

**Mr Bill Pettifor**, who died recently, was a faithful worshipper at the Sung Eucharist, seldom missing a Sunday. His funeral is on Monday at 1230 in church, followed by burial in the churchyard extension. I hope that many members of the 0930 congregation will be able to be present.

**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, at least 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, and so also will almost all the remainder of the exterior of the church, for the scaffolding will be with us for quite a long time, certainly until October. 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.

**Tickets for the celebratory luncheon following the Eucharist to mark the Vicar's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood** are on sale from Jean Parmiter and Sybil Hale, but there is already a reserve-list in operation. 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 starts at approximately 1400. There is a general invitation to the service, and all members of the congregation are cordially invited to drinks with the Vicar in the church immediately after the service.

**Coffee Morning Outing to Eastbourne.** We are now taking bookings for the planned coach outing to Eastbourne on Thursday, 16 September. Those who do not attend the Coffee Mornings but who are interested in the outing are most welcome to join us. The coach will depart from St Mary's at 0930 and arrive back in Ewell at around 1800-1830. The cost is £7, and names with money should be handed in at the Office by Wednesday 11 August, or else given to Joan Boulden at the Coffee Mornings or on Sunday mornings in church.

**Our new Bishop.** For those who were not in church last Sunday: the new Bishop of Guildford is to be the Rt Rev Christopher Hill, at present the Area Bishop of Stafford. I have written about the appointment in next month's Ewell Parish News.

**Next Sunday.** This is the festival of St James the Great, and actual day of the Vicar's fortieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. He will be away, as most people now know, at St Theodore's, Port Talbot, and the Eucharist here at 0800 and 0930 will be celebrated by the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller.

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

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## WEEKLY NOTES

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### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Our warmest good wishes to Wendy Varney, who was admitted as a Licensed Reader by the Bishop of Dorking at the Cathedral last Thursday. She will be preaching for the first time as a Reader at the Sung Eucharist today.**

An unusually busy second half of July is upon us. It began with an important moment for St Mary's, when Wendy Varney became a licensed Reader last week. Then this week is the annual occasion when this parish is really seen to be pulling together for the sake of a much-loved parish church and for its spiritual and pastoral life. I am immensely grateful to all who have helped in the count-down to the Village Fair on Saturday. Rosemarie and Mike Henson have worked tremendously hard to co-ordinate the enterprise, and I am sure I speak on behalf of all St Mary's folk when I say in advance a warm thank-you to them both for all that they have done. Then the following week sees my own personal occasion, as I 'hit' forty years in the priesthood. July goes out with a bang on the very last day of the month, and I hope many will be able to join me at the altar on that day to give thanks for all those years of priestly ministry, half of which have been spent in this particular part of God's vineyard.

**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 Pentecostal Churches. In the diocese we pray for the Department of Education and for the Church Schools. In our parish we pray for our governors, staff and pupils of Wallace Fields School and St Clement's Roman Catholic School, and for the people who live in Grange Mansions.

*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

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167

Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201

*Common Worship rite*

Collect of the Day: page 411

Wayfarers, Children's Hour, and Crèche.  
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 411  
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188  
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Batten*, Short Service

Introit Hymn: 377

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*  
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* setting)  
 Collect of the Day: page 411 *Readings on separate paper.*  
 New Testament Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians.  
 Gradual Canticle: A Song of Redemption (*on back of Readings paper*) (t.AMR 297)  
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke  
 Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*  
 Nicene Creed: page 173  
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.  
 Hymn: 362 (t. 185) Collection  
 Then *all sit* for the Offertory Anthem: O thou the central orb. *Wood*  
 [Words on small slip.]  
 Then *all stand* for Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.  
 Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Hymn 424

Post-Communion hymn: 435 [t. *Rachie*]

Post-Communion Prayer (*together*): page 182

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Sunston* in F.

Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*, Missa Simplificior.

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

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 500 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: Romans 6: 3-11

*Remain seated for the Gradual* Psalm 8. God's glory in creation. page 149

*All stand for the Holy Gospel*: St Matthew 5: 20-26

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

Offertory Hymn: 420 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: 313 [OEH 335 and Amen]

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

Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus.

[English translation at Hymn 289]

Mozart

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

*All stand for Gloria in excelsis*

The Blessing Hymn 364 [t.271]

1830 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

This is the last evening service at St Mary's until 5 September. There will be a service for the remainder of July and throughout August at Ewell United Reformed Church.

In church this week

Monday 1230 Funeral of William Pettifor

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices

Monday 2000 Meeting of the Parish Funding steering group.

Tuesday 1100 Meeting of the Vicar and the Minister of Ewell URC.

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

Saturday St Mary's presents the EWELL VILLAGE FAIR.

The Vicar leaves for Port Talbot at about 1530.

#### THE VILLAGE FAIR

**LESS THAN A WEEK TO GO NOW, and counting! We still need helpers for the day, especially for the *Tea and Coffee*, *Slide shows*, and the *manning of the Gates*. Please let us know if you can help.**

There is a list of stall-holders in the Welcome Area. They would all appreciate your donations, either given to them or left at the back of the church.

The enormous white original of the poster at the apex of No.2 churchyard is available on a table by the south porch for anyone who has a convenient place to put it. We need all the publicity we can get (just look at the scaffolding), and it would be a pity if this huge poster went to waste. Similarly, there are still car-stickers and ordinary sized posters still by the west door. They are no use after today.

**AND PLEASE 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).