

My 'apologies for absence' from the Christmas Market on Saturday. I shall be at Southwark Cathedral for a Sung Eucharist and reception on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the South East Institute of Theological Education, of which I was a governor for some seven years or so. All former governors are being invited to this service, and I think I should be there. I was originally appointed by the General Synod as a governor of the Southwark Ordination Course, which was the pioneer of such courses; it was set up many years ago by Bishop Mervyn Stockwood. This joined with the Canterbury School of Ministry some time ago to form the present Institute. The Eucharist is at noon, so it is a clear clash, unfortunately. The present Principal of the Institute is our former friend and neighbour at St John Baptist, Stoneleigh, the Reverend Alan le Grys. I hope the Christmas Market will be as well-supported as it usually is, and that we can give a fair measure of support to our four designated charities. W.R.H.

The Confirmation of the Bishop's election took place last Monday in London, at the church of St Mary le Bow (In view of recent 'current affairs' it might be worth saying that the name of the Rector there is George Bush, he was on the LLM course with me at Cardiff.) I was glad I went; I had never been to an English Confirmation of the election of a Bishop before; I had seen done in a somewhat more homely way in Wales. As I was led to expect, it was indeed a curious affair, shot through with much arcane legal phraseology. Nevertheless, it was done with a decent amount of dignity, even though I suspect some tongues were in cheeks, not least at some of the scarcely-veiled Erastianism in the actual wording of the Letters Patent from the Crown and other related documents. If ever there was a case of the Establishment in action this was it. However, the Archbishop of Canterbury lifted it all to another level, when he delivered very movingly his 'charge' to the new Bishop of Guildford. I had the opportunity of a few minutes' chat with Dr Williams at a pleasant reception afterwards in the ancient crypt of St Mary le Bow (it is now a restaurant), and I was able to thank him personally for his kind message which was read out at St Mary's on 31 July. I was also able to have a brief word with our new Bishop, and to meet some of my fellow canon lawyers. All in all, a most interesting evening, although it meant I was late for the Estates Committee! W.R.H.

The Committee of Grove Cottage (Abbeyfield) would like to thank everyone who came to the Coffee Morning on Saturday 6 November, and helped to make it such a happy and successful occasion.

Next Sunday. The festival of Christ the King, and the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It is also the 'Sunday next before Advent' according to the Book of Common Prayer scheme of things, and, it being the third Sunday in the month, there will be Sung Eucharist to the BCP rite at 1100, with the familiar 'Stir up' Collect and the 'expectation' reading from Jeremiah. Evening Prayer will be in the Parish Room.

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WEEKLY NOTES

14 November 2004

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

There is not much room for a Sunday paragraph today, but I hope that everyone who comes to St Mary's today will find an opportunity for prayerful reflection on the nature of this annual occasion of National Remembrance, and to commend once more to God the souls of those who have died in time of war, either as members of the armed Forces or as civilians, praying that they may find in the presence of God that true peace which was denied them in life. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, remembering particularly today all those who fell in the two World Wars. In the Anglican Communion we pray today for the Church of Ireland. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray the Right Reverend Christopher Hill, who became officially our new Bishop last Monday (he will be enthroned on 27 November). In the parish we pray for the members of the Ewell branch of the Royal British Legion, and for the people who live in Longdown Lane North.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION (of the Sunday)

Order 1: page 167.

Other seasonal texts: page 326.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 425

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST OF REQUIEM for those from the parish who fell in the two World Wars.

Common Worship rite

Children's Hour in the Church Hall. Crèche in the Choir Vestry.
Order 1: page 167. Collect printed below today.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Proper Preface: printed below.

Setting of the Eucharist: Plainchant, *Missae pro defunctis*.

(The Gloria and Creed are normally omitted at a Requiem Eucharist.)

Introit hymn: 371

[Tune: 425]

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*.

The Requiem Collect.

Old Testament Reading from the Book of Job, *Collect and Readings on separate paper.*

and New Testament Reading, from the Revelation to St John

Gradual Hymn: 417

[Tune: AMR 345]

At this particular service each year this hymn is sung to the tune which was normally used for these words in the eighteenth century, and which was written (or possibly arranged) by William Tans'ur, organist of St Mary's at the time.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John
Short Sermon by *the Vicar*

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 329 [Tune: 338] Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Preface of the Dead:

And now we give you thanks because in him you have given us a hope of a glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not taken away; and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, an everlasting dwelling-place is made ready for us in heaven.

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

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Hymn 313

Anthem: Pie Jesu.

Fauré

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

'Lord all-pitying, Jesu blest, grant them thine eternal rest.'

Then all stand after the anthem for the

Post-Communion Prayer (on Readings paper today).

The Blessing and Dismissal

Final response (sung): May they rest in peace. (All reply:) A-men.
Hymn: 112.



(No Organ Voluntary after this service.)

Note: As is usual on Remembrance Sunday there will not be 'après messe' coffee in the hall today, due to the robing arrangements for the next service. Apologies to any visitors or newcomers in particular.

1030 WREATH-LAYING AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

1050 ACT OF REMEMBRANCE AND CHORAL MATTINS

attended by the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, the constituency Member of Parliament, members of the Borough Council, members of the Armed Forces, members of the Royal British Legion and other ex-Service organizations, and representatives of other uniformed and local bodies.

There is a special leaflet for this service.

Preacher: *The Vicar.*

1830 Evening Prayer, said in the Parish Room.

In church this week

Monday 1915 Holy Communion

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

(Requiem Mass for past priests of this parish; the Requiem next week will be for past benefactors.)

Other events and notices

Monday 2000 Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Tuesday 2000 House Group at 64 Castle Avenue: *The Glory of the*

Book of Revelation. No.2: 'Priest, King, Lamb, Warrior, Angel, Star. The picture of Christ throughout the book. A course in preparation for Christmas, led by Iain McKillop.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall: the delight of the bean and the biscuit, and the further delight of pleasant company.

Saturday 1030-1330: **The Christmas Market.** In the church and in the hall. In aid of:

The Corrymeela Community

Médecins sans Frontières

Mildmay Mission Hospital

The Natalie Naylor Trust Fund.

All the usual stalls are there (listed on handbills and in EPN), and coffee and lunch will be served in the hall.

Children at Christmas. In addition to the four charities mentioned above, this might be a good time to say that our Christmas collections will be given to *Everychild* (for helping orphaned or abandoned children worldwide), and *Toybox* (the charity for rescuing street children in Latin America). For very many years it has been the practice at St Mary's for our Christmas collections to go to *children's* charities.

Welcome to the Mayor of Epsom and Ewell and the many other representatives who are with us today for the mid-morning service. Our best thanks go to Ron and Virginia Johnson, who retire today from making the detailed arrangements for the smooth running of this service. They have done a splendid job for many years on Remembrance Sunday, and we are much in their debt.

Thieves and Vandals. I am sorry to say that we were 'visited' again on Thursday night, both in the church and the hall. In the case of the hall there was a fair amount of damage done. In the case of the church some money has been stolen, a money box destroyed, and a window in the south aisle broken. (They kindly left the rock on the window-sill.) The villains had the nerve to use the best white altar frontal to cover the lower part of the hole in the window, so that they could get out without being cut by the glass. A considerable amount of nuisance has been caused by all this, and once again there will be the tiresome business of insurance claims. We may have got strong internal doors at each porch. But our windows are sufficiently low to be easily accessible and broken by those who have a mind to do so.