

And on that point: 'The Parish Funding Programme.' After some guidance and advice from the Diocese the Parochial Church Council has decided to embark upon a major programme of financial planning for the future. A Steering Group, the Parish Funding Programme Committee, has now been set up under the chairmanship of Mr Richard Rothwell to co-ordinate the considerable amount of activity which will be involved in connexion with this. In the first instance he has written to various groups within the family of St Mary's, asking the groups to consider certain questions, and the replies to his letter will be considered in the autumn, when the next steps in the process will be decided upon.

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.

Large print Weekly Notes. Some years ago we used to have a few copies of the Notes regularly 'blown up' each week for the benefit of those who found the normal print a bit on the small side. This has not happened for some time, but it may be the case that some people would value this. If anyone would like this on a regular basis, please would he or she let the Vicar or one of the churchwardens know, or else please notify the office. This notice has appeared once or twice recently, but so far no one has asked for this to be done. *Last call today.* We already have some large print copies of 'Order 1' of the Holy Eucharist, and some more have recently been obtained. Again, please ask for one at the book-trolley on the way into church, if you would like to use one. Unfortunately they do not contain any of the traditional language material, so there is a bit of a problem when the older forms of the Gloria and Creed are sung, or when material from other parts of *Common Worship* is used; but they are useful for the main parts of the service, and in any case the Creed and Gloria can probably be sung from memory. The modern form of the Creed can still catch people out (though everyone seems to be following it carefully now, after I grumbled!), but the older versions are in the blood, as they say. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. Morning services as usual, with the additional 1200 Eucharist transferred from this week. Choral services finish after the Sung Eucharist, and will resume again on 29 August. There will be Holy Baptism at Mattins. Evening Worship will be at Ewell United Reformed Church, and this will be the regular Sunday evening pattern throughout August.

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

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WEEKLY NOTES

25 July 2004

ST JAMES THE GREAT

St James was the first of the apostolic band to perish after the resurrection. He is killed, and he disappears from the scene in the Acts of the Apostles, and that seems to be that. Yet, apart from St Peter and St Paul at Rome, St James 'the Great' is the apostle whose cult became the most widespread, far more widespread indeed than that of his brother John. Why? Presumably because of that combination of mystery and martyrdom in the person of one, who although in that inner Group of Three remains the great apostolic enigma. Peter was being prepared for years of leadership; John for his role in the written tradition that bears his name. Did the Lord look more intently into the eyes of James rather than John, when he said, 'The cup that I shall drink you shall drink; the baptism I am to be baptized with shall be your baptism'? For James was being prepared for an early martyrdom, and would glorify God not by any leadership or literary legacy, but by giving up his life for the Lord he loved.

In our prayers today we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church, we pray today for those who belong to the Methodist Church. Our prayers are asked for the Vicar as he celebrates the Eucharist today in his home parish on the actual day of his fortieth anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. In our own diocese we pray for Bishop Christopher Hill, as he prepares to come to be our bishop. In the parish we pray for those who work in the shops, restaurants, taverns and offices in Ewell Village; and we also pray for the people who live in Glenwood 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.

Ewell Parish News for August is available today.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our thanks go to the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller, who is the celebrant at both Eucharists today, while the Vicar is away at St Theodore's, Port Talbot.

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 437.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 (omit responses in red brackets).
Proper Preface: page 328

Common Worship rite

Children's Hour in the Church Hall. Crèche in the Choir Vestry.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 437
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Proper Preface: page 328.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in B flat

Introit hymn: 450

Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.

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

Collect of the Day: page 437. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Gradual Hymn: HHE 68 (*printed on Readings paper*)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*

Nicene Creed: page 173

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ACTUAL TAKINGS AT THE VILLAGE FAIR:

N.B. THIS IS BEFORE ANY OF THE CONSIDERABLE EXPENSES ARE TAKEN OUT.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Hymn: 227. Collection taken and brought to the west end.

Then *all sit* for the Offertory Anthem during which the bread and wine,

followed by the Collection, are brought to the altar.

Anthem: Give us the wings of faith.

{Words from Hymn 225, verses 1,3 and 4.}

Then *all stand* for Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 328

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

At the Invitation: Hymn 313. During the Communion: *Agnus Dei*

Post-Communion hymn: 231. Post-Communion Prayer (*together*): page 182

The Blessing and Dismissal

1100

CHORAL MATTINS

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*

Responses (Ferial): page 8

Venite (shorter form).

Psalm 149 'Sing unto the Lord, all ye his saints.'

First Lesson: 2 Kings 1: 1-15 (*Readings on separate paper*)

The strange account of 'fire from heaven' quoted in the Second Lesson.

Te Deum (chant setting): page 10

Second Lesson: St Luke 9: 51-62

James and John speak unwisely, and are rebuked by Jesus for doing so.

Hard words follow about the completeness of the call to discipleship.

Hymn 225 (i)

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

Responses and the three Collects (first Collect on page 87).

Anthem: Cantate Domino.

Pitoni

*Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
 Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit illum, et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.
 Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the congregation of the
 saints. Let Israel rejoice in him who made him, and let the daughters
 of Sion rejoice in their king.*
(Psalm 149: 1,2)

Prayers Hymn: 478 (Collection)

The Blessing

(The usual 1200 Eucharist on the last Sunday of the month is moved to next Sunday.)

1830 Evening Worship at Ewell United Reformed Church.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Saturday 1200 Sung Eucharist of Christ the Eternal Priest (See below).

Other events and notices

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 Altar servers rehearsal at 11.15.

The Vicar cordially invites all members of the congregation to join him on Saturday at 1200 at a Sung Eucharist in celebration of forty years in the priesthood, and to take wine with him afterwards.

Arrangements for Saturday. All altar servers and communion assistants are invited to robe and take part in the procession, whether they have a job to do or not. A detailed memorandum for all concerned will be available today. If the memorandum needs to be altered during the week, a new one will be available for those concerned on the day, with any alterations in bold type. There is a printed order for the service. Any queries can be sorted out from Tuesday onwards, when the Vicar will be back in the office. Nigel Bird is the MC in charge of the general arrangements (which are fairly normal), and Canon Skeoch will look after the clergy. Wardens look after the two processions during the service: the Procession of the Scriptures and the Offertory Procession. There will be a collection at the service, and after any expenses the collection will be given to St Stephen's House, Oxford, where the Vicar received his pastoral training.

Sunday morning Coffee. There is coffee as usual this morning, but, mainly because many of the regular helpers are on holiday during August, it will be discontinued after today, and will resume on 29 August.

The church building. The area around the South Porch has resumed being an eyesore, 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 costly work has to be done on much of the church's stonework. The Parochial Church Council has been discussing the financial implications of all this.