

The Friends of St Mary's Music celebrate their tenth anniversary this year. Anyone who is interested in supporting the music here is invited to come to the Annual General Meeting, which is to be held after Evensong tonight. There will be a Tenth Anniversary Service at Choral Evensong on 4 July, which will also be the date of the annual Old Choristers' Reunion.

The Village Fair, Saturday 24 July: Six weeks and counting! The final planning meeting was held last Wednesday, and we are still in need of helpers for the day, especially for the *Tea and Coffee, Side shows, and the manning of the Gates*. We are also looking for someone to collect the money for the *Pony Rides*. Please let us know if you can help. Joan Boulden now has sponsorship forms available for the *Men's Cake Making Competition*; please let her know, if you would like to take part. There is a list of stall-holders in the Welcome Area. They would appreciate your donations, either given to them or left at the back of the church. We could wish:

Bottle Tombola. Bottle needed: soft drinks or alcoholic will all be gratefully received, but please check the sell-by date.

Nearly New Boutique. Please could clothes be pressed and on hangers. There is a rail available in church, just by the medieval brasses.

Breakin'-up the 'appy' one. Crockery suitable for smashing is needed.

Bric-a-brac. John and Sarah Stovell are looking for new stock, especially good quality smaller items. Sorry, regulations stipulate no second-hand electrical goods.

Cake stall. This is always the first stall to sell out. Sue Davis would be grateful for donations of cakes, large or small, please.

The Balloon Race. Tickets are now on sale, and available from Rosemarie Henson. We are trying to sell as many as we can in advance of the Fair.

And don't forget the Grand Draw. Tickets are available in the Welcome Area; Counterfoils and cash to Gill or Nigel Bird, please, or else placed in the blue box.

Programmes, price £1 (accompanied children free) are available. Please put the cash in the box provided. Also, posters and car-stickers can be found in the Welcome Area; please help yourselves. *Last, but not least, an appeal for help for the loading party, and in setting up the Fair on the Friday evening, and dismantling it after the Fair is over. Please let us know if we can add your name to this list.* Thank you all for your kind support. *Rosemarie and Mike Henson (020 8224 2713).*

The Bible Reading Fellowship. Evelyn Jarrett has now finished as the local BRF organiser, and her place has been taken by Eve Myatt-Price. Our best thanks go to Evelyn for her years of service on behalf of the BRF at St Mary's; many parishioners will be grateful for what she has done on our behalf. Anyone who does not know about BRF should now contact Eve, who will be very willing to enrol new members into the Fellowship.

Next Sunday. The services are the normal mixture for a 'Third Sunday', with the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100.

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

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WEEKLY NOTES

13 June 2004

CORPUS CHRISTI

The annual devotional concentration on the Christ of the Holy Eucharist is celebrated away from Maundy Thursday, when the mind is on other things, though even on that occasion the Church celebrates the Eucharist in white (i.e. festal vestments, because the institution of the Eucharist is something about which all Christians should be glad. All main-line Christians are agreed on the importance and dignity of the Eucharist, no matter how differently they understand it. From the simplicity of some of the Reformed traditions to the mystery of the Orthodox liturgies of the east (and everything in between) Christians have found here a place of meeting with the Lord Jesus, who, as St Paul says, is made known to us 'in the breaking of Bread.' There is a devotional society in the Church of England called The Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament (of which I am a Priest-Associate), whose first object is to promote 'the honour due to Jesus Christ our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of his Body and Blood.' Today the Scriptures tell us of the concept of life-giving food, both in Old Testament times as well as in the new age of the Christian Eucharist. It remains a wonderful and sacred mystery, and yet at its heart is something of the utmost simplicity: in signs of food from the God who cares we are given grace abounding and a share in the power of the risen life of Christ, as he makes his eternal self-offering on our behalf before the Father's throne. A prayer from the eastern Liturgy of St Basil puts it like this (the prayer in a slightly different form comes up as one of the Post-Communions in *Common Worship*):

The mystery of thy redeeming purpose, O Christ our God, has been accomplished, so far as in us lies. We have sung forth thy praise, we have tasted the Bread of Life, we have been filled with thine unending goodness, we have been made partakers of thy divine nature - of which do thou account us worthy hereafter.

W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the wider Church we pray for those who belong to the ancient Oriental Churches (Copts, Armenians, Abyssinians and others). In our prayer for the Diocese we pray for the those exercising an ordained ministry in retirement, and continue to pray for the right choice of a new Bishop for us. It is 'Refugee Week', and we pray for all who are refugees in different parts of the world. Our parish prayer today is for our servers of the sanctuary, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we remember today the people living in Elmwood Drive.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0900 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167 *Common Worship rite*
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; Proper Preface: page 314

0930

PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers, Children's Hour and Crèche.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 407
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 314
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Millington*, Missa Alime Pater
 Note: Because the hymns at the Eucharist today come from three sources, they are printed out on a separate paper.

Proclamation hymn: Verses of Hymn 521 (*Lauda Sion, Salvatorem*) [t.AMR 508]
Kyrie eleison [Millington]
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw melody*)
 Collect of the Day: page 407 *Readings on separate paper*
 Old Testament Reading from the Book of the Exodus
 Gradual Hymn: Verses of HHE 50 [t.AMR 570]
 The Holy Gospel reading from St John
 Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 213
 Intercession, Prayers of Penitence (Confession back on page 169); then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 271 (Collection)

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 314

Consecration Acclamation: *on Readings paper*

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

Hymn at the Invitation: NEH 269 part 2

Anthem: Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face. *Whitlock*

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;

Here faith would touch and handle things unseen;

Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,

And all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God;

Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;

Here would I lay aside each earthly load,

Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Post-Communion hymn: MHT 177

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 after the 0930 service.

1100

MATTINS *Congregational service today. Book of Common Prayer rite*

Responses: green book, page 8. Metrical Venite: Leaflet K, No.2

Psalms 85 Grace, hope and peace. Page 239

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8: 2-16 *(readings on separate leaflet)*

Metrical Te Deum: Leaflet K, No.8

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-17

Hymn 312

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

Hymn 306 Prayers Sermon by *the Vicar*

Hymn 272 (Collection) The Blessing

1830

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Green books, page 18

Office-hymn: 268 part 1 (tune 202)

Psalms 43 'I will go unto the altar of God.' Page 190

First Lesson: Exodus 16: 2-15 *(readings on separate leaflet)*

Magnificat: page 19

Second Lesson: St John 6: 22-35

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Anthem: O sing joyfully.

Book of Common Prayer rite

Music: *Gibbons and Barnard*

Howells, Collegium Regale

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Baitten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength, make a cheerful noise to the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring in 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*)

Hymn 279

Prayers Hymn 302 (Collection) The Blessing

Choral Evensong will be followed by the Annual General Meeting in the Parish Room of the Friends of St Mary's Music. There will be Cheese and Wine in the Parish Room after the service.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Sunday 1500 Vicar officiates at the County Wreath-Laying Ceremony at the Memorial to the Missing at Brookwood Military cemetery.

Tuesday 2000 House Group at 68 Castle Avenue

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.

Thursday 2000 Standing Committee of the Parochial Church Council.