

4 July 2004

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is a very busy and multi-faceted day at St Mary's today, and only the 0800 service is its normal self. We shall have the Blessing of the new South Porch arrangements before the Sung Eucharist. At 1100 there will be 'All Creatures Great and Small', a service which has become increasingly popular since it was first started a few years ago. The service will be attended by the Mayor, and he will be reading the Lesson. The evening sees the Old Choristers' Reunion at a Choral Evensong which marks the Tenth Anniversary of the Friends of St Mary's Music. We have almost reached the figure of one hundred Friends, but not quite. It would be splendid if this psychological milestone might be reached or passed before tonight's service. Representatives of the Friends will be lurking in likely places this morning to enrol any new Friends into their number. The Sung Eucharist today is unusually almost entirely congregational from a musical point of view, although there will be an anthem. This is because the juniors are on at 11 o'clock and in the evening, and by and large we try to avoid a three-service commitment, except when it is really unavoidable. The number of seniors in the choir at present is not large, and this is a problem which is exercising the *Pro Musica* group, which has the general oversight of the music here. However, the Choral Evensong tonight promises to be a musical delight, as we welcome back some old friends to sing Brewer and Brahms 'with the spirit and with the understanding also', as St Paul said, and as the Royal School of Church Music continues to proclaim through its motto.

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 Baptist Churches. In the diocese we pray for those being ordained at the Cathedral today. In our parish we pray for our local Ward Councillors, and for the people who live in Fennells Mead.

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 Mattins

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

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by members of the congregation. I inherited some rather lifeless sanctuary kit on my arrival here; it has gradually been much improved through specific benefactions, and what we have now is worthy of a church like ours, and in fact there is not all that much more that we really need now.

Mr Ray Ayres has now completed work on the display cases, one of which will house the Book of Remembrance, which will contain the names of those whose ashes are interred in our Garden of Remembrance; the other will contain the information about the Millennium-Jubilee Window, when all this has been assembled in another book. Ray Ayres has done us proud with his magnificent workmanship on these cases. One of them is now on display near the book-trolley. He has also given us the new security arrangements in the office. We are much indebted to him for giving us so much of his time and talents.

The Nicene Creed. It would be churlish of me not to repeat what I said in church last week, which was that with everyone following the text carefully in the book (after having been harangued by me so to do) the recitation of the Creed at the Sung Eucharist was particularly clear, articulate, reverent and dignified – and, of course, accurate. Please keep up the good work; we shall not sing the Creed for the next few weeks, in order to sort out the problem of people relying on the memory and getting it wrong. Please do the same as last week, and follow the text carefully in the book; this is a better thing to do in any case, because it concentrates the mind on what is being proclaimed in the regular Sunday Profession of Faith.

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.e. Thursday week). 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. No-one seemed keen on my suggestion last week about hiring a coach (at least no-one signed up), but 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.

Evening Worship. There will be a service on Sunday evenings at Ewell United Reformed Church throughout July and August. As in the past few years there will not be evening worship at St Mary's during August; the evening service resumes at St Mary's on 5 September. This month there is tonight's Choral Evensong at St Mary's, Evening Prayer on the 11th and 18th, and the usual 'fourth Sunday' visit to the URC on the 25th.

Next Sunday. After all the complications of today, it will be a reasonably normal Sunday, for once. The Sung Eucharist will be the 'opposite' of today: the service will be sung by the juniors and the other upper voices of the choir, and they will be singing the delightful *Messe Basse* by Gabriel Fauré.

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

SUNG EUCHARIST and BLESSING OF THE NEW SOUTH PORCH DOORS AND THE DISABLED ACCESS FACILITY. Common Worship rite

Crèche in the Choir Vestry. The children are at the 1100 service today, and the Eucharist is sung by the Choir Seniors only.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 410
 Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Merbecke*, Missa Simplicior
 This is a congregational setting today, and the melody line is available in *The New English Hymnal*; please join in. Page numbers are given below.

Blessing of South Porch arrangements: on separate leaflet.
 Introit Hymns: All people that on earth do dwell
 and Lift up your heads, ye gates of brass (on leaflet) [L.AMR. 306]

Gloria in excelsis:
Merbecke melody for the Gloria today; it can be found at Hymn 542, on page 830 in the melody edition, and on page 559 in the words-only book.
 Collect of the Day: page 410 *Readings on separate paper.*
 Old Testament Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
 Gradual Hymn: Behold the mountain of the Lord (on leaflet). [L.MHT 166]
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke
 Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173
 Intercession: Prayers of Penitence (Confession back on page 169), then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory Hymn: 471 (June 499) Collection
 [On the occasion of the blessing of the new arrangements at the South Porch the Offertory Procession will be formed of members of the Estates Committee.]

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198.
Merbecke melody at the Sanctus today; it can be found at Hymn 542, on page 838 in the melody edition, and on page 567 in the words-only book.
 [Further sung parts of the service, including the Lord's Prayer are on the following pages. Spoken text resumes in *Common Worship* after the Lord's Prayer on page 179.]

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*
 During the Communion:
 Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus.
 [English translation at Hymn 289.]
 Hymn 441
 Post-Communion hymn: 485.
 Post-Communion Prayer (together): page 182
 The Blessing and Dismissal.

Please leave this morning through the west door, so that the rather 'different' congregation at 1100 today can come in more easily through the south porch, without the animals having to negotiate the steps. Now that all the building work in connexion with the south porch is completed, our regular arrangements for entrance and departure, as well as for giving out books and leaflets, will all now need to be revised. Hopefully this will be done in time for next Sunday. However, today's arrangements are largely dictated by the 'All Creatures Great and Small' service at 1100.

'ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL': CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE SERVICE. All-age Worship. We expect many four-footed visitors, and also some feathered bipeds.

There is a special leaflet for this service, which will be attended by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, Councillor Brian Angus, who will read a lesson at the service.

CHORAL EVENSONG. Book of Common Prayer rite TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S MUSIC AND THE ANNUAL OLD CHORISTERS' REUNION.

Responses: Green books, page 18
 Timothy Burke returns to play the organ for this service.
 Music: *Neary*

Office-hymn: 150 (ii)
 Psalms 46 'A safe stronghold our God is still.' Page 193
 First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 32: 1-6
 In praise of the good things of music.

Magnificat: page 19
 Second Lesson: Revelation 4
 Brewer in D

Nunc dimittis: page 20
 The singing of the eternal 'new song'.
 Brewer in D

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.
 Anthem: How lovely are thy dwellings.
Brahms
 [Text of anthem on small slip.]

Prayers Hymn 444 (U) Sermon by *the Vicar*
 Hymn 336 (Collection) The Blessing

In church this week

Monday	1915	Holy Communion
Tuesday	1000	Holy Communion
Wednesday	0900	Ewell Castle Junior School Leavers' Service

Other events and notices

Monday	2000	Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
Tuesday	1245	Organ Recital by the Vicar
Wednesday	1030-1200	Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: 'Have a break; have a coffee.' Fellowship, Friendship and Fine Blend.
	1200	First planning meeting for the service on 31 July: the Vicar consults with the 'Priests' MC', Canon Skeoch, a priest with much experience in this sort of thing, and one who will keep his colleagues under control!

Blue and green. Without going all over the explanation again, suffice it to say that during July (except for St James' Day on the 25th) we shall be in blue for the 0930 service, and in green at 0800. Both are technically 'green' for this purpose. (From August onwards it will be the normal 'green only' arrangement.) The lovely blue set is one of the two memorial sets of vestments in memory of Frank Cannon. The very pleasant green set, generally used at 0930 in 'Ordinary Time' is a gift from the late Ernie Bickley. Many of our vestments are either memorial gifts, or simply paid for