

**DON'T FORGET!!**

**Fish 'n Chip Supper**

Saturday, 9 May 2009  
 St. Mary's Church Hall  
 6:30 for 7:00 pm:

Dinner, Wine & Quiz  
 Tickets £8.00 after services or from the Office

**WA TRUELOVE & SON LTD**  
 INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS & MONUMENTAL CRAFTSMEN SINCE 1885

*Serving the local community*

- International repatriation
- Monumental masonry
- Horsedrawn funerals
- 24 hour call out service
- Home visits available

For further details about TrueLove guaranteed pre-arranged funerals Call FREEPHONE **0800 074 3797**

**EPSON Tel: 01372 723337** 14/18 Church Road

Branches also in: Banstead • Caterham • Cheam  
 Coulsdon • Mitcham • Morden • Sutton • Wallington

www.wa-truelove-and-son.ltd.uk email: funerals@wa-truelove-and-son.ltd.uk

To hire the Church Hall please contact

**020 8394 0453**

for full details of cost and availability

**PAINTER & DECORATOR**

**A.L. BOVIS**

Reliable friendly service for all exterior and interior household maintenance and improvements  
 Free estimates given

**01737 359581**

## HOORAY AND UP SHE RISES

The voice on the radio was issuing a gale warning: "The Meteorological Office issued the following gale warning to shipping at 5.55 GMT today Sunday 28 February, Finistere gale now ceased but North Westerly gale force 8 expected soon. Sole, Shannon, Rockall, North Westerly gale force 8 expected soon, and that is the end of the gale warning."

Muriel Hapgood was always up early on Sundays and she habitually listened to the shipping forecast, rather than the weather forecast. The former was more exciting. She particularly enjoyed gale warnings, albeit they were often for far off places off the Irish coast. But she always acted as if they applied directly to her.

"Oh well she muttered to herself I'd better take my raincoat and umbrella."

Sure enough, it was pouring with rain and a gale was careering wildly through the tree-lined street, as she set off to make her first visit to the Belfry of St. Mary's Ewell, her Parish Church. Broken branches were lying on the pavement, one of which was caught in the furry tail of her cat as he endeavoured to catch a bird. "Come here Darling, let me disentangle you from that branch, before you do yourself a mischief. There, now off you go, you're a lovely cat, you're a good boy." She stroked him, but he had no time for any fuss, he was off in pursuit of the bird. She narrowly missed a broken branch herself, hanging just above her head from the silver birch outside her house. In vain did she attempt to hold up her umbrella. It was soon blown inside out and looked like the wings of an embattled bat. She stuffed it in her carrier bag, thinking that she would throw it away at the earliest opportunity. Through the storm she heard a blackbird singing melodiously from his vantage point, standing on a russet coloured chimney pot, atop the roof of Mrs Adonis' house opposite.

As she fought her way down the street, she saw Michael Kelly taking his golden Labrador Thumper for his morning walk.

"Good morning Muriel, on your way to church in spite of the rain?"

"Yes Michael, I am going to the Belfry."

"Why is that where they are having the services now, that congregations are dwindling?"

"No Michael, I want to see the belfry while the door is unlocked on Sunday morning" "Oh I see" replied Michael, not seeing at all, but thinking the woman's got bats in the belfry.

"Will the vicar be up there?" he asked, knowing how partial Muriel Hapgood was to vicars in any shape or form.

"Certainly not Michael, he will be in the main church taking the 9.30 Eucharist service."

By now Thumper was pulling at the lead, tired of waiting while Michael chatted to that woman.

"All right my boy, I'm coming," and he suddenly hurtled off, seeming to be more on the end of the lead than was the dog himself. Michael was quite a small man and his dog was fully grown and large.

Muriel took fifteen minutes to reach the church yard, as she was facing the wind. She walked up the path, past the ancient tombs leaning at drunken angles, seeming to support each other. Arrived at the belfry door, she looked a bedraggled figure, with drips of rain festooning her glasses, nose and chin. Her hair was plastered against her skull, as she had discarded her woolly hat, it would not stay on in this wind. Her shoes were covered in mud.

She had first to climb up a narrow staircase, on which there was a sign

PLEASE WIPE YOUR FEET

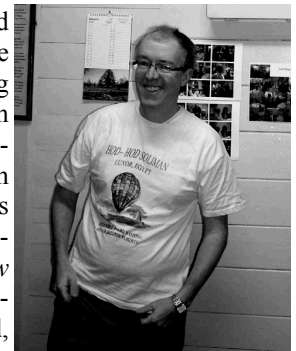


She duly obeyed, wiping them over and over again, before starting the climb up the stairs, clinging to ropes attached to the walls on either side. She was half lying on the stairs, half hanging on the ropes and in that recumbent manner reached the top. But this only led to another set of stairs to ascend in order to finally enter the bell tower. She started heaving herself up like a sort of dolphin using its flippers to move about, when she became aware of

another notice

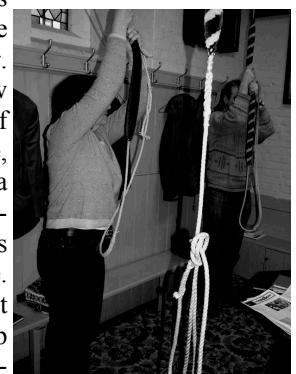
IF THE HATCH IS DOWN JUST RING THE BELL WE'LL OPEN UP NEXT TIME WE STOP

Mercifully the hatch was open and she was able at last to emerge into the circular room which was the ringing chamber. She felt as if she had been walking the plank to reach it. It appeared to have walls made from strips of wood. It shone with gloss paint. It was in a colour she recognized from school days - *yellow ochre*. The Tower Captain was already there and looking at the band, or team ringers.



"Come along Muriel, you are just in time to see us begin", he said encouragingly.

But all she could see was the rows of ropes hanging down like nooses. She shuddered with panic. It was just unfortunate that the night before she had seen a film called "The Nazis: a Warning from History" about a failed attempt to assassinate Hitler, in which the brave officers who were caught were hanged. It was the way the ropes were hanging down silently in the bell tower that filled her with fear. But suddenly at a raised eye brow from the Captain, the six members of the band, two female and four male, pulled on those very ropes, and a joyful peal of bells rang out gleefully. It banished all lugubrious thoughts of the hangman's noose. Especially as she discovered that they could hear the organ playing up there, as loudly as if they were standing down in the church.



Looking round at the circular room with its wooden lined walls and the all powerful captain in charge, Muriel was reminded of a ship. She felt she had come on board a particularly smart, orderly ship, everything was ship shape and Bristol fashion. There were lockers and pegs on which the bell ringers hang their jackets, and built into the walls were benches for them to sit on, when not controlling a bell or change ringing. She found herself humming a sea shanty "What shall we do with the drunken sailor." Bell ringers *Continued on page 8*

# Greenfield and Company

## Surveyors and Estate Agents

Property Lettings and Management

Ewell Village Branch (Est. 1923)

**55 HIGH STREET, EWELL**  
**020 8393 0077**

Also at Tolworth,  
Surbiton & Chessington



Specialising in this area for over 70 years  
**PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL SERVICE**

Visit the Surgery or ask for our  
Domiciliary Service provided for the Elderly at Home

## Chiropody Service

The Longmead Centre  
Sefton Road, Epsom KT19 9HG  
Tel: (01372) 745150 (Surgery)  
020 8393 1245 (Alternate Call)

Your Feet will Thank You



## The National Pet Care Company

Takes care of your pet's needs  
When you are not there.

From Dog Walking  
Dog holidays with Host families  
Cat Care

PET TRANSPORT  
Pet Taxi/Ambulance

A service recommended by local vets

**07862 706571**

[www.sutton.animalsathome.co.uk](http://www.sutton.animalsathome.co.uk)

# SUGGESTED PRAYERS

## Morning Prayers

In me there is darkness,  
But with thee there is light,  
I am lonely, but thou leavest me not.  
I am feeble in heart, but thou leavest me not.  
I am restless, but with thee there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with thee there is  
patience;  
Thy ways are past understanding, but  
Thou knowest the way for me.

Lord Jesus Christ

Thou wast poor  
and in misery, a captive and forsaken as I am.  
Thou knowest all man's distress;  
Thou abidest with me  
when all others have deserted me;  
Thou doest not forget me, but seekest me.  
Thou willest that I should know thee and turn  
to thee.

Lord, I hear thy call and follow thee;  
Do thou help me.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Who can tell what a day may bring forth?

Cause me therefore, gracious God, to live every  
day as if it were to be my last, for I know not but  
that it may be such. Cause me to live now as I  
shall wish I had done when I come to die.

O grant that I may not die with any guilt on my  
conscience, or any known sin unrepented of, but  
that I may be found in Christ, who is my only  
Saviour and Redeemer.

## GOD OUR FATHER

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus  
and called us to be His Body in this place;  
Send us your Holy Spirit,  
at this time of uncertainty and change,  
to fill us with vision, energy,  
and faithfulness in prayer,  
that we may be true to our calling  
to bring new life to our community;

And guide with your heavenly wisdom  
those who are to choose a new Incumbent for  
this parish,  
that the one whom we receive  
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your  
people:

ready to serve us with joy,  
to build us up in faith,  
and to lead us by example  
in loving obedience to your son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S SUPPORT GROUP ? - WHAT'S THAT??

The group was formed in 2002 to co-ordinate the many activities St Mary's offers our children and young people. Its members represent the Crèche (babies and toddlers), Children's Hour (3 - 9 years), Toddlers (0- 4 years) and Wayfarers (9 -18 years). We also concern ourselves with Christian Family Praise and visits to parents planning to bring their children to St Mary's for baptism.

We set ourselves some high aims:

- To offer appropriate activities for children and young people which will help them to understand the basis of Christian belief, to live by Christian values and to become active members of the church;
- To make children welcome in our midst and thereby to encourage an increase in the number of families with children who worship here;
- To provide support for the Crèche, Children's Praise, Toddler groups, Children's Hour and Wayfarers.

We have worked hard over the last six and a half years to live up to these aims by maintaining and developing our children's activities.

The crèche is still available, though sadly not much called on. There are, however, "busy bags" to entertain the smallest children who stay in the services with their parents.

The three Toddler groups flourish under the lively leadership of Jenny Dance, assisted by Sarah Stovell, Kay Croxon, Rosemary Eyres, Eve Pullen, Gilda Everson and the mothers and carers too. A hundred families come to the Church Hall on Monday afternoon, or Thursday and Friday mornings, where for £1 per family they can make friends, play with their children and gossip away an hour and a half. We are told many times that this is "Great Value!" If you are interested to see what goes on, please drop in (1.15pm or 10am) You will be very welcome, though you may be called on to make a pie with playdough, read a story, help with the craft activity or hold a baby so Mum can play with her toddler!



Children's Hour, led by Kathie Burgess with Rosemarie Henson and Karen Allen and Wayfarers, taught by Jeff Cousins, Marion Rao and Ruth Stockwell run during the Sunday Eucharist. The Children's Hour is held in the church hall and, as most of you will know, the children join the service for a blessing and lately to show and tell the congregation what they have been doing and learning. Currently, all Wayfarers are choir members. We all benefit greatly from their contribution to our music.

The eagle-eyed readers among you will already be saying: "But what about Children's Praise?" What indeed. We used to offer a short session every month for mothers and pre-school children which had a Christian message - a story, a song, and an activity. This has not run of late because we have not been able to find someone to lead it. However, we are as they say "on the job" and hope to start up again, since some Toddler



mothers are showing an interest.

Members of the Children's Support Group visit parents planning to have their children baptised at St Mary's. Have you seen Marion Rao's delightful pictures of families and the newly baptised on our baptism board in the Welcome Area? Kathie Burgess and Vicky Gocher are also involved in planning and carrying out the Family services and activities held throughout the year. Many of you will know about the very popular animal service "All Creatures Great and Small" we have held for many years in the summer. This is only one of



about eight celebrating aspects of church life which relate especially to families eg. Mothering Sunday and Arrival at Bethlehem. At Easter members of Children's Hour join in Children's Stations of the Cross. At Christmas, on a lighter note there is a visit to the pantomime!

There is plenty for the ten members of the group still to do. We are currently exploring ways of involving our young people more fully and consistently in our worship, and of forging closer links between the Toddler group members and the church through our successful Girls Nights Out. If anyone has time to spare for our young people in any capacity, we can find a job for you! Please get in touch with Gilda Everson. All this takes time and commitment, but then the children are worth it!

## Registration of the PCC with the Charity Commission

PCCs have been recognised as charities for many years, but until recently they had 'excepted status', and were not required to register with the Charity Commission. This changed with the publication of the 2006 Charities Act, which requires PCCs with an income of more than £100,000 to register. PCCs are being asked to register in the period October 2008-September 2009. With more than 2000 PCCs expected to register, the Church of England has asked dioceses to stagger applications, and parishes in the Guildford diocese have been asked to register in the period January-February 2009. More than 60% of the parishes in the diocese have income in excess of £100,000. This includes St. Mary's.

Applications can be made on-line; a series of questions about the nature of the charity have to be answered and details of the trustees provided. There are 25 screens to complete. To ease the process, the Church of England has provided detailed guidance on how to answer each question, and a training course was arranged in Guildford, which I attended. Our application was submitted in mid-February. The turn-round was remarkably quick – we heard within just over a week that our application was successful.

The registered name of the charity is "The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Ewell". This is in accord with the advice we were given. Our registered number is 1128409. All 22 members of the PCC are trustees of the charity, and thus carry the legal responsibility for directing the affairs of the charity. This responsibility is, of course, not new. All that has changed is that we have moved from being a charity with 'excepted status' to being a registered charity.

What does the change mean in practice? The answer is very little. We now have to make annual returns to the Charity Commission and provide them with copies of our annual report and accounts. Our registered name may not sound familiar, but we have also registered the alternative name of "The Parochial Church Council of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell". We must state that we are a registered charity and give our charity number on our letterhead and certain other documents, and our bankers must be informed of our new status.

*David Dance*

### CREDIT CRUNCH CORNER

A 50p piece met a £5 note and said, 'Hey! Where have you been? I haven't seen you around here much.'

The £5 note replied, 'I've been hanging out at the Bingo, done the Lottery a few times, had a Chinese takeaway, gone to a couple of football matches, a bit of shopping, holidays - that kind of stuff. How about you?'

The 50p piece sighed and said, 'Oh, you know. Same old church, church, church.'

## FAIR SPRINGBOARD

A date for your diary

Date: Saturday, 16 May 2009

Time: 10 a.m. — 12 noon

Venue: St. Mary's Church Hall

A wonderful opportunity to help raise funds for the Summer Fair by stocking your garden with beautiful plants, [see below] filling your larder with delicious cakes, and looking round other stalls over refreshments. More details next month!!!

*Sarah Stovell and Valerie Smither*

The plants this year will (I hope!) include varieties of anemones, begonias, impatiens, geraniums and verbenas as well as sundry perennials and tomatoes (cherry and medium sized) and sweet peppers. To extend this range and fill lots of tables outside and in I would be grateful for donations. I make this request in April as, while we can bake cakes right up to the day, plants require to be potted up and tended well in advance to offer them at their best. I was delighted with the generous response to this appeal last year and was sorry to be unable to thank some of the donors personally, as plants appeared when my back was turned or arrived earlier than I was able to!

*Evelyn Jarrett*

## COFFEE MORNINGS

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 10.30 am – 12 noon  
IN THE CHURCH HALL

### DO COME AND JOIN US

We shall be serving Hot Cross buns with tea or coffee on Wednesday 8 April and holding an Easter raffle for the children in Bethany. Donations for raffle prizes will be greatly appreciated.

Following the success of our first Table Top Sale in January, we are planning another one at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 29 April.

The Theme will be Groceries and Cakes.

We look forward to seeing you there.

10.30 - 12.00 in the Church Hall.

## WORDS WORDS WORDS

Those of us who heard our Archbishop's sermon on his recent visit, where he touched hearts and souls with simple wonder, have here to wonder at how he communicated his concerns to an audience of politicians, journalists and businessmen. Below are quotations which The Guardian chose to highlight.

### IN THE ARCHBISHOP'S WORDS

**The pitfalls of singling out individuals** It is a little too easy to blame the present situation on an accumulation of individual greed, exemplified by bankers or brokers, and to lose sight of the fact that governments committed to deregulation and to the encouragement of speculation and high personal borrowing were elected in Britain and the United States for a crucial couple of decades

**Deceptive nature of choice and risk** This is a deeper matter than just 'greed'. The state that promises maximised choice and minimal risk is in serious danger of encouraging people to forget two fundamentals of economic reality - scarcity as an inexorable truth about a materially limited world, and concrete productivity and added value as the condition for increasing purchasing power or liberty, and thus sustaining any kind of market

### Reality of the present situation

We have woken up belatedly to the results of behaving as if scarcity could be indefinitely deferred: the ecological crisis makes this painfully clear

**False comfort** The search for impregnable security, independent of the limits of material resource, available labour and the time-consuming securing of trust by working at relationships of transparency and mutual responsibility, has led us to the most radical insecurity

**Irresponsibility and the lack of sustainability** The present situation favours economic agreements that give little or no leverage to workers and that have minimal reference to social, environmental or even legal concerns

**The future** Any morally and practically credible policy should be looking to guarantee future generations do not inherit liabilities that will cripple the provision of basic social care ... Without restrictions [on choice], nothing is solid: we should face a world in which everything flows, melts, dissolves, in a world of constantly shifting and spectral valuations

**Consequences of the way we live now** It has become clear that lifestyles dependent on high levels of fossil fuel consumption reduce the long-term opportunities of basic human flourishing for many people because of their environmental cost — not to mention the various political traps associated with the production and marketing of oil in some parts of the world, with the consequent risks to peace and regional stability

*Continued from p4: Hurray and up she rises*

have to be extra conscious of time. They have to get the timing of peals just right, if they were late it would be so noticeable. They play as a team to a set time. As if they need reminding of the importance of time, there is a two hundred and ten year old clock set high up in the wall looking down on proceedings. The bells were not visible, but there was a ladder leading up out of the ringing chamber to the sound chamber where they are housed. Muriel would not venture up there.

# Vicar

## St Mary the Virgin, Ewell

Ewell, near Epsom, is a historic village, which is now part of suburban Surrey. St Mary's is at the centre of the community and offers a wide range of main-line Anglican services. It has a strong musical and choral tradition.

We hope, for the future

- to strengthen our ties with families and young people
- to extend our links with the local community
- to develop and extend our ministry team and their work

We seek a Vicar who will

- maintain and develop a vibrant and welcoming church
- help the parish achieve its potential
- challenge and encourage our spiritual growth
- recognise our weaknesses and help us to overcome them
- maintain our musical tradition
- share our sense of fun

We offer

- a committed congregation and good organisation
- a beautiful and very well-maintained Victorian church building
- a nearby five-bedroom Vicarage

We have a huge potential for growth.

Further details and an application form are available from The Archdeacon of Dorking's PA, Mrs Frances-Anne Cross

Appointment is subject to enhanced CRB disclosure.

Closing Date: 26/03/2009  
Interview Date: 27,28/04/2009

*The above is an extract from the advertisement placed in The Church Times. We understand that there has been a good deal of interest.*

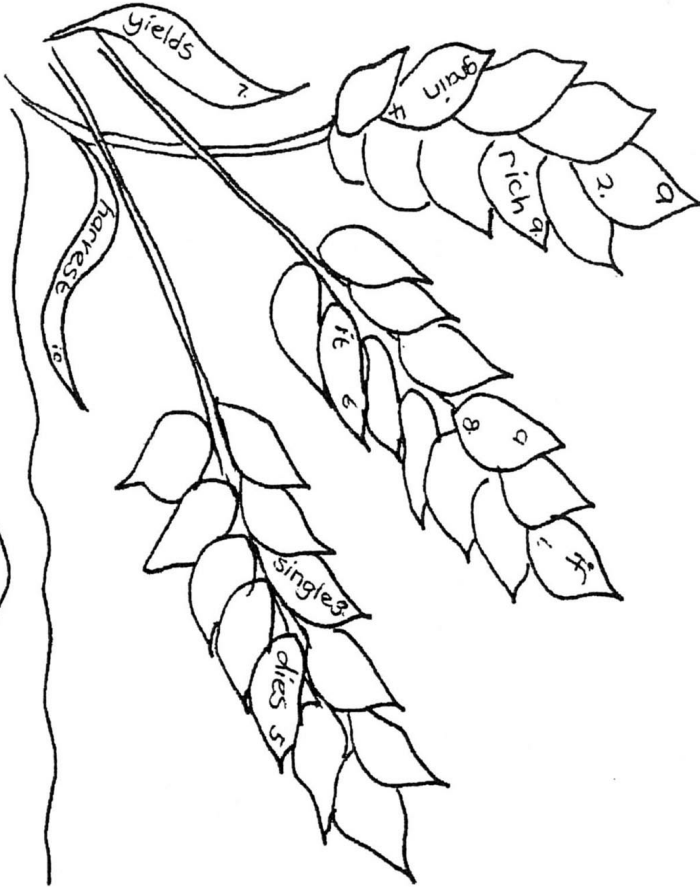
A visit to the bell tower was a very uplifting experience in every way she thought as she entered the church, still singing to herself 'Hooray and up She Rises' while the bell ringers were ringing exhilarating changes to welcome people arriving for church. Overhead a goose on his way to the lake, juxtaposed his inharmonious but equally heart-warming honks to the glad sounds of pealing bells.

*Marion Rao*

Page 9 can be cut out if needed

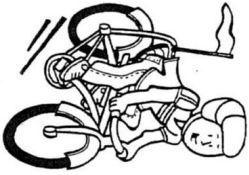
What did Jesus say about the grain of wheat?  
Find his words and read them in the order 1 to 10

Jesus said



Jesus, you were tempted too,  
You know what I'm going through.  
You were strong, I know it's true,  
Help me to keep on following you.  
Amen

Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Youth and Children's Parish's Team  
29 March 2009



# Young Church Day

29 March 2009: Fifth Sunday of Lent | John 12:20-33



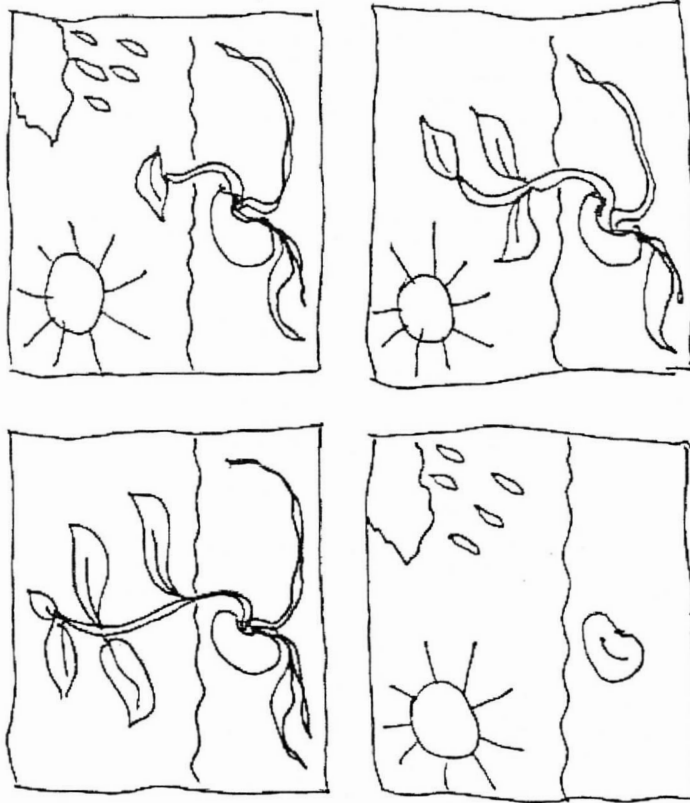
Jesus talked about his death and said his heart was troubled

Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Youth and Children's Parish's Team  
29 March 2009

Page 10 can be cut out if needed

**A seed must die to give new life and a rich harvest**

These pictures are jumbled up. Can you put them in the right order and number them 1 2 3 4?

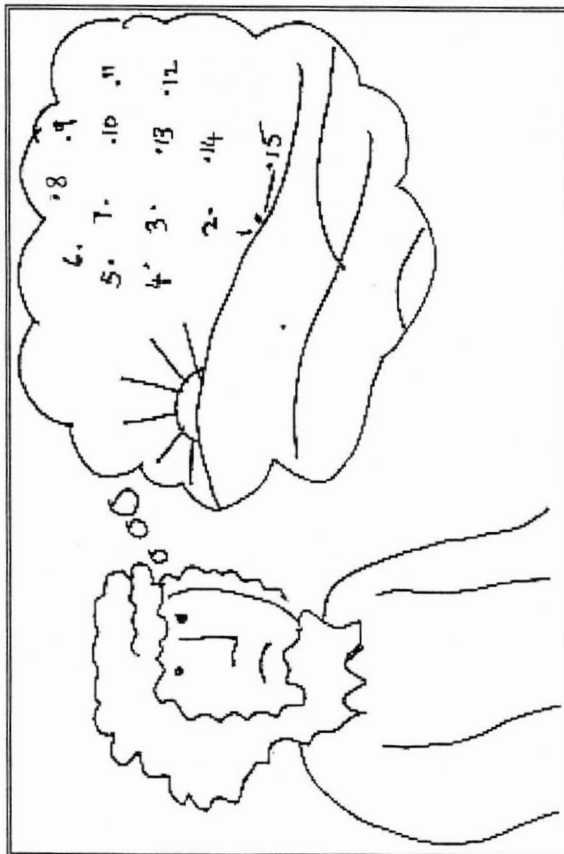


**Did you know?**

The fifth Sunday in Lent is also called **Passion Sunday** and is the beginning of the last two weeks of Lent which some people call **Passiontide**

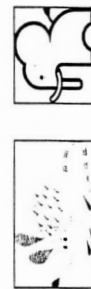
Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Youth and Children's Parish's Team  
29 March 2009

Jesus knew that he would soon be put to death.  
Join the dots to find out how he would die.



What does Jesus ask everyone to do?

Write the first letter of each picture to find out!



!

Produced by the Diocese of Bath and Wells, Youth and Children's Parish's Team  
29 March 2009

**Church Notices don't always get it right!**

Jane Brown and John Smith were married in the church last week. So ends a friendship that began in their schooldays.

## PROBABLY THE BEST TOPSOIL & LOGS IN SURREY

**BURY HILL BLACK** is a 'Premium Grade' British Standard approved enriched topsoil screened to 10mm. Dark rich in colour, Bury Hill Black is ideal for all gardening and landscaping requirements.

We also sell **SOIL CONDITIONER, MULCHES & QUALITY TURFS.**

**BURY HILL LOGS** are fully seasoned 9"/10" hardwood logs, we also sell **KINDLING & COAL.**  
*(logs available from summer '09)*

**FREE LOCAL DELIVERY**  
in large bulk bags & loose

We also undertake  
•POND WORK •GENERAL  
LANDSCAPING •GARDEN  
MAINTENANCE & TURFING

Telephone: (01306) 877540  
[www.surreytopsoilandlogs.co.uk](http://www.surreytopsoilandlogs.co.uk)



Est. over 50 years  
*Bury Hill Dorking Surrey*  
**TOPSOIL AND LOGS**

## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

'At the font we were marked with the Cross on our brow,  
Of our grace and our calling the sign.' (AMR 541)

8 March Samuel Graham Bradley

### FUNERALS

And now, Lord, what is my hope?  
Truly my hope is even in thee  
(Psalm 39, used in the BCP Burial rite)

18 February Charles Alec Hughes, aged 88  
27 February John Edward Frederick William Romaine,  
aged 92  
5 March Margaret Eileen Rocca, aged 79  
6 March Yvonne Violet Morris, aged 81  
12 March Douglas William Fowle, aged 87  
16 March Kathleen Mary Pole, aged 96



All roofing and guttering repairs

30 years experience covering  
Worcester Park and close by

Valleys, Bays etc.

All new work guaranteed

Free estimates

Special rates to O.A.P.s

**J L Hellings & Son**

Tel: 020 8942 1861  
100 Kingsmead Avenue  
Worcester Park KT4 8UT



## The Rising Sun Epsom

14 Heathcote Road, Epsom KT18 5DX



A warm welcome awaits you. Award winning real ales and wine. A la carte Restaurant.  
Large landscaped garden with heated covered patio. Bar-B-Q. Function room.

**Delicious** dining in our restaurant or al fresco. Daily **specials** board.  
All food cooked on the premises by our chefs and locally sourced where possible.

Large selection of **wines** by the bottle or glass. **Youngs** ales, many guest beers,  
lagers, ciders and soft drinks.

**Having a do?** Functions and parties are our speciality.

Come and see us about using our function room. We can tailor a menu to suit  
your taste and budget.



Wedding receptions, birthdays, work do's, meetings, club nights, parties, all functions  
catered for.

Enquiries call  
01372 740809

Visit our website have a look see the menus  
[www.therisingsunepsom.com](http://www.therisingsunepsom.com)  
Email [mail@therisingsunepsom.com](mailto:mail@therisingsunepsom.com)

## ALFRED & EWART LONGHURST

*FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MONUMENTAL MASONS*

- A complete, caring professional service
- Estimates and advice freely given for funerals and memorials
- Flexible pre-paid funeral plan - details on request

21-23, KINGSTON ROAD, EWELL

020 8393 1077

# Calendar for April



- W 1 2000 Servers' meeting (Parish Room)
- S 5 **SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT: PALM SUNDAY  
HOLY WEEK BEGINS**  
0800 Holy Communion Common Worship rite in traditional language  
0930 Blessing of Palms, Procession and Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins  
1830 Evening Worship at URC
- T 7 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]  
2000 Lent Course in the Church Hall
- W 8 2000 Management Team Meeting (Parish Room)
- Th 9 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
2000 Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper followed by the Watch of the Passion
- F 10 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
1115 Children's Stations of the Cross  
1900 Good Friday Liturgy Choral service  
Ante Communion, Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
- S 11 **HOLY SATURDAY**  
0930 Churchwarden's Surgery at 'The Larder'  
2030 Easter Vigil and the Mass of the Resurrection
- S 12 **EASTER DAY**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 PROCESSION AND SOLEMN EUCHARIST with Blessing of the Easter Garden and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows  
1100 CHORAL MATTINS OF EASTER DAY  
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 14 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
- S 19 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - 'Low Sunday'**  
0715 Mattins  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite in Traditional Language  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 Sung Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer rite  
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 21 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
- S 25 0930 Churchwarden's Surgery at 'The Larder'
- S 26 **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Easter 2)**  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 APCM  
1830 Evening Service at URC
- T 28 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
- W 29 2000 Website Group meeting (Parish Room)

## SWALLOW HOMECARE SERVICES

HOMEBASED CARE FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN THEIR OWN HOMES

We have highly trained carers who provide a high standard of care.

Our services include:-  
**Personal care, laundry, light Domestic, Meal Preparation, Shopping and companionship.**

For further information call us now on:-

**0208 823 9240.**



## Easy Buy Appliances

Now Open in Ewell Village (Near Free Car Park)

Washing Machines, Dishwashers, Tumble Dryers  
Fridges & Freezers, Gas & Electric Cookers  
Vacuum Cleaners, Built in Appliances  
All Types of small appliances

Open 9am - 5.30 (Mon-Fri)  
9am - 5.00 (Sat)

Quality products at low prices  
Free local delivery

**5 Cheam Road, Ewell Village, Surrey KT17 1SP**  
**020 8224 0916**

**BRADLEY & ARTHUR LTD.**

Established 1923



Serving Epsom, Ewell and district for over 80 years

- **Builders, Contractors and Decorators** •
- **Domestic and Commercial** •

Contact us now for a no obligation quotation

53 High Street, Ewell KT17 1RZ

Phone: **020 8393 5122**

Fax: **020 8394 2008**

Email: **bradleyandarthur@aol.com**

## CRAFTZONE

Craftzone is a project involving people from local churches that started in 2004. The team spends 5 afternoons with Year 6 pupils (10-11 year-olds) presenting the Gospel through video clips, games, small group discussion, craft and testimony. It is running in two schools this year:

Auriol (Stoneleigh) 5 Friday afternoons in April/May/June  
Riverview (West Ewell) 5 Tuesday afternoons in May/June

We are looking for people to help prepare crafts, get alongside the children in small groups, support us in prayer etc. so we would be grateful if you could advertise Craftzone for us in your church bulletin or magazine and by displaying the attached poster. We would also be grateful if you would consider whether as a church you are able to support the project prayerfully and/or financially.

For more details or to get involved please contact Paula Smith on 0208 337 2957 or Eva Hellings on 01737 358 584 (e-mail: ehellings@ntlworld.com).

Many thanks, Sally Newman