

Other events and notices.

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.

Wednesday

1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall: Friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.
1215-1345 **Lent Lunch** in the Church Hall, in aid of our Lenten Project for Tsunami relief.

2000 *Churches Together in Ewell* Lent Course, entitled **Reflecting on Prayer**. The third session is at Ewell United Reformed Church, and it will be on **Celtic Spirituality**, and led by **the Reverend Stuart Thomas**, Vicar of St Francis, Ewell.

Friday

1400-1600. The local service for **The Women's World Day of Prayer** will take place this year at Ewell United Reformed Church. The service is entitled **Let our light shine**, and it has been prepared by Christian women of Poland. The speaker will be the Reverend Pat Hall, the Minister at Ewell URC, and there will be a trumpeter present. It promises to be a moving and inspiring occasion. Everyone is welcome; one does not have to be female.

The Friday evening open office will not happen this week, since the Vicar is away overnight. He is preaching at Llandaff Cathedral on Saturday morning at a Requiem for an old friend who was a professor at the American University in Rome.

* A small number of people regularly conduct the **Sunday Intercessions** at the Sung Eucharist, and, strangely, a significantly larger number of people have declined in alarm when invited to join the band. I do not wish to overwork the people who take part in this important aspect of our worship, so about every third or fourth week we shall be using one of the set forms in *Common Worship* as the framework for the Sunday intercessions. The specific Sunday intentions and names can be dovetailed into this framework just as now, but it means that those who are leading our intercessions will from now on not have to devise the entire text on every occasion. However, anyone who would like to take part in leading the Intercessions should mention it to the Vicar, and a meeting about the basic drill can then be fixed up.

Knitting for Lent. Once again Edna Attwood is co-ordinating a Knit-in for Lent. This year it is a case of knitting 6 inch squares for OXFAM. They make them into blankets for disasters. Double-knitting wool; 7" needles; and about 35 stitches. Any queries to Edna.

A reminder that the **sacristy rota** is available in the office (on the photo-copier). The servers' rota **should** be out today; if not, an announcement will be made.

Next Sunday. This Sunday will see the concluding service of our Parish Funding Programme, when there will be **Parish Eucharist** at 0930. The results of the programme will be announced at the service. (There will be a service at 0800.) There will be an all-age service of **Christian Family Praise for Mothering Sunday** at 1100, and Evening Prayer will be said in the Parish Room at 1800.



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

The longer than usual Sunday gospel readings for Lent in Year A, mentioned in last week's Notes, begin today, though in fact there will be a different reading at the Sung Eucharist next Sunday because of the special circumstances. These readings were anciently used in the preparation of candidates for baptism and confirmation at the Easter Vigil. They are not quite as long as the Passion readings of Holy Week, but are nevertheless longer than usual. Today the theme is that of 'living water', and the passage concerned is the account of Jesus' words to the Woman of Samaria. The Offertory hymn and the Communion anthem develop this theme. Whilst it is normal to stand for the gospel reading, 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.

Of the other two Eucharistic readings, the first gives us the background to that strange line in the Mattins canticle *Venite* (Psalm 95), 'as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness.' *Venite* is then sung immediately afterwards in the modern text, which, like the original Hebrew, uses the actual place-names. The second reading, an important but difficult passage from Romans, is followed by 'A Song of the Justified', which from verse 2 onwards paraphrases the text of the reading, and perhaps makes it a bit easier to follow.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion we pray today for the Lusitanian Church of Portugal. In our regular prayer for the Diocese we pray for the home for retired clergy at Manorstead in Hindhead. Our parish prayer today is for our Treasurer, Julia Scott, and for the Stewardship Recorder, Miriam Massey, and we pray too for the people who live in Park Avenue West.

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*.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800

HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.
Reading from Julian of Norwich
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 394

Proper Preface: page 308

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: *Rutter* in D

Introit hymn: 468

Introduction, Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*

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

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

USE READINGS PAPER FROM NOW UNTIL AFTER THE GOSPEL.

Old Testament Reading from the Book of the Exodus.

(*All stand*) Gradual Canticle: Metrical *Venite* (in full). [Tune: AMR 508]

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

Hymn: HCE 44 [Tune: NEH 315]

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Sermon by *the Vicar*

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

No. 4: *The Lamb*.

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession (page 281*); then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory hymn: 376 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 288

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei*

Anthem: The tree of life.

Vaughan Williams

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. On either side of the river groweth the tree of life, the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life, clear as crystal. Whoso will, let him take of the water of life freely. Whoso drinketh of this water shall never thirst. Take thou the leaves of the tree of life, so shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

(Based on words from the Revelation to St John.)

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,
 for the people of Ewell,
 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 272

[Coffee in the Church Hall.]

Note: Holy Baptism was planned for Mattins today, but in fact no one has opted for this slot, so it is straight Congregational Mattins today, the choir having already been scheduled to sing Choral Evensong tonight.

Responses: green book, page 8.

Metrical *Venite*: HCE 9 [Tune: AMR 508]

Psalms 32 Confession and confidence. Page 174

First Lesson: Genesis 12: 1-9 Blue book: page 515

Metrical Benedictus: HCE 2 [Tune: 401]

Second Lesson: 1 St Peter 2: 19-end Blue book: page 515

Hymn 359 [Tune: 322]

Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects

Hymn 357 Prayers

Hymn 339 (Collection) Sermon by *the Vicar*

The Blessing

Holy Communion (Side Chapel) *Common Worship rite*

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 394

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196. Proper Preface: page 308

Responses: Green books, page 18 Music: *Archer*

Office-hymn: 59 (ii)

Psalms 41. A psalm of trust in God in the face of adversity. page 188

First Lesson: Exodus 20: 1-17 The Ten Commandments

Magnificat: page 19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25. 'The foolishness of God.'

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Anthem: *Stabat Mater dolorosa*. *Pergolesi*

English version: Words of Hymn 97, verse 1.

Prayers Hymn 369 Sermon by *the Vicar*.

Hymn 383 (i); Collection. The Blessing

In church this week

Monday 1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office

Tuesday. *St David* 1000 **Holy Communion**

(Gospel and Eucharistic Prayer in Welsh)

1200 Parish Prayer with some structured prayer-time.

2000 Reasons for Christian Belief.

Five evenings with Dr Patrick Miller.

Tonight: WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

Coffee from 1930.

Wednesday 1200 Parish Prayer with Litany

Thursday 1200 Parish Prayer with short Mid-day Office

Friday 1200 **Holy Communion** (incorporating parish prayer)

(See below for the Women's World Day of Prayer service.)