

Saturday

There will be a coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale on Saturday at Grove Cottage, the Abbeyfield Home at 10 Cheam Road. The Coffee Morning runs from 1000-1200. Admission is 50p, which includes the coffee and biscuits. There has been a long-standing connexion between St Mary's and Grove Cottage; more about that another time. Meanwhile, all are welcome on Saturday; do come, even if you had church coffee on Wednesday

1930 Concert by the Epsom Male Voice Choir in church. The concert is sponsored by the Friends of St Mary's Music, and also by the Rotary Club of Epsom. Tickets are £6, and £4 for under 16s. All ticket sales are in aid of The Rotary Club of Epsom's Charity Fund and for the work of the Friends of St Mary's Music. This was a very popular event last year, and it is good to welcome the Epsom Male Voice Choir back again.

Advance notice for the week after:

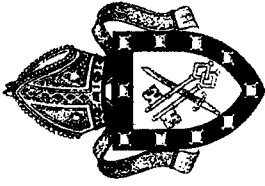
Tuesday 21 October: Planning Meeting for next year's *Village Fair* at 8 o'clock in the Parish Room. A general invitation to all who would like to lend a hand. This year's fair was super; let's make next year's even more so.

Many thanks to those who helped in the sorting and taking of our harvest gifts. I left for Swanwick not long after things began at 9 o'clock, when there were in fact not all that many there. As I write these words later in the week, I hope there were not too few taking part, for it is a huge job. It was a lovely Harvest Festival; the puppets were a joy, the gifts were many, and it was good to see former choristers back in the evening. A lot of hard work went into all the services last Sunday, and I am very grateful for all that was done and accomplished both on the day itself and at the delightful Harvest Home the night before with good food and good fun. 'Well done, good and faithful servants.' W.R.H.

There will be the **General Anointing of the Congregation** at the 0930 Sung Eucharist next Sunday. This happens on the Sunday nearest St Luke's Day (18 October), and it has been a feature of our parish devotional life for several years. All of us stand in need of the grace of God, and its healing aspect is clearly displayed in this distinctive sacramental rite. We all need healing in certain aspects of life (whether in body, mind or spirit), and the prayers which accompany the anointing with the Oil of the Sick are quite general in their tone. I mention this now, because there will be no time for a sermon about this next Sunday morning. By and large, most people at St Mary's are quite used to this particular ministry, but I shall be available after the Tuesday morning Eucharist to answer any questions people might have about this, before I go off to Walsingham. W.R.H.

And on the matter of **Sermons**: I seem to have been having an unusually easy time of it lately at the Sung Eucharist, with Dr Miller preaching a fortnight ago, Mr Saunders last week, and Mrs Varney today. And it goes on: next week sees the *Anointing rite*, which doesn't really leave room for a sermon, and on the following week we shall have the *Procession of the Scriptures*, the commentary at which effectively does duty as a sermon. (I shall have something to say in the Notes next week about that.) However, then it all stops, and as far as I can see I shall be doing all the preaching at the Sung Eucharist in November and December. W.R.H.

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WEEKLY NOTES

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

It is an unusual experience to be re-joining the Cathedral community today, not least because it is a rare event for a former Residentiary Canon to return as an Honorary one. I expect to find Guildford Cathedral very different in many ways from the cathedral I left all those years ago to come here. I have only occasionally re-visited the cathedral for official events, since I have always taken the line that the function of a predecessor is to predecease, and that is indeed the common convention in the Church of England. Not that all have observed it: there have been some unfortunate exceptions like Archbishop Fisher, who meddled in Church of England affairs well into his retirement, causing much embarrassment to his successor, Dr Ramsey. (I can think of some other examples too, but I shall not develop the point.) Cathedrals are now somewhat differently run from the way in which they were once run, and just as the treatment of their fabric was brought into line by the General Synod (and I spent ten years monitoring this), so their administrative structures have also been substantially changed. My own view is that this later job was not very satisfactorily done; it had the clear object of calling the cathedrals to heel, with a pre-set agenda which was more than faithfully followed by the steering committee, and I am certain it will all need to be re-visited after about ten years or so. We shall see. Meanwhile, I am very grateful to those who have sent kind wishes and greetings to me, since my appointment was announced, and I am glad that some will be making the journey to Guildford to see me being 'put in' my stall. 'Installation' means just that: you get put 'in a stall.' Being a modern cathedral, Guildford's canons' stalls are not named after ancient prebendal lands which provided an income for the canons in pre-Reformation days*, but are named after biblical saints, a somewhat unoriginal idea. As yet I do not know which saint is going to enclose my own bodily form. W.R.H.

[*One of the more curious long-term results of the Reformation is that one particular piece of prebendal land, which could not get sold off, has meant that the longest serving canon of St David's Cathedral is in fact HM the Queen, and she has been known to occupy her stall.]

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.

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

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer we pray today for this church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion for the Church in Australia. In our diocesan prayer we pray for the work of the hospital chaplains, especially for Canon Chris Vallins and his team at Epsom and St Helier healthcare. Also today we pray for the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral. In the parish we pray for the Guides and Brownies, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in Aragon Avenue.

[Coincidentally, the Anglican prayer cycle and our own street cycle both begin again today.]

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 418.
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196

Common Worship rite

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

'Children's Hour' in the church hall; Crèche in the choir vestry.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 418 (*black ribbon*)
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191 (*red ribbon*)
Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F
The hymns today are nearly all metrical canticles used as ordinary hymns. Some are already known from 'Leaflet K' or *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell*, but they are all **printed out** on the Readings paper.

Introit hymn: *Venite* [AMR 508]

Introduction (page 167) and the Prayers of Penitence

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

Collect of the Day: page 418

Readings on separate paper.

New Testament reading from the Letter to Hebrews

Gradual hymn: *Benedictus* [NEH 148]

The Holy Gospel reading from St Mark

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney*, Reader in training

Nicene Creed (*sung today*): traditional language text on page 213 (*Shaw*)

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory hymn: *Te Deum laudamus* Collection [AMR 635]

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191;

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

Hymn at the Invitation: *Wherefore, O Father.* [0EH 335 and Amen]

During the Communion:

Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus. *Elgar*

Hail, O true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who after suffering was sacrificed for mankind upon the cross, and from whose pierced side there flowed a tide of blood. Be our food in death's hour. O gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Post-Communion hymn: *Benedicite* (short form) [NEH 478]

Post-Communion Prayer: page 419; the Blessing and Dismissal.

CHORAL MATTINS

The hymns today are metrical canticles. They are printed out on the reverse side of the Readings paper. This means that, apart from the sermon and prayers, everything else at Mattins today comes from the Holy Scriptures.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Music: *Rose*

Venite (shorter version)

Hymn: *A Song of Righteousness* (from Psalm 103) [NEH 440]

Psalm 127 and 128 The two short 'wedding psalms' page 294

First Lesson from the Wisdom of Solomon (*on separate paper*) [NEH 215]

Hymn: *A Song of God's Splendour* (from Psalm 96)

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Luke

Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254

Stanford in B flat

The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,

the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 78).

Anthem: O sing joyfully.

Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength, make a cheerful noise to the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret, the merry harp with the lute. Blow up the trumpet in the new moon, even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day; for this was made a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. (*Psalms 81: 1-4*)

Prayers

Hymn: *A Song of God's descending* (from Psalm 18) Collection. [NEH 420]

The Blessing

1830 Installation of the Vicar as Honorary Canon of Guildford during Choral Evensong at the Cathedral.

1830 Evening Worship at Ewell United Reformed Church.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices

The Vicar will be on a pilgrimage-retreat with members of the Federation of Catholic Priests at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham for part of the week. There will be normal arrangements in the office.

Tuesday

2000 House Group at 68 Castle Avenue (see below)

Wednesday.

1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. 'Have a break; have a coffee.' Actually, tea is on offer as well.

2000 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee at 68 Castle Avenue. (Change of venue due to rehearsal of Epsom Male

Voice Choir in church).