

Saturday

1400 Nuptial Mass

**Other events and notices.**

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall: Friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.  
Saturday 1000-1200 Abbeyfield (Ewell) Society: **Coffee Morning** and Bring and Buy Sale with raffle at Grove Cottage, 10 Cheam Road. Everyone welcome.

At the **Meeting to Elect Churchwardens** last Sunday, **Dr David Dance** and **Mr Hamish Reid** were elected to office.

An few (slightly revised) copies of the Vicar's gloss on the formal **Review of the Year** in the Annual report are available in the Welcome Area.

More about **Christian Aid Week** next Sunday, but the bundles of envelopes for the house-to-house collection are available earlier than usual this year, not least because (as Kathie Burgess has pointed out in EPN) we only covered a small number of our allocated streets last year. I know it is sometimes a rather thankless task, but there are those far beyond these shores who are truly grateful for what they have received through Christian Aid, and that in itself makes it all worthwhile. W.R.H.

**The Year's Mind List.** I said some weeks ago that it is now perhaps time that the names in the book were revised, and I plan to do this later this month. A much older book came to light a few years ago, but it is clear that sometime in the period before my arrival here the practice had stopped. (I noticed recently at the Cathedral that they have now started a Year's Mind list there.) The official list only includes the names of those whose funerals were taken at or from St Mary's. However, it needs to be realistic, and (as I said before) I am planning to remove virtually all the names from the book, which have been there for upward of fifteen years, or where there is no likelihood of the name being known to anyone at all in the present congregation. A simple final Requiem will be said later this year for those whose names will have been removed. However, if someone wishes any particular name to remain, there is no problem, just have a word with me to make sure it stays in. W.R.H.

**Rachel and Will's wedding.** I have had several enquiries from members of the congregation about the date of the great wedding: it is this Saturday at 1400. Since it will be a Nuptial Mass we shall need some Communion Assistants; any offers to me today, please. W.R.H.

The detailed **Service Planner** for this term and the **Music List** are now available in the Welcome Area for those who wish to have them.

**Next Sunday.** Services at the usual times. The Vicar will be away next Sunday, and the celebrant and preacher at 0800 and 0930 will be the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller.

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**WEEKLY NOTES**

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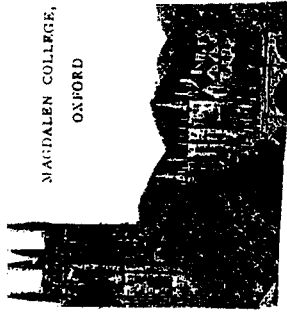
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The spring of the year is for Christians transcended by the 'spring of souls' (see Hymn 106), the new life of the risen Christ which bursts upon a world to give it new life and new hope. We are very much in Eastertide still, a major theological moment of paschal fulfilment coming up on Thursday of course. However, the resurrection joy can overflow in surprising ways. Those who know the Narnia stories of C S Lewis will recall the wild, breathless, resurrection Dance of the Lion, for Easter joy is not to be confined to its purely liturgical expression. Easter eggs, Easter bunnies, Easter lambs are all symbols of new life, both in respect of creation and of re-creation, and May Day itself is part of all this, with its various aspects, both sacred and secular. May morning at Oxford was (and is) a remarkable affair: the May morning carol\* from the top of Magdalen College tower, and then the bell-ringing and Morris Dancing, the general revelry, and the jumping (or falling!) into the River Cherwell, have all combined to make it something which lingers long in the memories of those who have experienced it. Liturgically the feast of St Philip and St James, the festival itself is quite properly suppressed when it falls on a Sunday in Eastertide, but we shall sing a hymn at the Sung Eucharist today about the two apostles, because it homes in on the May Day side of things as well. (The tune is a much-mutilated version of *John Peel*, and the scripture passage alluded to in the hymn rather perversely came up last Sunday.) The political associations of May Day were 'sacralized' in modern times by the Roman Catholic Church, and I May became a feast in honour of St Joseph the Worker; but it never caught on, and after a short-lived existence the feast was downgraded to an 'optional memorial.' However, May is also 'Mary's Month', and for the first time we shall be having a May Procession at the Christian Family Praise Service at 1100 in honour of our patron saint. This should be a jolly piece of simple piety and liturgical fun.

\* The melody of the Magdalen tower hymn will be used for the hymn before Communion this morning. It will not sound quite as jolly as it does from the tower, but that is because the words about the Eucharistic oblation are somewhat more serious than the Latin hymn of praise at Magdalen College.

† The *Charon Club* (Charon ferried souls across the river in classical mythology) exists at Oxford for those who, by misfortune only, fell into the River Cherwell. I qualified for membership, but never actually sought it; I was swept off a punt, when the pole caught in the branches of a tree, and I had to squelch back to college through the town. W.R.H.

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



MAGDALEN COLLEGE,  
OXFORD

(Easter 5)

During the Communion:

Anthem: The Song of the Tree of Life.

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. Whose 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 403.  
Easter Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn: A Song of Easter Faith (on Readings leaflet) [Tune: NEH 401]

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.

**1100 ALL-AGE SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE:  
A MAY PROCESSION**

We have not had a May Procession before. It will begin in church, but the actual Procession will be out of doors if the weather permits. The Statue of Our Lady will be carried from the Easter Garden and will eventually arrive at the Millennium Window. There is a separate leaflet for this service.  
Anthem: Maria, Mater gratiae. Fauré

**1200 HOLY COMMUNION**  
(Service transferred from last week.)  
Order 1: page 167. Common Worship rite  
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Collect of the Day: page 403  
Proper Preface: page 316

**1800 Stations of the Resurrection (Main church)**

**In church this week**

Tuesday Rogation Day 1000 Holy Communion  
Wednesday Eve of the Ascension 2000 Solemn Evensong and Benediction,  
sung by the local Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary.

**Thursday ASCENSION DAY**

0900 Ewell Castle Junior School service

**1200 PARISH EUCHARIST (Nave Altar)**

N.B. This is the only parish service on Ascension Day this year. It should last about forty minutes, and there will not be a sermon. There will be a service-paper.

Today is also Rogation Sunday (in the Book of Common Prayer scheme of things), with its concentration on intercessory prayer, though this will have a comparatively minor slot at St Mary's today, in the form of the Litany at early morning Mattins. However, no doubt we shall all commend our country to the providence of God at this time, as we exercise our democratic rights to choose the next administration.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our church and parish, and at this time for our own country at Election-time. In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Church in Southern India; in the diocese for Bishop Ian Brackley of Dorset; and in the parish we pray for the newly-elected Churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council, and for the people who live in Purberry Shot.

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**0700 MATTINS and THE LITANY** Book of Common Prayer rite

**0800 HOLY COMMUNION** Book of Common Prayer rite

The Prayer Book rite, which we have about quarterly at 0800, can now be followed (with about 98% accuracy) in Order 2 of 'Common Worship', starting on page 229. Unlike the monthly Prayer Book Sung Eucharist in the Mattins slot, the BCP rite at 0800 follows the 1662 order without any deviations from the printed text, except that the long exhortations are omitted. The simple rule is to disregard any indented material in the text. The Collect and Readings are on a separate paper.

**0930 SUNG EUCHARIST** Common Worship rite

Crèche available. The children are at the 1100 service today.  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 403  
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196. Other Easter texts: page 316  
Setting of the Eucharist: Darke in F

Introit hymn: 255  
Introduction, Prayers of Penitence and Kyrie eleison.  
Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (Shaw melody)  
Collect of the Day: page 403 Readings on separate paper.  
New Testament Reading from the First Letter of St Peter.  
Gradual hymn: The winter's sleep (on Readings paper) [Tune: OEH 221]  
A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John  
Sermon by the Vicar. Nicene Creed: page 173  
Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace  
Offertory hymn: 103  
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; Proper Preface: page 316  
Collection  
Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.  
After the Invitation to Communion:  
Hymn: See, Father, thy beloved Son. [Use OEH 328 The Magdalen Tower Hymn]  
(Words on Readings paper.)