

realised, but anyone who has had a family bereavement (or lost, say, a personal friend) should feel free to add the particular name to the card on the lectern for one Sunday. The prayers of a Christian community at the Eucharist are one way of slotting our own personal prayers into the prayer of the whole Church, living and departed; and in the providence of God that prayer will avail both for the one prayed for, the one who makes the prayer, and all others who share in it. I have added one name today, that of a priest-friend, Canon John Halliburton, a distinguished scholar, who once came to St Mary's in my early days here to give us 'A Day with the Eucharist' at a time when some rather basic teaching seemed to be called for, and for various reasons it seemed better at that time to call someone else in. He was Principal of Chichester Theological College, when I taught Liturgy there, and was for many years Chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral. He was a learned and devout priest, who gave much to the Church of England. May he rest in the peace of the Lord he served so well. W.R.H.

Many thanks to those who helped with the sorting and boxing of our Harvest gifts, and for seeing to the Harvest flowers for our housebound and the bereaved. A word of thanks to Julian Varney in particular, for his work in co-ordinating the enterprise for getting the goods to London and Guildford.

'Trial by Jury' (no, not the opera). A reminder that the Vicar will be out of contact during the daytime on weekdays this week, the second week of a fortnight of jury service. He would therefore be grateful to be spared all non-essential matters. He plans to be back in the office on Friday evening. Until recently the clergy were deemed ineligible for jury service (being in the same category as prisoners and lunatics), but the law has recently been changed. The age limit has also gone up. We are grateful to the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller for 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 Epsom Male Voice Choir are making a return visit to us on Saturday at a concert sponsored by Epsom Rotary and the Friends of St Mary's Music (the proceeds will be shared). An entertaining variety of music is promised, ranging from Welsh hymnody to Barbershop. As usual, admission by programme (£6; under 16s £4), available at the door; interval refreshments available. If similar events in the past are anything to go by, this promises to be a delightful evening.

The Ewell Branch of The Royal British Legion will be with us for Mattins on 24 October, when they will be laying up their old Standard, and having their new one dedicated.

Next Sunday. Usual arrangements for the third Sunday of the month, with the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100.

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## WEEKLY NOTES

10 October 2004

### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A very gentle Sunday in church today, which is no bad thing. Only one choral service (for various reasons), and nothing out of the ordinary. There is something curiously satisfactory about being able to come to church, find it is just an 'ordinary' Sunday, and just to get on with the business set out so magnificently in the (now not very frequently used) introduction to Morning and Evening Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer. The passage is really a prelude to the General Confession, but it spells out the basic reason for being in church on a Sunday: 'we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.' It is a recalling to the basics of Christian worship, just as last week the General Thanksgiving reminded us that our basic act of thanksgiving must in the end be not so much for 'our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life', but rather what is singled out as the primary reason for all Christian thanksgiving: 'the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory.' There are two more reasonable gentle Sundays (except for Mattins on 24 October; see below), before November and December are upon with all their devotional features: saints, souls, Remembrance, the Kingship of Christ, the Advent Call and the mystery of the Incarnation. October is indeed liturgically a gentle month indeed; it is the Month of the Holy Angels, and every so often hymn with some hint of the angelic hosts will quietly drop into the services, just like the last one at the Eucharist today.

**Our prayers today.** It is World Mental Health Day, and we pray for all who suffer from mental illness, and for those with specialised medical and caring skills who minister to them. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the wider Church we pray in the Anglican Communion for the Church in the Central American region. In the diocese we pray for our twinned Lutheran Diocese of Visby in Sweden. In the parish we pray for those who meet at the Coffee Morning on Wednesdays; and we pray too for the people who live in the Kingstons 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.*

1100 MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite

Congregational service today.

- Responses: green book, page 8.
- Metrical Venite: HHE 2 [t. AMR 220] Page 311
- Psalm 148 'Let all creation bless the Lord.'
- First Lesson:
- Metrical Te Deum: HHE 10 [t. AMR 40]
- Second Lesson:
- Hymn: HHE 80 (Hymn by Edith Vincent) [t. AMR 459]
- Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects
- The Prayers Sermon by Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader
- Hymn: HHE 14 [t. AMR 171] (Collection) The Blessing

1830 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

- Monday 2000 Meeting of the Parish Funding Group.
- Tuesday 2000 Meeting of Vicar and Churchwardens.
- Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Time for coffee, relaxation, and to hear Ian West continuing his 'Walk around Old Ewell.'
- 2000 Meeting of Pro Musica.
- Friday 2000 Meeting of the Ewell Parochial Trustees.
- Saturday 1930 Concert by the Epsom Male Voice Choir (see below).

**Responses.** Now that we are having an Upper Voices choir for a while, one of the very few things which does not come over quite as well is the singing of the unaccompanied congregational responses at the Eucharist. Hymns are going fine, but the business of 'lifting up our hearts' sometimes sounds quite a bit of a struggle. Could we all get a bit heartier over this section of the rite? \* And even more so in the case of the sung (and accompanied) 'Amen' at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer? In the latter case, it is perhaps worth remembering that in the earliest account of the Christian Eucharist (by Justin Martyr) the people's 'Amen' of assent at the end of the Great Prayer was in fact the only certain piece of the actual text. We know exactly what the people said, but not what the priest said. \* I am afraid I cannot give a lead at this point, whether on microphone or not; it would in effect be a case of my saying 'The Lord be with you, and also with me.' So please try and sing up, if you can. W.R.H.

**The Weekly Departed and Year's Mind List.** Unlike the list of 'infirmantes', the departed list usually contains names that are unknown to many in the congregation. Even the Year's Mind list contains names that are known to but a few. There is nothing odd about this; it is rather like praying for a part of the world-wide Church of which we know nothing. Perhaps it is not generally

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Common Worship rite

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 419  
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. [Omit responses in red brackets.]

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 419  
 Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198.  
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass  
 This Sunday the Choir is fewer in number, since some of the members are away; all the music is easy today, so please join in lustily. Hymns at the Eucharist today are all from the old red hymn books, and are mainly 'general hymns'; strangely, there seem to be no hymns which relate in any meaningful way to the eucharistic readings today.

Introit hymn: 40

Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 419

Old Testament Reading from the Second Book of the Kings.

Gradual Hymn: 282

The Holy Gospel reading from St Luke

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 421

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198. [Omit responses in red brackets.]

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

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

During the Communion: Hymn 414

Anthem: Lead me, Lord.

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Lead me, Lord, in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face, for it is thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety. (From Psalms 5 and 4)

Then all stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 419

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Final Hymn: 246

[Coffee in the Church Hall.]