

The Easter Candle is moved to the area by the font after Pentecost, where it remains in order to be lit at baptisms during the year. It is also lit at funerals. In recent years we have made 'a thing' of this by moving the Candle from its Easter position at the Easter Garden during the last hymn at the Pentecost Sung Eucharist. Unfortunately, last Sunday there was an accident with the Candle and its stand, and it is now out of commission. A temporary arrangement is in use this morning, before the necessary repairs are effected, and so the formal transferring of the Candle will not take place this year.

Services at Ewell United Reformed Church. I was not pleased to learn that last Sunday, and for the second time, people have turned up at the URC and found that there was no evening service. I have now had a word with the new minister, who did not appear to know what the standing arrangement actually is. A meeting has now been arranged for the both of us to talk about the links between St Mary's and the URC, and in due course I shall have something to report. Meanwhile, apologies once again to those who had a wasted journey last week. W.R.H.

Village Fair Plant Stall. The sale of bedding plants has raised the sum of £261. Grateful thanks to all who supported this effort. Evelyn Jarrett.

Children's Society boxes. It is now time for the boxes to be collected. Please may they be brought to church as soon as possible. Thank you. S.H.

Coffee Morning outing to Rochester on Thursday, 10 June. The coach will leave St Mary's at 0930, arriving at Rochester about 1100. It will leave Rochester at 1630, arriving back in Ewell at around 1800. There are a few seats still available.

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Easteride finishes on Whitsunday; 'Ordinary Time' begins tomorrow, and we are back to the liturgical colour of green, the non-festive colour for worship. Next Sunday there will be the Book of Common rite at 0800; there is, in fact, a 'special feature' on Trinity Sunday at a Prayer Book Eucharist. Anyone know what it is? And what is the reason for it? (I asked this last year, and no-one came up with the answer; try again this year? Answer next week.) There is Mattins and Holy Baptism at 1100, always a delightful occasion. It is also the half-term Sunday for the junior choristers, and there will *not* be Choral Evensong (as stated on the service lists), but there *will* be one the following week, Corpus Christi, when there will also be the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Music.

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WEEKLY NOTES

30 May 2004

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

HOLY SPIRIT IN HOLY CHURCH

The last day of Easter-tide

'The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world; it holds all things together, and knows every word spoken by man' (Wisdom 1:7). These words, which form the ancient Introit for Whitsunday, tell us that God is active in his world today through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. To talk, as is not infrequently done, of Whitsun being 'the birthday of the Church' always seems to me to be a very inadequate way of thinking about such a wonderful day as this. For Pentecost is all about the power of God, mighty in operation, real and active in the world, and supremely so through the Spirit-filled body of Christ, which is his Church. Pentecost is the feast of the descent of the Holy Spirit upon us, every bit as much as it is a commemoration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the first disciples after the Resurrection. Indeed the Johannine and Lucan accounts of the occasion when the Spirit was first given are so different as to indicate two quite separate traditions in the early Church. Pentecost is an annual opportunity for the Church to be confident, and to reflect that the abiding and indwelling Spirit of God effects Christ's abiding presence with us until the end of time. So, really, what more do we want? All the Gifts of the Spirit, listed by St Paul, are available to transform our lives, and Whitsunday is the great day for calling upon the Holy Spirit to come and empower us, and make us worthier bearers of the good news of God's love and of salvation through Jesus Christ. W.R.H.

[This is a re-print of last year's paragraph for Whitsunday.]

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today - in a few weeks of ecumenical themes for prayer - for the Roman Catholic Church (by far the largest Christian body in the world) and for Pope John Paul II. In the Diocese we pray for the life and witness of the Cathedral, on the day of its Patronal Festival, and for the Dean, the Very Reverend Victor Stock. We pray for all those whose spiritual lives have been enriched by charismatic gifts of the Spirit, both in the main-line historic Churches as well as in churches of the Pentecostal tradition. In our parish prayer we pray for a readiness to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all our visions, dreams, hopes and plans; and in our regular systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in Ewell By-Pass.

WHITSUNDAY



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.

0800

HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.
Other Pentecost texts: page 320

'Common Worship' rite
Collect of the Day: page 405
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

0930

PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

'Common Worship' rite

Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche in the Choir Vestry
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 405.
Special material for Pentecost: 320 (black ribbon)
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188 (red ribbon)
Setting of the Eucharist: Howells, Collegium Regale.
Hymns at this service are from 'A Hundred Hymns for Ewell, or
else printed on the Readings paper.

Proclamation hymn: HHE 44 (tune OEH 150 ii)

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

The Easter Greeting: Christ is risen.

All reply: **He is risen indeed.**

[This Greeting comes at other points in the service.]

The Collect of the Day: page 405 (Readings on separate paper.)

New Testament Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Easter Alleluia and Pentecost Sequence: on Readings paper

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession and prayers of penitence (the Confession is back on page 169). Then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Hymn: HHE 47 (tune NEH 182)

Then all sit for the Offertory Anthem.

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come. *Thorpe Davie*

Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come. Thou art that comfort from above,

Take in the souls of thine thy place; The highest doth by gift impart;

Thou, whom our hearts had being from, Thou spring of life, a fire of love,

O fill them with thy heavenly grace. And the anointing Spirit art.

Then all stand for Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188,

but beginning with the extended Preface on page 321, and including the Consecration Acclamation on Readings paper. (Lord's Prayer, etc. back on pages 178-180)

Hymn during the Communion: on Readings paper

Post-Communion hymn: 45 (tune NEH 408 i)

Post-Communion Prayers: page 405 and 182

Easter Blessing and Dismissal

(A reminder that the response is: *Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.*)

1100

CHORAL MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite

Red hymn books today: readings on separate slip.

Sermon by Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader-in-training

Responses: green prayer book, page 8 Music: Smith of Durham

Easter Anthems: page 67

Office-hymn: AMR 152 (tune AMR 153)

Psalm 48. The temple as a place of waiting for the action of God. Page 195

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Dry bones, divine breath, and new life.

All stand Te Deum laudamus: page 10. Sunison in G

Second Lesson: Acts 2: 1-21

Pentecostal power as gift and as enabling grace.

Hymn: AMR 155

Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Anthem: Come, Holy Ghost, the Maker, come. *Thorpe Davie*

[The words are printed above at the Sung Eucharist.]

Prayers

Hymn AMR 235 (= NEH 137); Collection. The Blessing

1200

HOLY COMMUNION (Side Chapel)

Common Worship' rite

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 405

Other Pentecost texts: page 320 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

1830

Evening Prayer in the Parish Room

In church this week

There are no liturgical services in church this week. The regular Tuesday Eucharist resumes next week, when we shall be back in the Parish Room now that Eastertide has finished.

Other events and notices

Sunday The Vicar is at the Cathedral this afternoon for the Dedication of the new statues on the west front of the cathedral.

Monday 2000 Village Fair Meeting in the Parish Room

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Come and have a relaxing time and some nice coffee, and meet some nice people too.