

The late **Edith Vincent**. Edith, who was a much-loved figure here, wished her body to be donated to medical research, and so there was no funeral as such here. Nevertheless, several people have been wondering whether we ought to 'do something'. I have been in touch with Jim Vincent, with the suggestion of a Month's Mind Requiem (actually, rather more than a month, but that doesn't matter), at an agreed time. He is very pleased about this, and will arrange to be in Romsey Abbey at the same time as the service is taking place here. We need to do this before Lent, for technical liturgical reasons, so I suggest that the regular Tuesday Eucharist on Shrove Tuesday at 1000 becomes the occasion for Edith's requiem. If this is an inconvenient time for any who would really wish to be there, please let me know this evening or tomorrow morning. I plan to tell Jim Vincent of the proposed date by telephone tomorrow evening. I have placed a marvellous photograph on a board in the Welcome Area of Edith confronting the Church Anaconda. W.R.H.

I am sorry to report that the distinguished stained-glass artist **Alan Younger**, who designed our Millennium-Jubilee window died last May. I only learned this a week or so ago from Mr David Knowles, whose firm installed the glass. Alan was a charming, courteous and cultured man, and his last illness resulted in several works being left unfinished, including, I believe, some further work at Westminster Abbey. May he rest in peace. W.R.H.

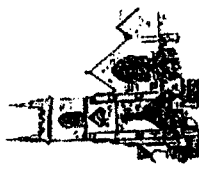
Ewell Parish News for February is available today. Amongst other things it contains information about what is on during Lent. **Dr Miller** will be giving an *evening* course this year, entitled '*Reasons for Christian belief*'. People were still talking about the excellence of Dr Miller's morning course last year quite some time after the event, and I hope that this year's evening one will attract a good number of people, both from within the congregation and from outside too. W.R.H.

Church Keys. The notice about this has been in the Weekly Notes for the last three weeks. A reminder that there is a general 'amnesty' for unauthorized possession of keys, but we do need them all back now. After a month's notice it is reasonable to assume that all concerned will have got the message. Keys may be posted through the office letter-box, if necessary. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. This is, of course, a major occasion in the life of the parish, and the morning is totally re-timetabled. Just in case there is the slightest uncertainty, here are the arrangements once again: there is no 8 o'clock service, no half-past nine service, and no Mattins at 1100. Instead, there is **PARISH EUCHARIST AT 1000** for all our congregations, *followed by THE PARISH FUNDING GROUP PRESENTATION, with refreshments afterwards.*

Most unusually, there are no takers for the Baptism rite, which was scheduled for next Sunday at 1630 Evensong. (The afternoon slot is generally a popular one, but then February is February.) However, since our advance publicity, on-line and elsewhere, indicates that this is happening, it would seem sensible for once to keep the time and simply have the evening office at 1630.

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WEEKLY NOTES

30 January 2005

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

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About next Sunday.

The Vicar writes: I am away from the parish this morning, but I shall be back for the Candlemas rite this evening. Dr Patrick Miller will be the celebrant at the Eucharist at 0800 and 0930. However, like St Paul once said, 'I may be absent in the body, but I am present in the spirit', and I need to stress as your Parish Priest the importance of what is happening here *next* Sunday, and to ask everyone to consider next Sunday's arrangements as a priority matter. All normal morning services are cancelled next Sunday; the timetable is completely different, so everyone is affected somehow. The day is special, and it means, in practice, most of the morning being spent in church. A great deal of work has gone into next Sunday's Presentation at 1100, and we need the total support of St Mary's people next Sunday, as far as that is reasonably possible. The Parish Eucharist before it is one of those rare chances for St Mary's people to be (as St Luke said about the first Christian Pentecost) 'all with one accord in one place.' Together the Eucharist and the Presentation form a single occasion when the praying and witnessing roles of the local Church converge. The eucharistic community moves on from the procession to the sanctuary to the projection on the screen, in order to concentrate on the current implications of being a community of faith, care and mission. I am very grateful to all who have replied to Mr Richard Rothwell, after having received a personal invitation to next Sunday's proceedings. Anyone who has not received one should ask the churchwardens for one today. I look forward to seeing everyone next Sunday morning, when the Parish Funding Programme is officially launched. *Richard Hanford.*

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church of North India. In the diocese we pray for the Diocesan Legal Officers, and in the parish we pray for those who have lapsed from regular Christian worship, and for the people who live in Old House Close.

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.

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

HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 390

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

'Children's Hour' in the Church Hall; Crèche available in church.
Order 1: page 167.
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188
The singing is entirely metrical at this service today; all the hymns are from *A Hundred Canticles for Ewell*, and all the tunes are familiar. The choristers are, most unusually, having the 0930 service off, but will be singing at the Christian Family Praise service for Candlemas at 1100, and again at Solemn Evensong tonight at 1830.

Introit Hymn: HCE 8 (The *Venite*) [Tune: 388 i]
Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.
Metrical Gloria in excelsis: HCE 99 [Tune: 139 i]
Collect of the Day: page 390 *Readings on separate paper.*
New Testament Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans [Tune: 401]
Metrical Gradual Psalm: HCE 47 (omit last verse)
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*
Nicene Creed: page 173
Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
Offertory Hymn: HCE 34 Collection. [Tune: 377]
[The canticle is a paraphrase of parts of today's New Testament reading.]
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.
(There is no singing at Communion-time this morning; there will be organ music during the administration.)

All stand after 'Let us pray' for the Post-Communion Prayer, on page 390, 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,
and to your greater glory;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Blessing and Dismissal.
Hymn: HCE 31 [Tune: 47] [Coffee in the Church Hall.]

CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE FOR CANDLEMAS

There is a separate leaflet for this service.

SOLEMN EVENSONG AND CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

There is a separate leaflet for this service.

In church this week.

Monday 1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office
Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**
1200 Parish Prayer with some structured prayer-time
Wednesday 1200 Parish Prayer with a Litany
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.)

DAY OF PRAYER ON THE EVE OF THE LAUNCH OF THE PARISH FUNDING PROGRAMME

Details about this are on the leaflet enclosed with the Notes today. It contains, amongst other things, various suggestions as to how one might use the time. Come at any time, and stay for as long or as short as you like. Throughout the day there will be timed slots for particular areas of parish life; these are on the leaflet. You may possibly wish to come for one of those specific slots, but that is, of course, only one way of doing it.

Mattins and Veni Creator will be said at 0830.
The Eucharist will be celebrated at noon.
(*Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit*)
Evening Prayer will be said at 1630.

Other events and notices

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.
1930 Estates Committee
Tuesday 2000 Rehearsal for the Parish Funding Presentation.
2000 The Epsom Deanery Synod takes place at St Peter's, Walton on the Hill. The speaker is Mr David Davies, who is the Sub-Organist at the Cathedral, and well worth listening to. Anyone can go; musicians should. Coffee from 1930.
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Everyone welcome for coffee (or tea) and biscuits and *conversazione*.

Hymnathon 2005. The year's sponsored *Hymnathon* in aid of the Village Fair will take place again on Saturday, 26 February, in the Parish Room around the piano. There will be two sessions: 1000-1300 and 1400 to 1600. It will involve singing at least two verses of every hymn in *The New English Hymnal* beginning at Hymn 251 and ending at 500. (The remainder of the Hymnal has features other than 'straight' hymnody.) Sponsorship forms will be available in the Welcome Area as from **today** for those willing to take part. Please indicate on the Rota the time you would be willing to cover. No one will be asked to sing alone (a mischievous false rumour to that effect was doing the rounds last year), and you do not have to be a 'singer' to take part. Those who took part last year will all say that we had good fun, and we certainly raised lots of money. There will be refreshments available to keep everyone's voice in good working order. Many thanks (and further details, if necessary) from *Rosemarie Henson*.