

Ewell Parish News for July is available today.

Also available today and *for free* are copies of *El Dorado*, the magazine of the Guyana Diocesan Association. There is a nice picture inside of Ken Fry and Margaret Rocca.

Tickets for the celebratory luncheon following the Vicar's 40th Anniversary Service will be on sale in church from Sunday, 4 July, from Jean Parmiter and Sybil Hale. The cost is £5. Numbers are limited by the size of the Church Hall, so the tickets will be sold on a first-come - first-served basis. Telephone bookings will be taken from 5 - 11 July on 020 8393 3385. Entry to the lunch is by ticket only. The service will start at 12pm and the lunch at approximately 2pm. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to drinks with the Vicar in the church immediately after the service.

Wendy Varney. Another important count-down is now in operation, and this is for something which happens nine days before the Fair. Wendy will be *admitted and licensed as a Reader* at a service in Guildford Cathedral at 2000 on Thursday, 15 July. I shall obviously be there myself in an official capacity, but it would be good if there were to be a reasonable contingent of supporters from St Mary's. It *might* be worth thinking of hiring a coach if numbers warrant it. There is the usual sort of chart at the back of the church for anyone who would be interested in going by coach; let's see what happens **today**. It will be too late afterwards to fix up a coach, I suspect. Otherwise, I hope lots of people will be able to make their way to the cathedral to support Wendy on her great day. W.R.H.

Our Lent Project this year in aid of *The Shooting Star Trust*, in connexion with the Children's Hospice at Hampton has raised £1080. I am immensely grateful to all who helped to raise the money for this very worth-while cause. The Lent project at St Mary's is one of the success-stories of this parish. When I have a moment I shall see if I can find out how much has been raised for Lent projects during my time here (let alone before); I am sure it will be a very substantial figure. W.R.H.

Windows. We were 'visited' last week-end, and the north-west window of the north aisle was broken in two places. We seem to have got off lightly; some of the shops by Organ Crossroads were considerably damaged, and a builder's lorry outside the church had its windscreen smashed. I suppose every so often this sort of thing has to happen, and, not being able to enter into the mind of 'the vandal', I share the general annoyance about this. However, we have had to conserve the glass from the window replaced by the Millennium-Jubilee one, so even if we have to pay the glazier at least we won't have to pay for the glass.

[On a lighter note, I recall learning in my undergraduate days at Oxford (in a first-year course on Historical Geography, commonly called by its participants 'Hysterical Geography') that the Vandals were really not so bad, after all. Whereas the Goths and Huns generally destroyed things, apparently the Vandals just moved in and occupied what they had captured. W.R.H.]

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

St Mary the Virgin
EWELL PARISH CHURCH
020 8393 2643
www.stmarysewell.com

WEEKLY NOTES

27 June 2004

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Village Fair is not at first sight a 'religious' occasion, but in a way it is just that. When all is said and done, we go about this exercise every year out of love for God and his Church, and more particularly out of love for that microcosm of the Universal Church which is St Mary's Ewell. The fact that we are raising money for our local church clearly makes it some sort of 'religious' occasion, but more particularly the Fair is an expression of that important New Testament word '*koinonia*' which I have been mentioning off and on in recent months. That Greek word denotes communion and fellowship, and has a considerable range of meaning. The Village Fair is an example of visible *koinonia*, as members of the congregation and other well-wishers pull together to try each year to make the Fair a great success. Over the years we have been much indebted to successive (and successful) Fair Organisers, all of whom have done a splendid job in co-ordinating a fairly complex enterprise, and making every Fair a new creation, for there is always something special or new each year. The fact that we really need all the money we can get to keep the ship afloat* may be what galvanizes us all into action, but it is always a wonderful occasion, a good piece of window-dressing to show this local church and congregation as an active and vigorous community, a chance for old friends to visit us, and an annual opportunity to put St Mary's on the map. It is good that the First Citizen of the Borough normally opens the proceedings and supports us by his presence. At this time of year the Weekly Notes keep plugging the need to stock our stalls, as well as our need for lots of volunteers, for whom jobs can always be found. Any offers of help can still be given to Rosemarie or Mike Henson who are labouring indefatigably to make this year's Fair another great success story. Please help, if you can. W.R.H.

[*The metaphor is actually quite appropriate, for the image of the Church as the 'ship of salvation' can be traced right back to the story of Noah's ark in the Old Testament. In fact, the word 'naive' denoting the part of the church building west of the chancel (not *naive*, as I once saw in *The South Wales Evening Post*) comes from the Latin word for a ship, *navis*.]

In our prayers today we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church, we pray for those who belong to the Presbyterian Churches. In our own diocese we pray for Diocesan legal officers (the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the Registrar and his colleagues); and we continue to pray for the right choice of a new Bishop for us. In the parish we pray for the governors, staff and pupils of Ewell Grove School; we pray too for the people who live in Fairfax Avenue.

1100

CHORAL MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Music: *Neary*

Venite (shorter form)

Office-Hymn: 149 (ii)

Psalm 27 'The Lord is my light.'

Page 169

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 15: 1-11. (*Readings on separate paper*)

Te Deum: metrical version on slip (tune AMR 40)

Second Lesson: St John 14: 1-14

Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254

Music: *Stanford* in B flat

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,

the Responses and the three Collects (first Collect on page 69).

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness in thy palaces. (*From Psalm 122*)

Hymn 349 Prayers Hymn: 339 (Collection)

The Blessing

1200

HOLY COMMUNION (Side chapel).

Common Worship rite

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 409.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.

1830

Evening Worship at Ewell United Reformed Church.

There is definitely a service at the URC tonight (after one or two recent hiccups), and it will be conducted by a Church of England Reader, Mr Tom Rhind-Tutt. There will be a service on Sunday evenings at the URC throughout July and August. As in the past few years there will not be evening worship at St Mary's during August. During July there is Choral Evensong at St Mary's on the 4th, Evening Prayer on the 11th and 18th, and the usual 'fourth Sunday' visit to the URC on the 25th.

In church this week

Tuesday **St Peter and St Paul** 1000 **Holy Communion**

Other events and notices

Monday 1930 Estates Committee

Tuesday 1245 Organ Recital by Hans Krebs

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: the delight of the bean and the biscuit, and the further delight of pleasant company. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale this week.

Saturday

Vicar attends the Guyana Diocesan Association festival at St Augustine's, Kilburn.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800

HOLY COMMUNION

Common Worship rite

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 409.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

0930

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; Children's Hour in the Church

Hall. Crèche in the Choir Vestry.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 409

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F

The hymns at the Eucharist are all familiar ones today. The hymn at the Invitation to Communion is based on passages from an early Christian work called the *Didache*, which includes references to the Eucharist or to the *Agape*, the meal which originally accompanied the Eucharistic action.

Introit hymn: 390

Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.

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

Collect of the Day: page 409. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Galatians

Gradual Hymn: 137

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke

Sermon by *the Vicar*.

Nicene Creed: page 173 [See also note on the back page.]

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 484. Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191; turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.

At the Invitation: Hymn 284

During the Communion:

Anthem: O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Howells

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness in thy palaces. (*From Psalm 122*)

Post-Communion hymn: 372. Post-Communion Prayer (*together*): page 182

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.