

shall pass over and pass; and be guilty, even he whose might is his god. Art not thou from everlasting. O Lord, my God, mine Holy One? We shall not die. O Lord, thou hast ordained him for judgement; and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction.

I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and look forth to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. And the Lord answered me, and said, The visions is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

(Habakkuk 1: 6-12; 2: 1-3, 14, 20)

All kneel. Prayers

All stand. Hymn 340 (ii)

(All sit. There may be some announcements.)

All stand Hymn 333

The Blessing

(There is a retiring Collection tonight)

After the service, the choir will move to the front of the nave for the Recital. There are works by two composers: *Britten*, 'Rejoice in the Lamb' and the 'Hymn to St Cecilia,' and *Kodaly*, *Missa Brevis*.

The Lent Leaflet, still available on the book-trolley, carries fuller details about the various services and other Lenten activities than appear on the Weekly Notes

In church this week

Monday	1915	Holy Communion
Tuesday	1000	Holy Communion
	1100	'Objections to Christian Belief' with Dr Patrick Miller
		'Moral Objections' this week.
Wednesday	1200	Holy Communion (of the Annunciation to Our Lady)
Friday	1200	Holy Communion

Other events and notices

- 2000 Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.
- 2000 House Group at 68 Castle Avenue with Iain McKillop
- 2000 CTE Lent Group: *Industry and Workplace* (at Ruxley Church)
- 1020-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
- 1215-1345 The second of the Lent Lunches will take place in the Church Hall. Price: £2.50. There will be a Raffle and/or Bring-and-Buy. The lunches are in aid of our Lent project, the Shooting Star appeal for the Children's Hospice at Hampton. There is information about the project in the Welcome Area.

The sacristy rota and the altar servers rota have now been removed from the table at the front of the church. Anyone still needing one should collect it from the office.

The very lovely Rose vestments in memory of Frank Cannon make their second appearance at the Sung Eucharist today on one of the two 'rose' Sundays in the year.

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WEEKLY NOTES

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The many titles for this particular Sunday help to class it as being something in a rather curious class of its own. The *Fourth Sunday in Lent* is treated as *Mid-Lent Sunday*, with something of a relaxation of some of the penitential liturgical features of Lent. Traditionally the organ is silent during Lent (ours isn't), but can be played again on this particular day. The flowers make a brief re-appearance, before disappearing again as we move into Paschontide. In fact, the observance of *Mothering Sunday* has a complicated past, the curious passage in Galatians, read at the Sung Eucharist being the ultimate origin of all the 'mothering' side of Lent 4. (It also related to the custom of people visiting the local 'mother' church from local district churches.) *Refreshment Sunday* is a title based on the reading of the Feeding of the Five Thousand on this day, *Lactare Sunday* is a title based on the opening words 'Be joyful' of the ancient Introit for the day, *Rose Sunday* relates to the liturgical colour, and *Simmel Sunday* refers either to the eating of simnel cakes on this day, or of baking them at this time, ready for Easter. It is a nice day for a variety of ideas to jostle with each other, before we get down to the serious business of Paschontide and Holy Week. However, popular though it is, it is worth remembering that Mothering Sunday as such (just like Harvest Thanksgiving or 'Animal Sunday') is not a major festival of the Christian Faith. It may be a pleasant break from the seriousness of Lent, but the seriousness returns tomorrow, and now is the time to look at diaries, and see what additional commitments we can make, when Holy Week arrives in a fortnight's time on Palm Sunday. W.R.H.

In our prayers today we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church in Papua New Guinea. In our own diocese we pray for the nuns of the Community of St Peter at Woking, and continue to pray for the right choice of a new Bishop for us. We pray on Mothering Sunday for the mother church of the diocese, the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit at Guildford. In the parish we pray for the Administrator, Lynne Yuille, and for the people who live in Cullerne Close

A particular welcome to those who have come to St Mary's today for the Christenings at the Sung Eucharist, or who have come especially to the Mothering Sunday service at 1100, or who have come as parents or 'supporters' of the choristers of Emanuel School, who are with us this evening.

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



SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191; Proper Preface on page 308.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 395

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST and HOLY BAPTISM

Common Worship rite

Crèche available. The children are at the 1100 service today.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect (from the Baptism rite): page 350
 Baptismal Liturgy on separate paper.
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in E (Collegium Regale).
 Because of the many different devotional and sacramental aspects of the worship at 0930 today, it will be necessary to follow the running-order rather more closely than usual.

Holy Baptism does not often take place at the 0930 service, and it serves as an occasional reminder to the regular congregation of the personal nature of our call from God, and a chance to reflect upon the nature of our own response to that call in life. The modern baptismal rites lay much weight upon the faith of the Christian community which surrounds those who come to baptism. The Mattins congregation is perhaps more aware of this than the congregation at the Sung Eucharist, simply because more baptisms tend to take place in the 1100 slot. The baptism of one little boy and one little girl today marks the start of their Christian pilgrimage, but it should also remind us all that each Christian has to find time to look after his or her own soul. Godparents, sponsors, soul-friends, priests and teachers can only do so much; the rest is up to us.

Introit hymn: 77

The Greeting, first prayer and *Kyrie eleison*

[Penitential material is covered by the Baptism rite today.]

Collect of the Day: page 350

[Use Readings paper from this point until after the Gospel.]

Old Testament Reading from the Book Deuteronomy (for 'Refreshment Sunday')

(*Psalms, next reading and hymn for 'Mothering Sunday'*)

[Use NEH 441]

Metrical Gradual Psalm 122

New Testament Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Galatians

[t.NEH 114]

The Holy Gospel Reading from St John

Sermon by *the Vicar*. (Use the other paper now for the baptismal rite.)

The Liturgy of Baptism

The baptism of Benjamin Samuel Seton and Monique Emily Taylor

Hymns during the baptism rite: Sing to the Lord the children's hymn. [t.NEH 374]

and: I was made a Christian. [t.OEH App.70]

Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace
 Offertory Hymn: 285 (i); Collection.

(for *Laetare Sunday* and for *'Mothering Sunday': Mother Church*)

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; Preface of Holy Baptism: page 362

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

During the Communion:

Antiphon: Ave Maria. *Fauré* (for *'Mothering Sunday': Mother Mary*)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum: benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tuae, Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus, nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Hymn 282 [PLEASE DO NOT STAND FOR THIS HYMN] (for *Holy Baptism & Refreshment Suna*)

Post-Communion hymn: 413 (for *'Mothering Sunday': our own mother*)

Post-Communion Prayer: page 362. (for *the Baptism rite*)

The Lenten Blessing (for *Mid-Lent Sunday*)

The Giving of the lighted candle to the newly-baptized. (on the *Baptism paper*)

The 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.

1100

CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE: All-age worship for Mothering Sunday, with the distribution of flowers. There is a separate leaflet for this service.

1830

CHORAL EVENSONG, sung by the Choir of Emanuel School, Clapham.

Book of Common Prayer rite

Responses: Green books, page 18; Music: *Rose* (Magdalen College setting)

Office-hymn: 61 (tune 176 ii)

All sit. Psalm 114. The power of God seen in the Exodus from Egypt. Page 274

First Lesson: Genesis 32 (on separate paper)

All stand. Magnificat: page 19

At sit. Second Lesson: Hebrews 13 (on separate paper)

All stand Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), then after the Greeting all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the

Responses and the three Collects (first one on page 62).

All sit. Anthem: For lo, I raise up. *Stanford*

For lo, I raise up that bitter and hasty nation, which march through the breadth of the earth, to possess the dwelling-places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful; their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves. Their horses are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen spread themselves, yea, their horsemen come from far, they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. They come all of them for violence; their faces are set as the east wind, and they gather captives as the sand. Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him; for he heareth up dust and taketh it. Then shall he sweep by as a wind that

Village Fair News: Remember the date – 24 July.

A second planning meeting was held on 8 March, and those who attended had great fun in choosing the winning design for this year's programme cover. The entries were from Ewell Grove Infant School, and it was very difficult to make a decision. The winner is *Jamie Longcake*, aged 6, and the runners-up are *Rosie Shepherd, Conner Page, Rosie Brewer and Rowena Taylor*. Well done to all the children who took part. We still need volunteers to help with the running and setting-up of the Fair, and there are vacancies that need filling for the following: *Break up the 'appy 'ome, the Balloon Race (selling tickets, blowing up the balloons), manning the gates and directing car-parking, the barbecue and the sideshows*. Please contact Rosemarie Henson on 020 8224 2713 if you think you may be able to help in any way, as we are quite short of man/woman-power this year. Also, if you are about to start your spring-cleaning, please see if you might have any good quality items for our stalls. The recent Hymnathon in aid of the Village Fair has, amazingly, now raised £600. This really is a splendid result. Next year we resume at Hymn 251.

The next event in connexion with the Village Fair is the annual **Bake-in**, on Saturday, 27 March from 1000-1200. Please bake a cake and come and support the **Bring and Buy**. The 50p admission includes coffee and biscuits. Please bring any contributions to the Church Hall after 0900 on the day, and bring your friends along for a pleasant (and hopefully profitable) morning. Further information from Valerie Smither (8393 2468) or Sarah Stovell (8393 0786).

The next Fair Meeting is on Wednesday, 9 June in the Parish Room. We would like to thank everyone for their continued help and support in organizing the Fair.

Rosemarie and Mike Henson.

Confirmation. I know of one or two adults who are making inquiries about getting confirmed, and this seems a suitable time to find out whether any others are likely to be interested. It would be sensible to gather names at this point, and then we can see what is the best way ahead. Name, address and telephone number on a slip of paper, please, and handed directly to the Vicar; oral communications – particularly on Sundays – are quite easily forgotten. W.R.H.

Church Hall cleaning. Our new cleaners have now been working for two months. We want to maintain a high standard. So, if anyone notices anything that needs attention, would he or she please tell one of the churchwardens, or write a comment in the note-book in the Welcome Area.

Tea-towel washing. We now have a few volunteers, but of course a few more would make the job less frequent for those concerned. Any offers to Gilda Everson.

Lent boxes. There are just a few boxes not yet taken, and they can be found in the Welcome Area. Might they all go today? Our Lent Project always relies heavily upon what is put in the 'self-denial' boxes, and this year's project for a Children's Hospice deserves to attract a fair measure of support.

Service papers, etc. This is a time of year when several different leaflets appear for one reason or another, and it is very easy for things to get mixed up. Leaflets containing the readings for 0930 and 1100 are nearly always the same colour (for ease of filing), so it is a matter of some importance that care is taken – and not just by sidesmen – when they are handed back in by those who do not wish to take them away. **Today it is particularly important, with quite a lot of different styles of service, and with different readings at 0800 and 0930.** Most Sunday evenings involve some time in sorting out service papers, and much of this could be avoided if people went by heading and content and not by colour earlier in the day. It would be a great help if this point were to be generally taken on board.

The Friends of St Mary's Music were set up some years ago to support the musical tradition of this parish. Various events have been sponsored by the Friends, and over the years they have raised a considerable amount of money to enable the distinctive style of the music at St Mary's to be maintained. The latest event to be sponsored by the Friends will be the recital by the group *Vox Angelii*, which will take place a week Saturday, on 27 March. Further details in the Welcome Area. This promises to be a delightful evening.

Coffee Morning Outings 2004. There will be two coach outings this year: to Rochester on Thursday, 10 June, and (perhaps predictably) to Eastbourne on Thursday, 16 September. People who do not normally attend the Coffee Mornings will be very welcome. Further details in due course, and probably in next month's Ewell Parish News. The Rochester trip will be a full day affair, leaving St Mary's at 0930, and arriving back about 1800. Tickets are £7; names and money by Wednesday 12 May, either to the Office or to Joan Boulden at the Coffee Mornings or on Sunday mornings in church.

Next Sunday. This is the one morning in the year when the 1100 congregation most kindly gives up its slot in order for us to hold the Election of Churchwardens and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, and we are most grateful to them for this. Also, there will *not* be a 1200 Eucharist; the next one will be on Easter Day. The sermon at the Sung Eucharist next Sunday, as noted on the Lent Leaflet, will be entitled *'With Jesus in Jerusalem now'* and will be a sermon in preparation for Holy Week. The evening service will be *The Reading and Music of the Passion*, a chance to reflect quietly and prayerfully, through the scriptures and music of Holy Week, upon the Passion of Christ, as we move once more into the annual commemoration of the Paschal mystery. W.R.H.