

## Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Time for coffee, relaxation, fine blend and fellowship

**The late Muriel Bailey.** It was good to see so many people at Muriel's funeral last week. Her role in the parish community here was a special one, and she will be much missed. Apart from the distant relatives who travelled a good way to be at the funeral (and with whom she always kept in touch) St Mary's was her family, and those who showed her much kindness in life show very clearly that St Mary's can be very much a caring Christian community of faith.

**The anthem today, *Gaudent in coelis*,** is by the seventeenth century English composer, Richard Dering. He was a Roman Catholic. Curiously, he was the favourite composer of the arch-Puritan Oliver Cromwell, who did so much to banish music (other than metrical psalmody) from worship in churches in England. However, as far as the Lord Protector was concerned, choral music was all right, so long as it was not in church, and Cromwell had two boys specially trained to sing Dering's Latin works for him. Well, it always was a funny old world, as someone might have said.

**Sermons.** I seem to be having a rather easy time of it over last week and this week, and indeed next week, at least as far as preaching at the Sung Eucharist is concerned. It is good to have Dr Miller today at 0930, Mr Saunders last week, and Mrs Varney next week. A change is as good as a rest from the point of view of the congregation as well as from that of the preacher, and we can always expect to have something to think about when they occupy the pulpit. However, at the Sung Eucharist it will be me from then on until mid-January, though Mr Saunders will be preaching twice at 11 o'clock. W.R.H.

**Advance notice about Christmas.** Partly, though not entirely, for musical reasons, there will be a different timetable on Christmas morning this year, and also on the following day ('the Feast of Stephen'). *There will not be Christmas Choral Mattins this year at 1100, and the Sung Eucharist at the Crib will begin at 1000 (not at 1030 as it says on the Music List).* It is not practical to lay on Choral Mattins on Christmas Day this year, but this does mean that this represents a permanent change. However there will be a choir at the Sung Eucharist on Christmas morning. Other services will be at the usual Christmas times. On Sunday, 26 December, being realistic, there will only be ONE service: and this will be Sung Eucharist at 1030. There will not be Holy Communion at 0800 on that day. All back to normal the week after.

**Next Sunday.** Normal morning timetable. At 1630 there will be Evensong and Holy Baptism. At present there is only one family scheduled to be at this service (another family has had to postpone the Christening until early next year), so it is rather important that there is a real measure of 'welcoming support.' There is something special or unusual every other Sunday after next week until (wait for it) 16 January.

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## WEEKLY NOTES

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

## ALL SAINTS DAY

This is a lovely festival. In that period between the end of the Trinity season and the beginning of Advent we have a clear devotional concentration in church on the greater part of the Church: those who are not on this earth at all. In practice most of the month is taken up with the majority of those who have simply died as Christians, and whom we term the Church Expectant or the Church at rest. November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls. However, the month begins all splendidly with our praise to God for the triumphs of his grace in the lives of his saints, those of whom we can say beyond all reasonable doubt that they must surely be in his eternal presence. The traditional name in this case is the Church Triumphant. The rest of us are in the Church 'Militant here on earth.' There is a short teaching-hymn by Charles Wesley which spells out the essential unity between the Church Triumphant as two parts of one kingdom; it is in *The New English Hymnal* at No. 198, and is the Communion Hymn at the Sung Eucharist today. Most countries in the Anglican Communion also have a day on which they praise God for all the known and unknown saints of the nation, and it is generally (as in England) on 8 November. I have written more fully on this subject in the November number of Ewell Parish News this year. W.R.H.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion we pray today for the Church of England in the Province of Hong Kong. In our regular prayer for the Diocese we pray for Bishop Ian of Dorking, as he nears the end of his time of leading the Diocese during the long interregnum. Our parish prayer today is for our servers of the sanctuary, and for the people who live in Larby Place.

*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 in traditional language: page 207 Collect of the Day: page 494  
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216. Proper Preface: page 324.

*Common Worship rite*

Children's Hour in the hall; crèche available in church.  
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 422  
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 198. Proper Preface: page 324.  
 Consecration Acclamation on Readings paper.  
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F

Processional hymn: 226  
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)  
 Collect of the Day: page 422 *Readings on separate paper.*  
 New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John  
 Gradual Hymn: 227  
 The Holy Gospel reading from St Matthew  
 Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*  
 Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession, Prayers of Penitence (Confession back on page 169), and then  
 all stand for the Greeting of Peace  
 Offertory Hymn: 432 Collection  
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 198. Proper Preface: page 324  
 Consecration Acclamation on Readings' paper  
 (Introduced by 'Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.')  
 Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.  
 After the Invitation: *Agnus Dei* ('O Lamb of God').  
 During the Communion:  
 Hymn 198  
 Anthem: Gaudent in coelis. *Dering*

*English version:* Glorious in heaven are the souls of all saints, who walked in  
 the way of Christ, the Lord Jesus. They loved him, and followed his footsteps,  
 and as they died for their Saviour, losing life for his sake, they reign with him  
 for ever.  
**Then all stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 419**  
 The Blessing and Dismissal.  
 Final Hymn: 197 [Not the hymn on the Readings paper.]  
 [Coffee in the Church Hall.]

A reminder that there is a meeting of the Altar Servers in the Parish  
 Room during Matins today. The meeting starts at 11.15.

**1100 CHORAL MATTINS** *Book of Common Prayer rite*  
 Sermon by *the Vicar*  
 Responses: page 8 Music: *Archer*  
 Venite (shorter form)  
 Hymn 224  
 Psalm 149 The praise of the saints. [tune 178]  
 First Lesson: Wisdom 3: 1-9 page 312

Canticle: HCE 87 'A Song of the Righteous'  
 (Metrical paraphrase of the First Lesson.)

Second Lesson: Revelation 7: 9-17 *Stanford* in D  
 Te Deum: page 10.  
 The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,  
 the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 90).  
 Anthem: Gaudent in coelis. *Dering*  
 [English version printed at the Sung Eucharist.]

Prayers  
 Hymn 231 (Hymn based on the Second Lesson.) Collection.  
 The Grace

**1200 HOLY COMMUNION (Side Chapel)**  
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 422  
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Proper Preface: page 324.

**1830 Evening Worship at Ewell United Reformed Church.**

**In church this week**

**ALL SOULS.**

There are *different* arrangements in church this year for the Commemoration of  
 All Souls. The observance will be spread over two days. The 'invitation  
 Requiem', at which the names are called of those whose funerals have taken place  
 at (or from) St Mary's in the past twelve months, will be on a different day from  
 the other service. The next-of-kin always receive an invitation to this service at  
 the time they receive their harvest flowers. This year the service will be on  
 Wednesday, 3 November at 1900.

So here are the arrangements:

On Tuesday, 2 November (All Souls Day itself): **Requiem Mass at 1000.**

On WEDNESDAY evening (the 3<sup>rd</sup>) at 1900 (not 2000):

**Solemn Eucharist of Requiem**, with the music of *Mozart's Requiem*, sung by the  
 choir of Emanuel School, Clapham. Those who have heard our Sub-Organist's  
 school choir will have marvelled at its excellence, and it is good to welcome the  
 choir here to sing a wonderful work (the last thing Mozart wrote before his  
 premature death) at a service which by its very nature concentrates the mind.

As usual, those who wish the names of departed relatives or friends to be  
 mentioned at either of the services should place the names in the blue box in the  
 Welcome Area in church, specifying at which service the names are to be called.

Wednesday 1230 **Funeral of Derry Wilman**