

The Village Fair: Saturday 24 July. We would like to thank Evelyn Jarrett for all her hard work and green fingers in producing such healthy plants for the Plant Stall. The grand total of £280 has been raised.

There will be a meeting for stall holders and helpers on Wednesday of this week at 2000 in the Parish Room. This will be the final meeting before the Fair, and it is important that everyone knows the arrangements for setting-up, etc. on the day. The meeting is also an opportunity for any problems to be sorted out. Badges will also be available. Volunteers are still needed for Side-shows, manning the gates, church watching and the loading party.

A list of stall-holders is near the west door, and donations of goods for their stalls will be much appreciated. There will also be a clothes-rail at the back of the church for the Nearly New Boutique. And have you got your **Grand Draw** tickets? They are also available at the back of the church. Or can you sell any? Balloon Race tickets are also on sale. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday. Many thanks. *Rosemarie and Mike Henson.*

Large print Weekly Notes. Some years ago we used to have a few copies of the Notes regularly 'blown up' each week for the benefit of those who found the normal print a bit on the small side. This has not happened for some time, but it may be the case that some people would value this. If anyone would like this on a regular basis, please would he or she let the Vicar or one of the churchwardens known, or else please notify the office. We already have some large print copies of 'Order 1' of the Holy Eucharist, and some more have recently been obtained. Unfortunately they do not contain any traditional language material, so there is a bit of a problem when the older forms of the Gloria and Creed are sung, or when material from other parts of *Common Worship* is used. However, they are useful for the main bits of the service.

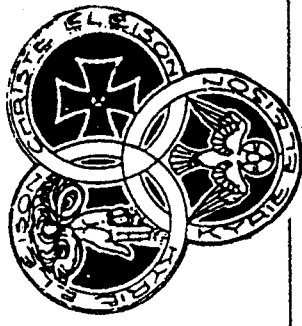
Children's Society boxes. It is now time for the boxes to be collected. Please may they be brought to church as soon as possible. Thank you. S.H.

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. It is **Corpus Christi**. Normal Sunday timetable, but with the musical arrangements changed, as noted above.

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WEEKLY NOTES

6 June 2004

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Christ-centred first half of the liturgical year ended last week with the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit upon the Church. In some ways it is very fitting that that the first Sunday in what is now rather prosaically called 'Ordinary Time' should be a festival in honour of the full picture of the nature of God. Trinity Sunday is a product of medieval English spirituality, and was ordered to be kept as such in 1162 in thanksgiving for the consecration of St Thomas Becket as Archbishop of Canterbury, who was ordained to the episcopate on the Sunday after Pentecost. As a festival on this particular Sunday it is singularly appropriate. This first Sunday of the non-festive half of the Christian Year bids us look before all else at the Divine reality itself, not in order to understand it, but to adore it. The doctrine of the Holy Trinity, implicit in the New Testament and formally asserted in the formative period of Christian doctrine, reminds us first of all that God is first revealed as a mighty yet loving Creator, who can be known and loved as Father. So indeed were we taught by the One who saw his role in this world as that of the only-begotten Son of the eternal heavenly Father, for he is indeed the Word of the Father, who came to be the Word of life for us. That divine presence remains ever with us through the operation of the Holy Spirit of God, who is seen as God at work in his world and more specifically in his Church. Three glimpses of the divine glory are given to us. Our human language will tell us but little of that sacred Trinity of Persons, but then we do not need to know all that much more. To glimpse a little of the loving Fatherhood of God, the saving love of the Son, and the loving warmth of the Holy Spirit is sufficient for us in this life. There is an eternity to know the true mystery of the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile, on Trinity Sunday, we look up, and lift up our heads, and sing our earthly praises to the One Almighty and Eternal God, or, as the familiar hymn puts it, to 'God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity.'

In our prayers today we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church, we pray for those who belong to the Eastern Orthodox Churches, and for Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople. In our own diocese we pray for Bishop Ian and his continuing responsibilities during the interregnum, and we continue to pray for the right choice of a new Bishop for us. On the sixtieth anniversary of D-Day we pray for those who fought on the beaches, whether still alive or at rest in the peace of Christ, and we give thanks that in the providence of God those events led to liberation and to the defeat of an evil regime. In the parish we pray for all those who have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity during the past twelve months, and for those responsible for their spiritual nurture; we pray too for the people who live in Elmwood Close.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0900

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 page.

0930

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Crèche in the Choir Vestry. It is half-term for the Choir Juniors.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 406
Other material for Trinity Sunday: page 322.
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188, Extended Preface on page 323
Setting of the Eucharist: *Leighton* in D
Note: Of the five hymns at the Eucharist, three relate to Trinity Sunday itself, and the other two relate to the D-Day observance this week-end.

Introit hymn: 146

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: *Merbecke* melody for the Gloria today: at Hymn 542, on page 830 in the melody edition, and on page 559 in the words-only book.

Collect of the Day: page 406. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Gradual Hymn: 144 [Tune 220 ii]

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

Offertory Hymn: We give immortal praise (*on readings paper*) [Tune: 475] Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188, but *starting with* Extended Preface on page 323; and then *returning to* page 189.

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

At the Invitation: Hymn 491 [For the D-Day anniversary]

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei*

and Anthem: O Trinity, most blessed light. C *Kenneth Turner*

O Trinity, most blessed Light,

O Unity of sovereign might,

As now the fiery sun departs

Shed thou thy beams within our hearts. In lowly reverence adore.

All praise to God the Father be,

All praise, eternal Son to thee,

Whom with the Spirit we adore

For ever and for evermore. Amen.

Post-Communion hymn: 495 [For the D-Day anniversary]

Post-Communion Prayer: page 407.

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.

1100

MATTINS AND HOLY BAPTISM

Congregational service.

There is a special leaflet for this service.

As usual we would be very glad of 'supporters' to represent the Welcoming Church for the new young Christians and their families on this their baptismal day. There is a small but faithful number of people who regularly exercise this ministry (particularly when Holy Baptism is at Evensong), but it would be good if, on occasions like today, the Mattins congregation could be joined for this important task by others who are already in church.

1830

Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

A reminder that Choral Evensong, which was originally scheduled for tonight, has been transferred to *next* Sunday, on the occasion of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Mary's Music.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**
Friday **St Barnabas** 1130 **Holy Communion**

Other events and notices

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound
Tuesday Vicar meets with the minister of Ewell United Reformed Church.
Vicar meets with the Churchwardens.
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: the delight of the bean and the biscuit, and the further delight of pleasant company.
2000 Village Fair: final planning meeting
Thursday 0930 Coffee Morning outing to Rochester
Friday 1200 Epsom Deanery Chapter meets at St Mary's.

The Friends of St Mary's Music will be holding their Annual General Meeting next Sunday after *Choral Evensong*. The published arrangements for that day have now been changed, and Mattins will now be congregational, and the choral service transferred to the evening. Copies of the music list will need to be adjusted accordingly. Cheese and Wine will be served in the Parish Room after Evensong.