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WEEKLY NOTES

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LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

'Bible Sunday.'

Sponsor's Note. The Weekly Notes, the flowers, and the Organ Voluntary at 0930 are sponsored by Barbara Cannon in memory of Frank, who would have been eighty last week.

We shall not be keeping 'Bible Sunday' as such this year for three reasons: firstly, because we have already had a form of 'the Procession of the Scriptures' earlier this year (on 31 July); secondly, because of the time-factor in view of the special arrangements later this morning; and thirdly, because this is the half-term Sunday for the Choir Juniors, and our local Bible Sunday rite needs lots of voices for the immense hymn which holds it all together. So the Sung Eucharist will be more or less as normal in its structure, and the Eucharistic readings will be those of the actual Sunday, 'Proper 25'. The Collect of the Day, however, is the familiar 'Bible Sunday Collect.' Nevertheless there is still the opportunity for the annual plug for the Bible Reading Fellowship, and for me to encourage members of the congregation who do not subscribe to the excellent BRF Notes to think of doing so. Eve Myatt-Price has now taken over from Evelyn Jarrett as our local BRF secretary, and she is always eager to enrol new members. There is a display about BRF today in the Welcome Area, and a sheet of paper for any names of potential new subscribers, and Eve will make contact if necessary. However, she will certainly be ready to enrol anyone on the spot! There are different sorts of Notes, and Eve will be able to advise on what is suitable. I have always thought it a healthy sign that so many members of the congregation here take these Notes. There are many parishes which are not nearly as switched on in this respect, and it is an obvious sign of ongoing devotion and study during the week.

We shall be welcoming members of the Ewell Branch of the Royal British Legion to St Mary's at Mattins today. In the light of my Sunday Paragraph last week I would encourage members of the 0800 and 0930 congregations to think of staying on (or coming back) to greet our guests and to join in a service which will have the interesting features of laying up and dedicating Standards. Such events are quite rare, and in my time at St Mary's we have only once had a similar service, which was when the Women's Section of the RBL did the same thing with their *Courty* Standard. There will be a procession of the visiting Standards from other branches at the beginning of the service, and the usual very moving ceremonies of Last Post and Reveille at the end. W.R.H.

The Village Fair. For the benefit of those who were not here last week, Rosemarie Henson has written in to say that we now have the final figure for this year's Fair, which is £3792. 64 clear profit. This is wonderful news, for it is the best figure for some years. Once again our thanks go to Mike and Rosemarie for all their work in bringing this about, and to all who did so much on the day itself.

The Women's World Day of Prayer. Barbara Cannon writes to make an appeal for *two ladies* to join a small, friendly committee for the WWDP for the local churches. There are three to four meetings a year, lasting about an hour, and taking place at Ewell United Reformed Church. St Mary's hosts the event about every five years. It is not a difficult task, but if no-one comes forward then the event will cease as far as St Mary's is concerned, and this would be sad, since St Mary's has been involved in this for very many years. Barbara would be more than willing to give any information to anyone who asks.

All Souls. Readers of EPN will have seen in the Calendar that our arrangements are different this year. Although it is next week, not this one, it will be as well to give a reminder now. Whilst on the day itself (Tuesday, 2 November) there will be the normal Tuesday service at 1000 (of Requiem), the evening Requiem will be on *Wednesday*, 3 November, at 1900. On this occasion the service will be sung by the choir of Emanuel School, where the Director of Music is our own Jonathan Holmes. They will be singing *Mozart's Requiem*. As usual, we shall be welcoming relatives and friends of those whose funerals were conducted in the past twelve months either at or from St Mary's. Names of the departed relatives and friends of members of the congregation may be placed in the blue box in the Welcome Area; it is there today. Please state at which service you would like the name to be mentioned. If no preference is stated the name will be called at the Wednesday service.

Handel's Messiah at St Mary's. There will be a concert of parts of Handel's *Messiah* in St Mary's on the evening of Sunday, 21 November. It is the end product of a day's workshop and concert, organized by Fitznells Music, in aid of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust on the occasion of the Trust's fortieth anniversary. Evening Prayer will be said as usual at 1830, and the concert (with chamber orchestra) will begin in church at 1930.

Next Sunday. Normal Sunday arrangements next week, but since today is the end of the Trinity season (except for Prayer Book services) there will be a very clear devotional gear-change next Sunday, as we move into the season of the saints and souls. It will be All Saints Sunday, and there will of course be some of the well-known cheerful hymns for All Saints, like 'For all the saints,' and a delightful anthem for upper voices, *Gaudent in coelis*, by the sixteenth century English composer, Richard Dering.

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

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion we pray today for our own part of it, the Church of England. Coincidentally in our regular prayer for the Diocese we pray for the parishes of our own Epsom Deanery. Our parish prayer today is for the members of the parish Funding Group and their work, and for the people who live in Langton Avenue.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

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Common Worship rite

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0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

It is the Half-Term Sunday for the 'Children's Hour' and for the Juniors of the Parish Choir. The choir Seniors are in for the *next* service, so all the singing is congregational at the Eucharist. Because there will be no-one in the choir stalls, the service will be at the Nave Altar. Holy Communion will be administered at the front of the nave and at the Side Chapel.

Crèche available for those who wish to use it.

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Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Merbecke*

This congregational setting is part of the Church of England's heritage, since it was written specifically for the 'new' Book of Common Prayer in the sixteenth century. The melody line to the traditional language text can be found in the hymn-books *as noted below*. Please do not try to sing the modern texts in *Common Worship* to the Merbecke melody (some people tried to do so last time we had this setting); they don't fit. The Vicar is doubling-up at the organ for this service.

Note: There is a four-part choir at the next service, and towards the end of the service there may be some sounds of rehearsing coming from the choir vestry, even though the two intervening doors will be closed.

Introit hymn: 467

Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text today.

(*Merbecke* melody for the Gloria today; it can be found at Hymn 542, on page 830 in the melody edition, and on page 559 in the words-only book.)

Collect of the Day: page 422.

Readings on separate paper.

New Testament Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.

Gradual Hymn: 357 (t.468)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke.

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader*.

Nicene Creed: sung to the traditional language text today.

(*Merbecke* melody for the Creed today; it can be found at Hymn 542 on page 833 in the melody edition, and on page 562 in the words-only book.)

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 296

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184

Collection

[Sanctus and Benedictus *said*, not sung, today.]

Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc. [Lord's Prayer *said*.]

During the Communion: Hymn 306

[Join in as convenient.]

Organ music during Communion:

Chorale-Prelude on 'Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesus Christ.' *J S Bach*

[Sponsored by Barbara Cannon.]

After Communion: *All stand* (after 'Let us pray') for the

Post-Communion Prayer: page 422

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 477 (t.271)

[Coffee in the Church Hall.]

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known to us. There is coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.

1100

CHORAL MATTINS AND LAYING-UP AND DEDICATION OF ROYAL BRITISH LEGION STANDARDS.

There is a special leaflet for this service.

Jubilate: *Britten* in C.

Anthem: And I saw a new heaven. *Bainton*.

Preacher: *The Vicar*

1830 Evening Prayer

In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 **Funeral Requiem for Miss Muriel Bailey**

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.

The Vicar attends the Surrey County Poppy Launch for 2004 at Denbies Vineyard.

Saturday

1930 Organ Recital by *Timothy Burke*. There is a separate note, which gives details of what promises to be a splendid recital by our former Organ Scholar. Most people probably know (but perhaps some do not) that Tim gained the rare distinction of an Oxford 'first' in the Final Honour School of Music this year. It will be good to welcome him back to St Mary's for this recital.

Muriel Bailey's funeral (as noted above) is on Tuesday at 1000. Since she attended the 1000 Eucharist on a Tuesday, as well as the Sung Eucharist on Sunday, that service this week will become her Funeral Requiem, and (of course) will be in the main church. Cremation will follow at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

The singing of the **Communion hymn** and the **anthem** from a different position last week was something of a success. We shall be experimenting along these lines from time to time, but there are no plans for any permanent change at this stage.