

20 June 2004

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The sonnet which is being used today at the Gradual during the 0930 Sung Eucharist is a reflection on the devotional settling-back (after Trinity Sunday and Corpus Christi) into the normal Sunday routine of what is these days called 'Ordinary Time.' We are now back into green, the colour of nature and the normal colour for the non-festive time of the year. However, blue sometimes serves as green (in Welsh the word for blue can also mean green, even though there is another word which just means green), and this year, because we have the new blue set in memory of Frank Cannon, we shall be using blue on ferial weekdays this month and on Sundays at 0800. Devotionally, green is generally thought of as symbolising the created order, and by the same token the blue-ness of the summer sky emphasises the same sort of thing. Next month the blue will be used at the Sung Eucharist for the first three weeks (the last Sunday, St James, is properly red – the colour of blood, as befits a martyr-saint). We shall then revert to the customary green, not least because at least one of the green sets of vestments is light-weight! There is a note about our use of the liturgical colours at St Mary's in the Welcome Area, and copies of this are available on request. There was a great variety of 'uses' in medieval times, and we know of several English colour schemes: for example, at Michaelmas they were in white at Wells and Salisbury, but in blue at Westminster. For the Sundays after Trinity most places were in green, but red was very common in England; however, on the continent it seems to have been a season in which the only principle was 'anything goes,' for they were in green at Cologne, red in Milan, saffron in Palencia (Spain), blue in Toledo, and at Le Mans they were (most unusually) in violet.

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer 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 those who belong to the Methodist Church. In the diocese we pray for those who exercise a ministry as Readers-in-retirement, including our own Mr Reginald Saunders. In our parish we pray for those who live in the Abbeyfield House at Grove Cottage, and for the people who live in Fairview Road.

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.

bother during the hot weather. In the past they always used to be used over a cassock, but there is no real need for this. It is important that those who assist at the services are comfortable in what they wear. Another alternative is to revert to cassock-and-cotta rig. If in the next few weeks those concerned turn up a bit earlier than usual we might see what the possibilities are. W.R.H.

Hymns during August. During the three Sundays in August, when the choir is away, the hymns tend to be 'easy', if that is the right word. If anyone has a request for a favourite hymn during that period, would he or she please let the Vicar know; just the name of the hymn and of the 'sponsor' on a scrap of paper, please. There is a secret list of banned hymns; hopefully none of these will be asked for!

The Village Fair, Saturday 24 July: Five weeks and counting! The final planning meeting has now been held, 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 do with:

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' ome. 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).

Next Sunday. Morning services are as normal, with the additional monthly 1200 Eucharist. Evening Worship will be at Ewell United Reformed Church.

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 B: page 188

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 408

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; 'Children's Hour' in the Church Hall; it is 'Bring a Friend Day today.' Crèche in the Choir Vestry.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 408
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196
Setting of the Eucharist: *Viadana*, Missa l'hora passa

Introit Hymn: 255

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence (page 168), *Kyrie eleison*

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: Hymn 363 (tune 338)

Collect of the Day: page 408 *Readings on separate paper.*

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

Gradual Hymn: HHE 59 (t.182) (*on slip*)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 433

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; turn back to page 178 for Lord's Prayer, etc.

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Anthem: O sacrum convivium. *Croce*

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis eius, mens impletur gratia, et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of the passion renewed, the mind filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given to us.

Hymn 306

Post-Communion hymn: 468.

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Post-Communion Prayer: page 405

1100 SUNG EUCHARIST

Book of Common Prayer rite

Setting of the Eucharist: *Harris* in F.

Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*, Missa Simplicior.

Merbecke is a congregational setting, and the melody is available on the lilac-coloured paper.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 346

Then green Prayer Book: page 31

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33

Greeting and the Collect of the Day

(*There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings*)

For the Epistle: 1 St John 3: 13-24

Remain seated for the Gradual Psalm: 146. The Lord who cares. page 309

All stand for the Holy Gospel: St Luke 14: 16-24

Nicene Creed: page 34, followed by Prayer Biddings and the Offertory Sentence.

Offertory Hymn: 311 Collection

After the hymn, all kneel for the Prayer for the Church (page 36), the

Prayers of Penitence, etc., and for the Prayer of Consecration

Hymn at the Consecration: 269 part 2

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

Anthem: O sacrum convivium. *Croce*

[Words printed above at the 0930 Eucharist.]

After Communion: The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44

All stand for Gloria in excelsis

The Blessing Hymn 368

1830 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices

Tuesday 1245 Organ Recital

2000 Meeting of the Website Group.

Wednesday 1030-1200. Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: 'Have a break; have a coffee.' Fellowship, Friendship and Fine Blend.

2000 Meeting of 'Pro Musica.'

Saturday The Vicar assists at a wedding in Cambridge.

The South Porch with its new doors is now ready to come back into use. However, we need to sort out some points now in connexion with giving out books and collecting them again, and things of that sort; otherwise there may well be a measure of confusion. Once this is all sorted out we can start to use the South porch once more. The great thing is, of course, the new provision for Disabled Access, and quite a few will be very grateful for this.

The start of the Eucharist. We have not hitherto been using the opening invocation of the Trinity at the Eucharist in the normal run of things, but perhaps we should normally avail ourselves of this option, particularly during the Trinity season, since we were all baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. So, unless there is a liturgical procession before the service, the Eucharist will now usually begin with this formula, except, of course, in the case of Book of Common Prayer services.

Albs. The mention of light-weight rig in the 'weekly paragraph' reminds me that our cassock-albs, functional and convenient as they are, are perhaps a bit heavy for this time of year for the altar servers and Communion assistants. We might possibly experiment with some of our old cotton albs for a while, to see if they are less of a