

WEEKLY NOTES

28 September 2003

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

It is good to have an ordinary Sunday today, when, by and large, life is predictable and un-fussed. The Collect of the Day and the Post-Communion Prayer (which is also the old Prayer Book Collect for today) remind us that we are the Church, with human frailty needing to be sustained by God's grace, but that his Holy Spirit is always there to give strength and confidence to Christian people in the struggles of life. An interesting thing to note about the Prayer Book Collects is that only a very few of them specifically mention 'the Church', and it is always 'thy Church.' It is also interesting (but, I suspect, a mere coincidence) that today's modern prayer also talks about 'your Church.' We, the Church, belong to God, and he has work for us to do. Both prayers call upon him for his ready help, and we may trust that in his love and generosity he will give us what we need, both in order to do his will and also for our own growth in holiness. This 'ordinary Sunday' gives us a gentle reminder that God is always there, and we are not alone as we try to serve him and live the Christian life.

**Our prayers today.** In our regular prayer we pray today for this church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion for the Spanish Reformed Church and the Lusitanian Church of Portugal. In our diocesan prayer we pray for all in the Reader ministry, especially our own Reader, Mr Reginald Saunders, and for Mrs Wendy Varney, our Reader-in-Training. In the parish we pray for the Ewell Parochial Trustees\*, and for the residents and staff at 'The Elders'.

[\* There is a note about the Trusts elsewhere in today's Notes for the benefit of anyone who might not know what the Ewell Parochial Trusts actually are.]

SUNDAY SERVICES

**0800 HOLY COMMUNION** *Book of Common Prayer rite*  
The Prayer Book rite, which we have about quarterly at 0800, can now be followed (with about 98% accuracy) in Order 2 of 'Common Worship,' beginning on page 229. Unlike the monthly Prayer Book Sung Eucharist in the Mattins slot, the BCP rite at 0800 follows the 1662 order without any deviations from the actual text, except for the omission of the long exhortations. In order to achieve this, the simple rule is to *disregard any indented material* in the text. Collect and Readings are on a separate paper.

from the parish or are designated as such by the Borough of Epsom and Ewell or by the Borough of Reigate and Banstead, for the 'ancient Liberty of Kingswood' was once part of the old parish of Ewell. The Clerk and Treasurer is Mrs Miriam Massey, who succeeded Mr Geoffrey Berry last year.

I am grateful to the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller, who lives in the parish, for his help today. Some Sundays are busier than others, and today there are five services at St Mary's, all of them very different. I shall be back at the end of the Sung Eucharist in time for 'coffee and Mattins,' but it is good to be less rushed today than is usually the case on a Sunday morning. W.R.H.

**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, though there will be worship at Ewell United Reformed Church. There is a paper on a board near the west door for people to tick (no names needed) if they plan to go to Guildford for the occasion, for there is a general invitation, and the cathedral needs to know how many service-papers to print.

**The Harvest Home tickets** have now all gone, and there is a waiting-list. All the signs are that this is going to be a very pleasant evening.

A little while ago Edna Attwood kindly gave the church a small bookshelf for use in the pulpit. It may be 'a small thing', but it is certainly useful thing to have for its present purpose. It is easy for things like this to get unacknowledged, so this is just to say that we are grateful to Edna for her thoughtful donation.

**Tell us!** From time to time I have asked that all information about meetings, rehearsals, indeed ANYTHING to do with St Mary's, whether on the premises or not, should be notified to the office as a matter of course. Once again I need to make this plug, for it is easy for things to slip through the net. The Administrator and I need to know what is going on, not least because of inquiries from outside. We can come over as bumbling and inefficient if we appear not to know what is going on, and it is also not a little embarrassing. W.R.H.

**Next Sunday.** This will be quite a busy day at St Mary's. We shall be keeping our Harvest Thanksgiving at all the services except for the 0800 Eucharist, which will be 'of the Sunday.' There will be the usual Procession of Harvest Gifts at the Sung Eucharist, and there will be a special All-age Harvest Festival service at 1100. Our harvest gifts (no perishables, please) will be going as usual to agencies working with the homeless. There will also be a Harvest Choral Evensong, something we have not had for many years. It will also be the occasion of the second Old Choristers' Reunion. Last year's occasion was a great success, and we look forward to welcoming the Old Choristers once again.

*Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell.*

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche in the Choir Vestry.  
Collect of the Day: page 417 (black ribbon)  
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 (red ribbon)  
Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in C

We welcome *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller* as the celebrant and preacher this morning.

Introit hymn: 292 (second tune)

Introduction and Prayers of Penitence; *Kyrie eleison*

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* setting)

Collect of the Day: page 417

New Testament Reading from the Letter of St James

Gradual hymn: 451

The Holy Gospel reading from St Mark.

Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession, followed by the Greeting of Peace

Offertory hymn: 296 (first tune) Collection

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 *without the responses in red brackets.*

Then return to pages 178-180

Hymn at the Invitation: 300

Anthem: Exsultate justi.

*Viadana*

*English version:* Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, for it cometh well the just to be thankful. Praise the Lord with harp, sing praises unto him with the lute and instrument of ten strings. Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage. (*Psalms 33:1-3*)

Post-Communion hymn: 420. Post-Communion Prayer: page 417

The Blessing and Dismissal

*Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.*

## CHORAL MATTINS

*Book of Common Prayer rite*

*Hymns from the small red hymn books at Mattins today.*

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Music: *Smith of Durham*

Venite (shorter version)

Office-Hymn: 39

*All sit* Psalm 33 In praise of God, creator and sustainer. Page 175

First Lesson from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

(*Separate leaflet for readings.*)

*All stand for Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254*

*Written in C*

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Luke  
Hymn 259

The Creed and the Greeting, then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (first Collect on page 78 ).  
Anthem: Exsultate justi.

[English translation printed at the 0930 service. It is, of course, the opening section of the psalm sung at Mattins today.]

Prayers Hymn 257 (first tune); Collection The Blessing

1200 **HOLY COMMUNION** (*Side chapel*). **Common Worship rite**  
Order 1: page 167. Collect: page 417 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.

1630 **EVENSONG AND HOLY BAPTISM** **Common Worship rite**  
*It would be good if once again there were a good representation of St Mary's folk to welcome the newly-baptized.*

### In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Wednesday 0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Harvest Gift Service

### Other events and notices

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall: The Delight of the Bean and the Conviviality of Congenial Company. There will be a **Bring and Buy** at the Coffee Morning this week.

A reminder that the **Parish Website** is now up and running. We are much indebted to David Crick for setting it all up, and for continuing to act as our Webmaster. We can be found on [www.stmarysewell.com](http://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 of which they were quite unaware. The site itself is well worth visiting. Since its launch just over three months ago we have had a very substantial number of 'hits,' even some from other continents. The site is updated on a regular basis, and there is a small Website Group which meets occasionally to discuss the website and its contents.

The **Ewell Parochial Trusts** are the present-day versions of the benefactions listed on the large black board in the north aisle. They are grouped together in a Charity Commissioners' Scheme. Their principal function is that of Relief in Need, and there is also an educational aspect to the Trustees' work. Beneficiaries are limited to those living in the ancient parish of Ewell, i.e. including such parts of other parishes which were formerly in this parish. The Vicar is the only *ex-officio* Trustee, and he is by custom the Chairman; the other Trustees are either