

There is information in the Welcome Area about **The Christian Resources Exhibition**, which is on this week at Sandown Park. It is a sort of Christian Ideal Home Exhibition: hundreds of stalls and stands on all sorts of aspects of Christian life and ministry. It is well worth a visit, and being only ten minutes or so away by car it is too good a chance to miss.

There is still room on the coach for **Rochester** on Thursday, 10 June. This 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 Morning or this morning in church.

A reminder about the information at the back of the church in connexion with a mighty service at the cathedral on **Whitsunday afternoon**, when the new statues on the west front are to be dedicated. Each parish is invited to send two representatives. (That doesn't count me, because I shall be 'up front'.) There is, in fact, a general fiesta atmosphere at the cathedral throughout the day, not least because it is their Patronal Festival, and there is going to be a Choral Eucharist and also an elegant lunch for those who want it. However, with our own busy morning timetable here, I only plan to arrive in time for the afternoon service. Anyone who would like to go should have a word with me; nobody has so far. I attended a meeting of the College of Canons last week; quite different in feel and style from when I was a Residential Canon all those years ago. In those days we wore Convocation Robes for the occasion (that's the rig I wear for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and that sort of thing), but since there are now Lay Canons as well as clerical ones all that seems to have been swept away. The meeting was interesting, businesslike and (I am glad to say) very forward-looking. W.R.H.

Also a reminder of the pamphlets available at the back of the church in connexion with the **Guildford Diocesan Summer School**, a selection of 'learning opportunities' taking place in July at various venues and on a wide range of topics. There are over three dozen things on offer this year, and some of the topics may well be of interest to some. Do take a brochure, if you are interested. W.R.H.

Next Sunday: The Eucharistic arrangements are as usual. There is a special all-age service of Christian Family Praise at 1100, with a welcome return visit of the puppets. There is a fierer with the Weekly Notes today in connexion with this. There will be *Choral Evensong* at 1830 next Sunday; one of only two Choral Evensongs this term.

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WEEKLY NOTES

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Easter 4)

The regular cycle of prayer for other parts of the Anglican Communion has now run out, and we have a few ecumenical subjects for prayer for the next couple of months. Today we pray for the work of Christian Aid, which is an ecumenically directed enterprise on behalf of the main-line Churches. In the next few weeks we shall be praying for other parts of the Christian Church, with whom we possess a basic unity in faith and share a common baptism. Some of them have strange and wonderful titles, but all who profess and call themselves Christians belong to a worldwide community of faith, and in our systematic prayer for one another we are obeying the apostolic precept, 'Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ' (Galatians 6:2). Our regular prayer for other Christian groups, and for our own bishop (the archbishop during a vacancy) and diocese are a reminder that the local congregation is not in fact the basic unit in the Church. Grass-roots, yes; but the basic unit is the diocese: the bishop together with his clergy and people. This is why our prayer for the right choice of a new bishop is not just something to do with 'them at Guildford', but something to do with our own essential relationship with the rest of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for the inter-Church work of Christian Aid during its annual fund-raising week. In the diocese we pray for the Church's ministry among deaf people. In our parish we pray for all involved in the Christian Aid house to house collection, and for the people who live or work at Priory Court.

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167

Other Eastertide texts: page 316.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 402

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; Children's Hour in the Church Hall; Crêche available in the Choir Vestry.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 402
 Other Eastertide texts: page 316 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in C

Easter Greeting: Christ is risen.
All reply: He is risen indeed.

Introit Hymn: 255
 Easter Greeting, Introduction, Prayers of Penitence (page 168), *Kyrie eleison*.
 Metrical Gloria in excelsis: *on reverse of Readings paper*
 Collect of the Day: page 402. *Readings on separate paper.*
 New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John
 Gradual Canticle: A Song of the Heavenly City. [i. 227]
(printed on readings paper).

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John
Sermon by the Vicar

Nicene Creed: page 173
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace
 Hymn 105 (ii) Collection
Then all sit for the Offertory Anthem: Ye choirs of new Jerusalem. Stanford
 [Words of Hymn 124]
All stand for Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Eastertide Preface: page 316.
 Turn back to page 178 for Lord's Prayer, etc.
 During the Communion: Hymn 102 Post-Communion Prayer: page 403
 Post-Communion hymn: 115. Easter Blessing and Dismissal.

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader-in-Training*
 Responses: page 8 Music: *Gibbons and Barnard*
 Metrical Easter Anthems: HHE 3 [Tune 401]
 Psalm 139: verses 1-18 page 302
 First Lesson from the Book of Daniel (*Readings on separate paper*)
 Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254 *Written in C*
 Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Mark
 Hymn: HHE 39 'The Songs of New Jerusalem' [Tune: OEH 122 ii]
 The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,
 the Responses and the three Collects (first Collect on page 70).
 Anthem: Most glorious Lord of life. *Lord.* [Words on small slip]
 Prayers Hymn: HHE 37 [Tune 205] The Blessing

Other events and notices

Monday 1930 Estates Committee
 Tuesday 2000 Induction of the new Vicar of Tattenham Corner
 Wednesday 1030-1200. Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: there is a Sale
 of home-made marmalade this week, in aid of the boys' home at
 Jeel al Arnal in Bethany.
 Vicar and Administrator at the Christian Resources Exhibition.

The South Porch and Disabled Access. The work is begins (at last) on Monday.

And the Church building too. Much expensive work needs to be done to the stonework as a result of the last Quinquennial inspection. Before the work is actually put in hand we need to go once again through the ponderous machinery of ecclesiastical bureaucracy and red tape. I draw attention to a Legal Citation about this on the Notice-Board near the west door. W.R.H.

Agendas for the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council are available in the Welcome Area for new members of the Council and those without e-mail.

Christian Aid. The street bundles are available in the Welcome Area. There is a huge poster on the new notice-board, the size of which perhaps helps to illustrate the sheer immensity of the tasks which face the relief and caring agencies in the Third World. Christian Aid is a major player in this field.

Summer Fair Plant Stall. Plants ordered will soon be ready for planting out, and some will be brought to church, by arrangement, next Sunday. There will also be a plant table at Sunday Coffee for the next two Sundays. Orders may still be placed; there are lists on the book trolley, or please call Evelyn Jarrett on 8393 4502. Thank you for your help in raising necessary funds. E.J.

The Music List for this term is now available on a chair by the Choir Notice-Board in the Welcome Area. The **Service Planner** is also available at the book-trolley, and also a paper giving the dates of the 1100 Prayer Book Sung Eucharist and the 1200 said celebration, because the normal 'third Sunday' and 'last Sunday' arrangements vary somewhat this year.

Ascension Day falls a week Thursday (the 20th). The Eucharist will be celebrated at 1200 and 2000. (There will not be a 1000 service.) The evening service will be a simple Sung Eucharist at the Nave Altar by the Easter Candle, and the service will be entirely congregational; the choir has been excused, by exception, on this occasion.

Mr Frank Bodie died last week. The arrangements for his funeral (at St Mary's) were not finalised at the time of printing the Notes. An announcement will be made at the services today.