

Other events and notices.

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

Wednesday at 1930 in the Parish Room:

LANCE PIERSON EVENING

Come and be roundly entertained by Lance Pierson,

a Christian Performance Poet, who can make you laugh and cry.

No tickets, but there will be a retiring collection for St. Mary's.

Further information from Lloyd and Promilla Mullen.

The text of the *Sanctus* is printed out today at the 0930 Eucharist, as a sort of subliminal reminder that whenever the service is sung to the simpler setting by *Martin Shaw* (no, not Judge John Deed, nor 'Bodie and Doyle'), it is meant to be a *congregational* setting sung by everyone. The same goes for the *Merbecke* setting, which is printed in the *New English Hymnal*, the Gloria and Creed of which are due on next Sunday, though the other sections will be to the scheduled choral setting by Sumson. Both *Shaw* and *Merbecke* are to the 'traditional language' text, which is why the words are printed out; the music doesn't fit the words of the *Common Worship* rite.

Ewell Parish News for June is available today.

The **Fair Springboard**, the successor to the old Bake-in, which took place a week yesterday raised £685.83 towards the running expenses of the Village Fair. This is undoubtedly a record for this preliminary feature in the Village Fair programme, and it is a splendid result. Many thanks to those who worked so hard, and to all those who spent all that money.

On the same day as the Fair Springboard a most interesting and unusual discovery was made in a remote and dark corner of St Mary's. A **Hatchment** has come to light, and it is now on display in the north aisle. Presumably it was a conspicuous feature in 'old' St Mary's. How something of such size has not been noticed for at least 25 years or so is scarcely credible, but such indeed is the case. Initial enquiries about its date and provenance already have started, and there should be something to report in due course. Clearly the hatchment needs professional attention in the immediate future.

Next Sunday. Services are at the usual times. We shall be back to the 'green' Sundays, and there will be an air of 'liturgical normality' for a while.

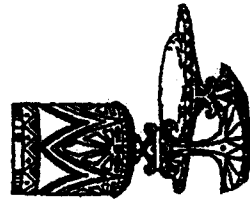
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WEEKLY NOTES

29 May 2005

CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi is officially on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but is quite regularly transferred to the following Sunday, a procedure known technically as observing the 'External Solemnity'. Devotionally the place for commemorating the institution of the Holy Eucharist is obviously on Maundy Thursday night, and those who attend that singularly beautifully rite will know how the Maundy Eucharist holds together the reality of Christ's sacrificial death, the bond of love and fellowship in the eucharistic community of faith, and the eternal role of Christ the great High Priest. There is clearly so much to ponder on Maundy Thursday night that our instinctive Christian joy at Christ's institution of the Eucharist is tempered by the reality of the Passion of Christ, for which the evening Eucharist of Maundy Thursday marks the annual start of our entering into that mystery. The only real 'concession to joy' is the fact that the Maundy Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in white vestments. Everything else is devotionally centred on the Passion. Yet the fact remains that the Eucharist is an occasion of joy; indeed, the word itself means 'thanksgiving'. It is the place of our closest encounter with Our Lord in this life when in sacramental reality we meet the living Christ, and receive grace abounding in 'the Bread of Life and the Cup of everlasting salvation.' It is the supreme place for intercessory prayer, when our own intentions are gathered up in the eucharistic offering, and taken into the eternal prayer of Christ. So it is not surprising that ultimately the festival of Corpus Christi evolved, to enable Christian folk to *celebrate* in more than one sense that Mystery of Faith, which has given to countless millions of Christians the supreme measure of sacramental grace, both routinely and at special moments in life. We are not using St Thomas Aquinas' fine eucharistic hymns this year, because lots of other people have written fine ones too. (There are some particularly good eucharistic hymns in the Methodist tradition.) However, all the hymns today concentrate on the joyous side of the eucharist, rather than on the Maundy Thursday aspect; and for those of us who come to our Sunday eucharist as a normal part of our own spiritual formation, this note of eucharistic joy once a year is something to relish, as we praise God for all the blessings we have received through the sacramental grace so wonderfully bestowed by God in Christ at the table of the Lord.



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

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for the Church in Uganda. In our diocese we pray for the ministry exercised by retired clergy. In the parish we pray for our servers of the sanctuary, and for the people who live in Rutherford Close. At Corpus Christi we also pray for the Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament, a devotional society in the Church of England (the Vicar is a priest-associate of the Confraternity).

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 407.
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Proper Preface: page 314.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST *Common Worship rite*

Nave Altar service today. Crèche provided.
 It is Half-Term today in the Children's Hours, and because it is such a long term the full choir is also away today, including the seniors. So all the singing is congregational. All the hymns are from *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell* at the Eucharist today, and all the tunes should be familiar. (However, the first hymn may need a short rehearsal.)

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 407.
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Proper Preface: page 314.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass.

Introit hymn: HHE 99 (verses 1-4) [Tune: *Ecce sedes* (Auxerre)]
 Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211
 Collect of the Day: page 407 (*Readings on separate paper*)
 Old Testament reading from the Book Genesis, and
 New Testament reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.
 Gradual Hymn: HHE 90 [Tune: NEH 102]
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.
 Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*.
 Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 213
 Intercession, then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory Hymn: HHE 50 Collection [Tune: NEH 231]
 Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 314
The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Consecration Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All sing: Though the lowliest form doth veil thee,
 As of old in Bethlehem,
 Here as there thine angels hail thee,
 Branch and flower of Jesses's stem.
 Alleluya, alleluya,
 We in worship join with them.

Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.
 (There is no hymn at the Invitation to Communion today.)
 Holy Communion today is at the front of the nave only. Please return to your seats *via* the side aisles, after receiving the chalice on your 'own' side.
All stand after 'Let us pray' for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 407
 The Blessing and Dismissal. [Tune: NEH 186]
 Hymn: HHE 74

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 MATTINS *Book of Common Prayer rite*
 'Village Mattins' today. The service is 'said with hymns.' Since the choir is not present, the sermon can come today 'in the traditional place,' rather than at the beginning of the service.
 Responses: page 8. Metrical Venite: HCE 8 Page 190
 Psalm 43 'I will go unto the altar of God.' Blue book: page 921
 First Lesson from the Book of the Exodus.
 Metrical Te Deum: HCE 11
 Second Lesson from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.
 Hymn: 292 Blue book: page 922
 [Tune: *Eisenach*]
 The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 56).
 Prayers. Sermon by *The Vicar* Hymn: 272 Collection.
 The Blessing

1200 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
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 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Proper Preface: page 314.

1800 Evening Prayer. Service said in the Parish Room.