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WEEKLY NOTES

26 September 2004

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sponsor's Note: Remembering Geoffrey A Bird (27 September 1904 – 16 June 1968) and Miss Evelyn Newman (27 September 1927 – 14 July 2004).

Sponsor's Note: Congratulations and good wishes to our churchwarden, Dr David Dance, who celebrated his sixtieth birthday last Wednesday.

A note about the 0930 service: For an experimental period (until Christmas, when it will be reviewed) we are going to adjust the order towards the end of the Sung Eucharist. Normally after 'Draw near' or its equivalent we shall have *Agnus Dei* or, if the *Agnus* is long, the Communion hymn. Then, after the choir has communicated we shall normally have the Communion hymn and then the anthem. In other words, the anthem will always be the last item of 'communion music.' At the end of the anthem we shall all *stand* (it will say so on the Notes) for the Post-Communion Prayer, *not* for the final hymn. 'Let us pray' will be said; and of course that means what it says, *not* 'let us kneel down.' Before the Dismissal, the organist will give a note to the celebrant, so that the final hymn, now at the end, will be in a related key.

This is in fact how things used to be, and it is still the case with the 1100 Sung Eucharist to the Book of Common Prayer rite. However, most modern revisions have laid much stress on the business of nothing occurring after 'Go in peace' and its response. But the tide is turning, and this somewhat purist approach is being seen as going against the spirit of 'going out with joy,' and the restored final hymn seems to be creeping back in many places now. However, there is a rather more prosaic reason as well. Although the same amount of material will be used, there will not normally be any more delay when only singing is going on, and nothing else is happening, so some time will be saved. The final hymn will now cover the exit of the sanctuary party (not the choir), so again some time will be saved. Some clearing away can quietly begin, and the Vicar will have time to remove the eucharistic vestments in plenty of time to be in the Welcome Area before the hymn finishes.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the wider Church we pray in the Anglican Communion for the Church in Canada. In the diocese we pray for the ministry to prisoners, and for the prison Chaplains, especially those nearby in the two prisons at Banstead. In the parish we pray for our architect, the contractor and his team, as they work to renew and restore the stonework of our church; and we pray too for the people of Highfield Drive.

I am very grateful to those who heard my 'appeal' last week in connexion with our Choir Club, though in order to spread the load we could do with (say) about another five or six volunteers to enable a not-too-demanding rota to be drawn up of those willing to be present on Friday evenings, thereby ensuring that we are acting in accordance with the parish's stated Child Protection Policy. There is a paper in the Welcome Area for names. *There is nothing to do other than to be present*, though that does not mean that one cannot do anything else if one wishes to do so. The Choir Club lasts from 1800-1900 on Friday evenings. W.R.H.

'Trial by Jury' (no, not the opera). The Vicar will be out of contact during the daytime on weekdays for the fortnight beginning next Sunday, as he is on jury service in town. He would therefore also be grateful to be spared all non-essential matters during the evenings, though one or two important meetings cannot be avoided. Until recently the clergy were deemed ineligible for jury service (being in the same category as prisoners and lunatics – no clever comments, please). However, the law has recently been changed. The age limit has also gone up. It is all very inconvenient, but I am afraid we all have to grin and bear it. Dr Patrick Miller will be looking after the 1000 service on the two Tuesdays involved, and the deanery clergy have been alerted for funeral ministry and the like. Meanwhile, the office, Wendy Varney, and the churchwardens will be the first port of call.

'The Morning After' (no, not that sort). There is a note below about next Sunday and the harvest festival. On the Monday morning we always need help with the sorting and packing, and in spite of routine appeals we seldom get more than the faithful few. Could we have some more help this year? Just turn up at about 0930. They will be at least one down this year, I shall be at the Old Bailey. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. The *Harvest Festival* is next week. The 0800 service is 'of the Day' (i.e. the 'real' Sunday Eucharist); the 0930 Sung Eucharist is 'of the harvest', and there will be the usual procession of harvest gifts; and at 1100 there will be Christian Family Praise for Harvest, and again a procession of Harvest Gifts. Most people now know that our harvest gifts are given to work among the homeless of London, and we are much indebted to those who see to this side of things year by year. Harvest flowers are also distributed to those who have been bereaved in the past year, together with an invitation to attend the evening Requiem at All Souls tide. This year the service will be on Wednesday, 3 November, and will include the music of Mozart's Requiem, sung by the Choir of Emanuel School. Harvest at St Mary's is always a delightful time, and because it does not concentrate on a particular mystery of the Christian Faith, but simply on the easily-understood concepts of thanksgiving and pastoral care, it always has a lightness of touch about it. So, 'Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home.'

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167. *Common Worship rite*
Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201. Collect of the Day: page 418

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Children's Hour in the hall; crèche available in church.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 418
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Howells* in E flat

Introit hymn: 403 (1.128 ii)

Introduction, the Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: at Hymn 363 [Tune 338]

Collect of the Day: page 418

New Testament Reading from First Letter to Timothy.

Gradual Hymn: 359 [Tune 322]

The Holy Gospel reading from St Luke

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney*. Reader.

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 295

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191; Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178. Collection

THE ORDER OF THE LAST PART OF THE SERVICE IS DIFFERENT TODAY. THERE IS A NOTE ABOUT THIS ON THE 'WEEKLY PARAGRAPH' ON THE FRONT PAGE.

After the Invitation: *Agnus Dei* ('O Lamb of God').

During the Communion: Hymn 288

Anthem: Awake us, Lord, and hasten. *J S Bach*

Awake us, Lord, and hasten;

Thy Holy Spirit give.

The old man in us chasten,

That our new man may live,

On earth may know thee only,

Our thoughts give to thee wholly,

And all thy goodness own.

Then all stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer.

The Blessing and Dismissal. Final Hymn: 427

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.

1100 CHORAL MATTINS

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Metrical Venite (shorter version): HCE 8

Psalms 1 In praise of the righteous man. Music: *Field* [Tune 388] page 144

First Lesson from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel

Article: HCE 27 A SONG OF EZEKIEL [Tune 3 i]

Second Lesson from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

Benedictus: page 11

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 77).

Anthem: Awake us, Lord, and hasten. *J S Bach*

[Words printed at the 0930 service.]

Prayers

Hymn: HCE 88 A SONG OF DIVINE LOVE [Tune 408 i]; Collection.

The Blessing

1200 HOLY COMMUNION (Side Chapel). Details as at 0800.

1830 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week

Tuesday *Of St Michael and All Angels* 1000 Holy Communion

Wednesday 0900 *Ewell Castle Junior School Harvest Service*.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Time for

coffee, relaxation, and pleasant *conversazione*. There is a

Bring and Buy sale at the Coffee Morning this week.

2000 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee.

The Vicar attends Capital Evensong at the Cathedral, followed by the meeting of the College of Canons at which Bishop Christopher Hill will be formally elected Bishop of Guildford.

Thursday

Wanted: Sidesmen and Ladies! Gilda Everson writes to say that we need at least FOUR members of the 0930 congregation to join the Welcome Team. This involves arriving by 0910 once every two months, giving out and putting away books and leaflets, and taking the Collection. Anyone willing to help is invited to contact the Churchwardens.

Canon Howarth's younger priest-brother, the Reverend Jack Howarth, died earlier this month, it has been reported in the *Church Times*. He was 91 (Canon Gerald would have been 94), and had served a varied ministry, including a long time as an RAF Chaplain (with wartime service) as well as a spell as Rector of the important Yorkshire parish of Elland, and as Chaplain of Wigan Royal Infirmary.