

### Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1300 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall:  
Friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.

Also on Wednesday, at 2000, there is a *Churches Together in Ewell* Lent Course, entitled *Reflecting on Prayer*. The second session is at Ewell United Reformed Church, and it will be on **Contemplative Spirituality**, and led by *the Reverend Barry Preece*, who is now Rector of East and West Clandon, and who was a curate at St Mary's during the 'seventies.

**Tuesday evenings with Dr Miller.** A repeat of last week's note: I would particularly ask that if anyone knows of someone who would welcome the sort of sessions that are planned for Tuesday evenings, he or she would actually *go and suggest it* to the person concerned. Whilst these evenings are not a hard sell, they will almost certainly be of value to any person who comes under the heading of 'the honest enquirer.' Do think on this. W.R.H.

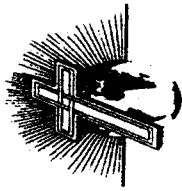
**Parish Day Outings this year.** Book the dates now. Two very different days out are planned: one to Brighton on Thursday, 23 June, and one to St Albans on Thursday, 15 September. When I was about to become Deputy Vicar of Brighton, many years ago, the former Dean of Westminster, Dr Eric Abbott, described it to me as 'a spicy town.' No doubt the historical side of St Albans will give this year's outings just the right sense of balance. W.R.H.

Saturday

### The Mighty Hymnathon 1000-1300 and 1400 to 1600 in aid of the Village Fair.

There is still time to take part in this year's sponsored *Hymnathon*. Volunteers are appearing on the list in the Welcome Area, but *we could still do with lots more*. We made a lot of money through Hymnathon Sponsorship last year, and we hope to do the same again this year. Sponsorship forms are available in the Welcome Area. Please indicate on the Roia the time you would be willing to cover. *No one will be asked to sing alone* (a mischievous false rumour to that effect was busily doing the rounds last year), and you do not have to be a 'singer' to take part. It is a very painless business; those who took part last year will all say that we had good fun. It takes place in the Parish Room, and it is an informal affair around the piano. There will be two sessions: 1000-1300 and 1400 to 1600, with a break for lunch; so either bring sarnies, or go over to the pub, if you are doing an over-lunch stint. It involves singing at least two verses of every hymn in *The New English Hymnal* beginning at Hymn 251 and ending at 500. Last year we sang from 1 - 250 in the allotted time, so we should manage the rest this time. (The rest of the book has features other than 'straight' hymnody.) There will be refreshments available to keep everyone's voice in good working order. Further details, if necessary) from *Rosemarie Henson*.

**Next Sunday.** Normal eucharistic arrangements for the 'last Sunday' of the month, with the usual 1200 Eucharist. Although Mattins and Holy Baptism is scheduled for 1100 it is more likely to be straight Mattins; there are no takers for this baptismal slot as yet, and it is unlikely that there will be any now. In the evening at 1830 there will be **Choral Evensong**.



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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.*

### SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The Eucharistic gospel readings in Lent (not at 1100) follow the principle of Lent as a 'paschal preparation'. This was mentioned in last week's Notes, and illustrated by quoting the Lenten Preface (see page 308 in *Common Worship*). Beginning next week the three gospel readings of Year A are those anciently used in the preparation of candidates for Baptism and Confirmation, and they all deal with Paschal and redemptive themes. In fact the Church of England (and also the Roman rite) allows these readings to be used in Years B & C as well as in Year A, though in fact we have not availed ourselves of that provision here. The themes are those of Living Water (the account of the Woman of Samaria), Enlightenment (the account of the man blind from birth), and New Life (the raising of Lazarus). The Roman rite gives the readings for the Transfiguration for today; the Church of England gives us the account of Nicodemus and the necessity of Baptism. Both are good ways of approach to the readings of the other three Sundays. All these readings are longer than the usual Sunday gospel reading, though not quite as long as the Passion readings of Holy Week. It is normal to stand, of course, for the gospel reading, but common-sense will dictate that, when a reading is on the long side, one should sit if one finds the standing difficult, possibly standing again just before the end of the reading in order to be on one's feet for the gospel response of praise.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion we pray today for the Philippine Episcopal Church. In our regular prayer for the Diocese we pray for the work of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee. Our parish prayer today is for three senior schools in the parish: Ewell Castle School, Glyn School, and Nonsuch High School; and we pray too for the people who live in Park Avenue East.

**Lent Boxes** in aid of the *Tsunami Appeal* are still available. Our contribution will be routed through the work of the *Save the Children Fund*.

*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: page 167.

Reading from Father Harry Williams CR

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.

*Common Worship rite*

Collect of the Day: page 394

Proper Preface: page 308

Setting of the Eucharist: *Merbecke*  
[This is the congregational setting on the lilac-coloured paper.]  
The hymns are all from the old red hymn-books today.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

The second of a series of three lecture-sermons on 'Christ and Time.'

No.2: 'This is eternal Life.'

[Second tune]

Introit hymn: 164

Then green Prayer Book: page 31

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33

Greeting and the Collect of the Day

*(There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings; it is perhaps worth saying that the Prayer Book gospel reading for today is particularly obscure.)*

The Epistle: Ephesians 5: 1 - 14

Gradual hymn: 300

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 11: 14 - 28

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Biddings to Prayer and the Offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn: 349 [Tune: AMR 120]

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: 416

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

Anthem: By the waters of Babylon.

[Words printed at the 0930 service.]

After Communion:

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44

[*Gloria in excelsis* is omitted during Lent.]

The Blessing

Hymn 297

1800 Stations of the Cross (main church)

In church this week

Monday

1130 Funeral Requiem for Sybil Barker

1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office

1000 Holy Communion

1200 Parish Prayer with some structured prayer-time.

2000 Reasons for Christian Belief.

Five evenings with Dr Patrick Miller.

This week: WHY BELIEVE IN GOD?

Coffee from 1930.

Wednesday

0900 Ewell Castle Junior School assembly

1200 Parish Prayer with the Common Worship Litany

1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office

1200 Holy Communion (incorporating parish prayer)

Thursday

Friday

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available.  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 394  
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191. Other Lenten texts: page 308  
Setting of the Eucharist: *Laloux*. Missa Sancti Ignatii.

Introit hymn: 74

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence and Kyrie eleison

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Collect of the Day: page 394. Readings on separate paper.

Old Testament Reading from the Book Genesis.

(All stand) Metrical Gradual Canticle: HHE 82. [Tune: AMR 508]

New Testament Reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans

Hymn 65

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Third sermon in a Lent Course on 'Five Bible Animals.'

No.3: *The Goat*.

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory hymn: 333 [Tune: *Groeswen*] Collection

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191; Preface for Lent: page 308

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

After the Invitation to Communion: Hymn 414

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei*

Anthem: By the waters of Babylon.

*Maraby*

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we

remembered thee, O Sion. As for our harps, we hanged them up

upon the trees that were therein. For they that led us away

captive required of us then a song and melody in our heaviness,

'Sing us one of the songs of Sion.' How shall we sing the

Lord's song in a strange land?  
(From *Psalms 137*)

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer on page 393,

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 Prayer will continue to be said at this point until 6 March.]

Lenten Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 368

[Coffee in the Church Hall.]

A reminder that the new sacristy rota is available in the office (on the photocopier).

The new servers' rota should be out next week; any known absences on a piece of

paper to the Vicar today, please.