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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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

There is no sermon (nor Reading or 'sermonette') at the 0930 Eucharist today. This was mentioned at the end of last week's Notes. This is because in place of the sermon-slot at the 1100 service (which comes, as most people will know from the Weekly Notes, at the very beginning at 1100) there will be *Stations of the Incarnation*. They will be conducted by Iain McKillop, who has painted the wonderful Stations which are here at St Mary's for the Christmas season. I hope many people from the 0930 congregation will stay on (perhaps after having had a coffee) for this reflective act of Christmas devotion, which by its nature can be very much a sermon in itself. Those who do this can then leave during the first hymn of the 1100 service, which this week is the monthly Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist. It is not practical for *Stations* to take the place of the sermon during the 0930 service at the present time, when there are other features involved in the run-up to the launch of the Parish Funding Programme, but it seems right that while Iain's Stations are up we should make the effort to use them liturgically at least once. They may possibly be used again at Evening Prayer this side of Candlemas. They will be taken down some time after the Candlemas rite, which this year takes place at Evensong on Sunday, 30 January.

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church in New Zealand. In the diocese we pray for the Church Schools, and in the parish we pray for the editors and production team of the Ewell Parish News, and for the people who live in Nonsuch Court Avenue.

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
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216
Common Worship rite
 Collect of the Day: page 457

Thursday 1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office
 Friday 1200 for 1220 Parish Prayer with **Holy Communion**
 (The Eucharist should last no more than twenty minutes.)

Other events and notices

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome for coffee (or tea) and biscuits and *conversazione*.

Many people will be grieved to learn that **Molly Hirst** died on Tuesday at St Helier Hospital. She was a lovely lady, and will be much missed, not least by our small Evensong congregation, of which she was a regular member. Almost certainly the funeral will be at St John the Baptist, Stoneleigh, since that was her 'first' church. It is quite rare for someone to be so well-known in two adjoining parishes at the same time. In due course Fr King at St John's will let us know what the plans are, for I have little doubt that there will be many from St Mary's who would wish to go to the funeral. W.R.H.

A reminder that the familiar **blue box** is once again position, this time to receive replies to Mr Rothwell in connexion with the invitations to the Presentation in church on 6 February. Anyone who has not received an invitation should not hesitate to ask for one; the Vicar, the churchwardens, Mrs Varney and Mr Rothwell will be able to provide.

St Mary's Website. It is quite important that full use is made of our website, not least in connexion with *all* forthcoming events. These should appear on the site as a matter of course, since that is one of the main reasons for its existence. Please contact the Webmaster, David Crick, with any information of this sort. There is also a closed section of our website, which includes, amongst other things, details of rotas and the like. There is a password to the closed section, and those who require it should ask at the office in the first instance.

The External Affairs Committee has agreed that in the present very exceptional circumstances this year's Lent Project should be directed towards the Tsunami Disaster Appeal. The precise arrangements for how this will be processed are yet to be worked out, but it is expected that the money we raise will be processed through the local branch of the Save the Children Fund. More details shortly.

Church Keys. It is many years since we had a major check on church keys, and we think the time has come for this to happen again, not least for security and insurance purposes. Would all key holders please provide the office with a signed note saying, 'I hold the following church (and hall) keys', and giving the relevant details? We need this information sooner rather than later, so might it be done this week, if at all possible? Otherwise, as soon as possible. 'This is the second time of asking,' many thanks to those who have already notified the office.

Next Sunday. The Third Sunday after Epiphany, and also kept as Septuagesima. Normal Sunday arrangements.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Merbecke, Missa Simplicior. Merbecke* is a congregational setting, and the melody is available on the lilac-coloured paper. There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings. The hymns are all from the old *red* hymn-book at 1100.

Introit hymn: 74 (ii) Then green Prayer Book: page 31
Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33
 Greeting and the Collect of the Day
 The Epistle: Romans 12: 6-16
 Gradual hymn: 264
 The Holy Gospel: St John 2: 1-11
 Nicene Creed: page 34, followed by Prayer Biddings and the Offertory Sentence.
 Offertory Hymn: 81 Collection
 After the hymn, all kneel for the Prayer for the Church (page 36), the Prayers of Penitence, etc., and for the Prayer of Consecration.
 Hymn at the Consecration: 384 part 2 [Choir: NEH 269 part 2]
 During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44) *R Vaughan Williams*
 Anthem: 'The Call' (from *Five Mystical Songs*) [Words printed at the 0930 service.]
 After Communion: The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
All stand for Gloria in excelsis.
 The Blessing Hymn 422 [Choir: OEH 604 (U)]

1800 Evening Prayer (said in the Parish Room)

In church this week.

Now that the post-Christmas 'slack' is over, our additional prayer-time in connexion with the Parish Funding Programme has now resumed. The times and details are given below this paragraph. Although there are those who have been regularly taking part in this, the majority of the congregation does not seem to have taken to heart the need to lay this enterprise before God in this particular way: a corporate act of silent prayer. (No doubt much is also going on at home.) The scheme of prayer was devised in time for Advent, and more copies can be made available. It is up to people to use the time as they feel inclined: whether as an opportunity for some spiritual reading, or reflection on the scriptures, or some formal prayer (like the Stations of the Cross), or for one's own personal intercessions and prayers. There is always some formal prayer each day; the form varies. It is a case of giving some quality time to God, saying our prayers for the particular 'intention' of the day as part of our basic prayer that God will bless and guide us in what we are seeking to do for the good of his Church and to his greater glory, as the countdown continues towards the launch of the Parish Funding Programme on 6 February.

Monday	1200	Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office
Tuesday	1000	Holy Communion
	1200	Parish Prayer with some structured prayer-time
Wednesday	0900	Ewell Castle Junior School Assembly
	1200	Parish Prayer with a Litaney

'Children's Hour' in the Church Hall. Crèche available in church.
 Order 1: page 167.
 Eucharistic Prayer: page G: page 201.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Sumston* in F

Introit Hymn: 334
 Introduction, the Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*.
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody).
 Collect of the Day: page 384
 Readings on separate paper.
 New Testament Reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
 Gradual hymn: 46
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.
 [No sermon or Reading today: see front page of the Notes.]
 Nicene Creed (*sung today*): traditional language text on page 213.
Parish Funding Programme: Presentation by the Estates Committee.
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory Hymn: 420 Collection.
 Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201
 Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*.

During the Communion: Hymn 284

Anthem: 'The Call' (from *Five Mystical Songs*) *R Vaughan Williams*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength.
 Such a Way as gives us breath: Such a Light, as shows a feast.
 Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Feast, as menus in length.
 Such a Life, as killeth death: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
 Such a Joy, as none can move:
 Such a Love, as none can part:
 Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (16th cent.)

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer, page 384, followed by the Parish Funding Prayer (*said together*):

**Lord, bless our parish church,
 and bless what we seek to do:
 for the good of your Church,
 for the people of Ewell,
 and to your greater glory;
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal.
 Hymn 408 (I) [Coffee in the Church Hall.]

**STATIONS OF THE NATIVITY, conducted by Iain McKillop,
 Book of Common Prayer rite**
 followed by **SUNG EUCHARIST**
There is a special leaflet for the Stations of the Nativity. Those who have come just for the Stations should leave during the Introit hymn at the Eucharist.