

**The South Porch**, together with the ramp for Disabled Access, is now back in use at last, after having been blessed before the Sung Eucharist last week. Entry can now be made on a regular basis for Sunday worship through the South Porch, but except on special occasions the books and leaflets will for the time being continue to be given out at the book-trolley only.

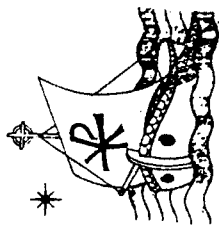
**The church building.** The area around the South Porch has resumed being an eyecore, after a brief period of its new normality. It will, I fear, remain so for several more months, for the scaffolding will be with us for quite a long time. A great deal of expensive work has to be done on much of the church's stonework, and the workmen moved in last week. The Parochial Church Council has been discussing the financial implications of all this, and in due course there will be further information about it all.

**Last Sunday** was a very full day at St Mary's, with something distinctive at all the services, except for the 8 o'clock. We owe two particular words of thanks in connexion with the 1100 service: to Kathie Burgess who arranged the service, and to Ian Burgess who spent much time sorting out the content of, and the arrangements for, the overhead projection display. There were about 155 people present at the service, and some 40 animals of one sort or another, and a substantial number of 'cuddlies'. This particular service is increasing in popularity year by year, and it was good to have the Mayor with us this time. A special word of thanks must also go to David Crick for all his work in connexion with the Old Choristers' Reunion and the Choral Evensong of last Sunday evening. A good time was had by all.

**'Missing Things.'** I am getting increasingly concerned about items which seem to have disappeared for no good reason. If anyone can shed any light on any aspect of this curious business, I should be glad to know. The candle sharpener has not been seen for a while; the pole to the organ-loft trapdoor has been missing for several months; my own set of pitch-pipes has been removed from its small box on the screen by my stall; my cassock-alb remains missing after nearly a year, and after several appeals in the Weekly Notes; and, much more alarmingly, the small silver paten used at 0800 and on weekdays has not been seen for about a month. There are no doubt other items, which do not immediately spring to mind. There seems to be no real explanation for any of these happenings. Recently I discovered a missing set of about a hundred copies of the Book of Common Prayer, which were in such an obscure place as to have been clearly deliberately hidden (they had been missing for about ten years). I have also been finding the inner office-door unlocked, when there is no reason for it to be found as such. All the signs are pointing to the need for a general tightening-up on who has access to what, and for a much stricter policy on key-issuing. This may well be unpopular, but all the indications are that the time has come to do this. More on this in due course. W.R.H.

**Tickets for the celebratory luncheon following the Vicar's 40th anniversary of priesthood** are on sale from Jean Parmiter and Sybil Hale. The cost is £5. Numbers are limited because of the size of the Church Hall, so the tickets will be sold on a first come first served basis. Entry to the lunch is by ticket only. The Solemn Eucharist begins at 1200, and the lunch at approximately 1400. All members of the congregation are cordially invited to drinks with the Vicar in the church immediately after the service.

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## WEEKLY NOTES

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### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The new Bishop of the Diocese is to be the Right Reverend Christopher Hill, who is at present the suffragan Bishop of Stafford. The announcement from 10 Downing Street was made last Tuesday, and the long period of waiting is now over. The news has not really come as a surprise; I thought he was quite a likely possibility, and said so on several occasions. Before people look this way and that, and then ask me quietly what I think about the new appointment, I might as well say now quite clearly that I think this is a very good choice, and I am pleased about it. Bishop Christopher Hill is much involved in the area of canon law, so I have some satisfaction in knowing that someone with whom I share a specialised (and, I suppose, somewhat unusual) ecclesiastical interest is coming to us. I know him, though not all that well; we once served together on a small Working Party of the Ecclesiastical Law Society in connexion with the Cathedrals Measure when it was going through the General Synod, and when he himself was a canon of St Paul's Cathedral. I look forward to welcoming him to St Mary's in due course. 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 Lutheran Churches. In our prayer for the Diocese we pray for Bishop Christopher Hill, as he prepares to come to us as our new Bishop. We pray too for those to be licensed as Readers this week, especially for our own Wendy Varney. On Sea Sunday we pray for all seafarers, whether serving in the great navies of the world or in the merchant services, and for naval chaplains and for the Missions to Seafarers. Our parish prayer today is for our Toddler Groups, for the leaders, and for the children themselves and their families. In our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we remember today the people living in Garbrand Walk.

*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.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1 in traditional language: page 207  
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 219.

*Common Worship rite*  
Collect of the Day: page 482

Wayfarers, Children's Hour and Crèche.

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 410

Baptismal Liturgy on separate paper.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

Setting of the Eucharist: *Fauré*, Messe Basse

Today the service will be sung by the Upper Voices of the choir, so gentlemen in the congregation, please sing up: all the tunes are well-known today.

*Holy Baptism takes place more frequently at Mattins than at the Sung Eucharist, but when it happens at the Sunday Eucharist it can serve as a clear reminder to the regular congregation of the personal nature of our call from God, and offer us a specific opportunity to reflect upon the nature of our own response to that call in life. The modern baptismal rites lay much weight upon the faith of the Christian community which surrounds those who are brought to baptism. Every baptism marks the start of a particular Christian pilgrimage, but it should also remind all present that each and every Christian has to find time to look after his or her own soul. Godparents, sponsors, soul-friends, priests and teachers can only do so much; the rest is up to us.*

Introit hymn: 467

Introduction to the service.

First prayer (page 168) and *Kyrie eleison*

[Penitential material is covered by the Baptism rite today.]

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: Hymn 363 [L.NEH 338]

Collect of the Day: page 410 *Readings on separate paper*

Old Testament Reading from the Book of the prophet Amos.

Gradual Hymn: 500

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

**The Liturgy of Baptism** (*Use other paper now for the baptismal rite.*)

*The baptism of Michael James Noble Harding-Fisher*

Hymns during the baptism rite: Sing to the Lord the children's hymn. [L.NEH 374]

I was made a Christian. [L.OEH App.70]

Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 285 (Collection)

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188, Proper Preface of Holy Baptism: page 362

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

Hymn at the Invitation: 269, part 2

During the Communion: *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei*

Post-Communion hymn: 437

Post Communion Prayer: page 362 (*from the Baptism rite*)

The Blessing

**The Giving of the lighted candle to the newly-baptized.** (*On the baptism paper*)

The Dismissal.

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunderson, Reader*

Responses: page 8

Venite (shorter version)

Office-Hymn: 151 (tune 428)

Psalms 19 page 161

First Lesson: Jeremiah 26 1-16 *Readings on separate paper.*

Te Deum: page 10. *Sung in G*

Second Lesson: Acts 19: 21-end

Hymn 354 (*for 'Sea Sunday.'*)

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

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

Anthem: I sat down under his shadow. *Bairstow*

(Words from the Song of Solomon)

Prayers. Hymn 394 Collection. The Blessing

1830 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Thursday 2000 At the Cathedral: see below.

Other events and notices.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.

2000 Epsom Deanery Chapter Barbecue at Banstead Vicarage

1245 Organ Recital (see below)

2000 House Group at 68 Castle Avenue

1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. David Slattery

speaks about the history and antiquities of the parish. David's

talks are always worth hearing. Come and listen over a cup of

coffee.

2000 Admission and Licensing of WENDY VARNEY to Reader

Ministry at the Cathedral.

Vicar at Royal British Legion Conference at Fetcham.

Thursday

Saturday

**The Notes.** The Weekly Notes have been getting fuller and fuller in recent weeks.

This will soon come to an end. Once we hit August life will be much simpler.

However, please take the Notes away. They take some time to produce, and are

meant to be taken away. Enough are produced each week to cover all the services,

so it does not help for them to be handed back with the service-books. In any case,

there is almost always enough information on the Notes to warrant retaining them,

and this is particularly so at this time of year and around the Church's festivals.

**Epistle Readers.** The rota is coming to an end, and it is time to draw up a new one.

Anyone who would like to join the band of readers please notify the Vicar TODAY,

because the new rota will probably be devised during the coming week.