



Many will be saddened to learn that Jean Slattery died on Thursday morning, after her long illness. She was a lovely lady and will be much missed. Our Christian sympathy and prayer go to David at this time. May she rest in peace.

St Matthew, whose day only occasionally falls on a Sunday (the last occasions were 1997 and 1986), is honoured by the Church as the first Evangelist in the sense that his account of the gospel has traditionally always appeared as the first item of the New Testament. In some ways, St Matthew's gospel is the most readable, and in the old service-books the frequency of St Matthew as the source for the Sunday Gospel was very noticeable. (All different now.) However, of the man Matthew we know but little; in St Mark's Gospel and in St Luke he is called Levi, and he might well have had both names. What is particularly notable about him is the dramatic nature of his call: Jesus speaks the word, and Matthew follows without demur. The fact that he was a tax collector, and therefore the member of a despised class, being a creature of the Roman occupation, was a clear cause of offence to the religious establishment. The constant complaint of those in authority was that Jesus associated with the riff-raff, and Matthew would have been seen as a fairly obvious example of this. Jesus thought differently, called him, and used him, and today we thank God for his apostleship, and for the account of the gospel which bears his name.

In our prayers today we give thanks for the life of St Matthew the Apostle, and for the gospel that bears his name. We pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today in the Anglican Communion for the Church in the Province of the West Indies. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the nuns at the Community of St Peter at Woking. In our parish prayer we pray for the teachers and children at 'Children's Hour' (on their Open Day). In our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray today for the elderly people living in The Old House.

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today.
Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee,
which today is being served in the Welcome Area between
the 0930 and 1100 services. (The hall is not available today.)

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Preface of Apostles on Readings paper.

Common Worship rite

Choir Club: Fridays 1800-1930. In order to comply with Child Protection guidelines we have to have at least one other adult present in addition to the member of staff. This is a plea for volunteers, for if we cannot get people to help in this way the Club cannot continue. Please would those prepared to put themselves out once or twice a term to help our youngsters please contact David Crick (020 8337 4322) urgently. There is nothing to do other than to be present. No-one expects you to play table tennis. We had a similar arrangement when the club used to operate on a Tuesday, and it seemed to work well then, and we hope to be able to do the same thing now that new arrangements are in operation.

A reminder that the Parish Web-site is now up and running. We are much indebted to David Crick for setting it all up. We can be found on www.stmarysewell.com. The odds are that everyone will find something or other that he or she did not know about; this was the case some years ago when we had an Open Day and many members of the congregation learned things about St Mary's which they did not know before.

Installation of 'the Canon.' It is now confirmed that the Vicar will be installed at the cathedral as Honorary Canon of Guildford on Sunday 12 October at 1830. Two other honorary canons will be installed on the same occasion. There will not be evening worship at St Mary's on that evening, but there will be evening worship at Ewell United Reformed Church.

Banstead Christian Studies frequently offer interesting courses of lectures, and details of their autumn programme are in the Welcome Area. A week Monday (29 September at 1930) the Reverend David Head, who is Chaplain to the Princes Alice Hospice, will be speaking at the Banstead Centre on *Christian Ministry to the Dying*

'Brackets.' Brackets appear from time to time in the running-order of the services on the Weekly Notes, often containing apparently mysterious things. There is nothing particularly sinister about this. In most cases the congregation does not need to take much notice of them, particularly when they are small items in square [] brackets, with information in smaller print. They are generally directions for the choir. Some time ago the choir used to have another separate paper, which to a large extent reproduced much of the material already on the Notes. We have not had this for some time (and therefore saved paper), so the Notes contain points which normally only the musicians need to know. Others might well find the details useful, of course, especially for alternative tunes.

Next Sunday. The run of festivals finishes today, and next Sunday is really an ordinary Sunday after Trinity - a nice change. Normal Sunday morning arrangements, but there is Evensong and Holy Baptism at 1630, and it would be a good thing if there were to be a decent welcoming contingent from the congregation. Our Harvest Thanksgiving is the following Sunday, 5 October.

Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the world, with the people of Ewell.

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; Crèche in the Choir Vestry.

(Special arrangements for Children's Hour today.)

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 428

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; Preface of Apostles on Readings paper.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in E (Collegium Regale)

Hymns at the Eucharist (except the Gradual) are from the old *red* books, so there is no melody line available today, but the tunes are familiar ones.

Introit hymn: AMR 563

Introduction, Prayer of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: *on reverse of Readings paper* [Tune: NEH 139 (i)]

Collect of the Day: page 428 *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading:

Gradual hymn: (HHE 70) *on Readings paper* [Tune: NEH 116]

The Holy Gospel:

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory hymn: AMR 526 Collection

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; Preface of Apostles on Readings paper.

Turn back to page 178 for Lord's Prayer, etc.

During the Communion:

Hymn: AMR 510 [Tune: AMR 539]

Anthem: Give us the wings of faith.

[Words of AMR 571, verses 1, 3 & 4]

Bullock

Post-Communion hymn: AMR 508

Post Communion Prayer (*on Readings paper*); the Blessing and Dismissal

'CHILDREN'S HOUR' OPEN MORNING IN THE CHURCH HALL.

SUNG EUCHARIST

Setting of the Eucharist: *Starford* in C

Kyrie and Creed: Merbecke

[This is the congregational setting on the lilac-coloured paper.]

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 214

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33

Greeting and the Collect of the Day

(*There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings*)

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-6

Remain seated for the Gradual Psalm: 119 verses 97-104 Page 285

All stand for the Holy Gospel: St Matthew 9: 9-13

Nicene Creed: page 34, followed by Prayer Biddings and the Offertory Sentence.

Offertory Hymn: 381 Collection

After the hymn, all kneel for the Prayer for the Church (page 36), the

Prayers of Penitence, etc., and for the Prayer of Consecration

Hymn at the Consecration: 313

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

Anthem: Give us the wings of faith. *Bullock*

[Words of Hymn 225, verses 1, 3 & 4]

After Communion: The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44

All stand for Gloria in excelsis

The Blessing Hymn 478

1830 Evening Prayer

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Thursday 1100 Funeral of Mrs Jean Slattery

Other events and notices

Monday 2030 Meeting of the Website Group.

Tuesday 2000 House Group at 68 Castle Avenue

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale this week.

I draw attention to the legal notices on the notice-boards about the planned archaeological dig in Churchyard No.4 (the main working churchyard). There will be no disturbance to existing graves. W.R.H.

There is an amateur production of **Godspell** (the rock musical based on the life of Christ) at the Adrian Mann Theatre at NESBOT from 24-27 September, including a maine performance on the Saturday. As a musical about 'the founder of Christianity' this has always seemed to me a far more satisfactory affair than 'Jesus Christ Superstar.' There is further information about this in the Welcome Area. W.R.H.

Harvest Home. We have not held a 'Harvest Home' for several years, its place having been taken by the Patronal Festival Supper, and that too has been in abeyance for a little while. Anyway, this year we are having a Harvest Supper on Saturday, 4 October in the Church Hall. There will be good food and entertainment starting at 1900, and a chance to meet and talk together. Tickets cost £6.50, and are available from the office or from the churchwardens. Transport can be arranged for those without cars. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you wish to be collected and taken home. There is also a list for anyone able to provide transport. This promises to be a delightful evening.

Epistle Readers. Most people seem to have collected their lists, though not all. As a result of several requests the actual text of the readings is now provided well in advance, and on this occasion it took quite some time for all this to be done. It may be that some people have collected their readings by discovering the stock in the Parish Room, but all the texts have been placed for quite some time next to the actual rotas and guidelines, and have all been dated for the benefit of those who are not quite *au fait* with the subtleties of the liturgical calendar. So far only one of the 0930 readings between 7 September and 26 October has actually been collected from the 'official pile,' which seems rather a pity. W.R.H.