

**Fair Requests.** These usually start about now. Marion Rao is the first in, with a request for assistance on her jewellery stall. Contact her in church, or tel. 8393 1245.

**Next Sunday.** The arrangements at 0800 and 0930 are as normal, but there are two special features next week, and it would be very helpful if 'personal publicity' were added to what we do officially by way of EPN, the Notes, posters, handbills and the like. It is going to be a very busy day, and one which illustrates very clearly the *à la carte* approach (for lack of a more appropriate expression) to the worship which takes place at St Mary's. Whilst people are normally wedded to their usual service, it is on days like this that we could do with additional support at those services at which we can rightly expect a fair number of visitors.

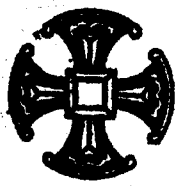
Because our routine Sunday worship is normally conducted with a degree of formality and dignity which is not always so apparent in some other churches, it is sometimes thought by others that we are a bit old-fashioned here. (We are not, but that's not the point.) However, the 11 o'clock service next week particularly shows that there is a creativity and freshness on a regular basis at St Mary's, which enables us to have something to say to people who do not normally come to us. Once again we shall be having the service entitled '*All Creatures Great and Small*', an occasion which draws to St Mary's many people who would otherwise simply not be here. So if the person next door has a dog or a cat (or whatever, but avoid pythons and the like), please do not hesitate to do some over-the-garden-wall inviting. This service, which is one in our series of *Christian Family Praise* services, is now becoming an established annual occasion, and many people eagerly look forward to it. We are much in debt to Kathie Burgess and Vicky Gocher for all their hard work in producing this service, as well as those other services in the *Christian Family Praise* series.

Then in the evening there will be a splendid occasion of worship and music, when we shall be welcoming once again the excellent choir of *Emanuel School*. They will be singing Choral Evensong first, at which the canticles will be sung to the magnificent setting by Herbert Howells for St Paul's Cathedral, and they will also be singing the vigorous anthem by Sunmion, '*They that go down to the sea in ships*'. \* Evensong should last about half-an-hour. They will then be giving a recital of the sort of music which really ought to have a pretty wide appeal: the *Requiem* by *John Rutter*, and *Vaughan Williams' 'Five Mystical Songs'*. Again, please spread the word. Whilst there will be a retiring collection, this recital is of a quality for which in the secular world a fairly substantial admission charge could quite justifiably be made. This is, of course, the choir which is directed by our own Sub-Organist, *Jonathan Holmes*, and so I hope that many St Mary's folk will also see this both as a treat, and, by supporting it, as an occasion for saying thank-you to Jonathan for the way in which he has enhanced our worship here in recent years with his magnificent handling of our mighty instrument. W.R.H.

\*Sunmion's anthem has a truly splendid treatment of the line in Psalm 107, 'they reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.'

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## WEEKLY NOTES

26 June 2005

### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

It is nice to have a normal Sunday today, with everything straightforward and predictable. Evensong and Holy Baptism is a 'normal' part of our routine, even though it is very special indeed for those concerned. These ordinary Sundays help to remind us that we are meant to live out our Christian life, by and large, in the normal routine of daily living, and that for Christian people it should be the most natural thing in the world to be in the Lord's house at the Lord's service on the Lord's Day, and that it should seem odd when we are not. Certainly for those who regularly attend the Eucharistic services here it should be the case that they bring all the past week with them into church, offer it up in prayer in union with the eternal prayer of Christ, and in the strength of the grace of the sacrament go out again renewed in mind and heart and soul. In the same way those who normally attend Mattins or Evensong will go forth in the strength of the ministry of the word of God. The festivals of the Christian Year are wonderful moments of devotion and praise, but in the end the simple regularity of our devotion Sunday by Sunday throughout the year is what forms the basis of our growth in sanctification, and of the increase in our love for our Lord.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for our fellow-Christians in the Church in West Africa. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for all those who serve as Pastoral Assistants in the parishes of the diocese. In our parish prayer we pray for the governors, teachers and pupils at St Clement's Roman Catholic School and at the Wallace Fields schools; and in our regular prayer for those living in the geographical parish we pray today for the people who live in St Norman's Way†.

† I haven't a clue who St Norman was. Does anyone know? And why should there be a street in Ewell with that somewhat improbable name? Can anyone enlighten me? W.R.H.

*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 after the 0930 service.*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**  
Order 1: page 167.  
Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201

*Common Worship rite*  
Collect of the Day: page 410.

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; Children's Hour in the hall;  
 Crèche available in church.  
**Order 1: page 167.** Collect of the Day: page 410  
 Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191  
 Setting of the Eucharist: *White* in E flat

Introit hymn: 500

Greeting, Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: in the hymn-book at 363. [Tune: 338]

Collect of the Day: page 410. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*

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

Gradual hymn: 513

(This is a version of *Ubi caritas*, the hymn for the footwashing on Maundy Thursday.)

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173.

[Please keep up the recent good work of really *proclaiming* the Creed.]

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 404; Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191

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

After the Invitation: Hymn 300

During the Communion:

Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine.

*Howells*

My eyes for beauty pine,

One splendour thence is shed

My soul for God's grace:

From all the stars above;

No other care nor hope is mine;

'Tis named when God's name is said;

To heaven I turn my face.

'Tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart

That burns with true desire

Is lit from eyes that mirror part

Of that celestial fire.

Then all stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 411

The Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 362 [Tune: 185]

## 1100 CHORAL MATTINS

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8.

Jubilate (Psalm 100):

Office-hymn: AMR 39

Psalm 96 The Lord, the righteous judge.

First Lesson from the Book of the Exodus. Blue book: page 664

Benedictus: page 11

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Luke. Blue book: page 665

Hymn: AMR 251

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,

the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 69).

Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine.

[Words printed above at the Sung Eucharist.]

Prayers Hymn: AMR 243 Collection. The Blessing.

1200 **HOLY COMMUNION** in the Side Chapel. Details as at 0800.

## 1630 EVENSONG AND HOLY BAPTISM.

*There is a special leaflet for this service.*

In church this week.

Tuesday

1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Monday 1930 Estates Committee (in the Church Hall)

Tuesday at 1245.

### The first of three lunch-time Organ Recitals

This week's recital is by *Martin Ford*, Organ Scholar of Southwark Cathedral, and Organ-demy elect of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Bring your sandwiches; tea and coffee provided. Retiring Collection.

Tuesday

2000 Second Meeting of the new Finance Group.

Wednesday

1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall:

'the bean, the biscuit and the bonhommie.'

1930 Vicar at Canon Skeoch's *thirtieth* priestly anniversary at St Gabriel's, Warwick Square.

[Canon Skeoch was the priest MC at the Vicar's ruby celebration last year. Although he and the Vicar were contemporaries at Oxford, he spent some years as a schoolmaster before ordination; thus he is over ten years behind!]

**A moan.** I don't think I mean all that often, but I have to say that I was considerably disappointed at the small number of people who came across to the church hall last Sunday morning to listen to Bishop Randolph's update on the Guyana scene. After all, he had come several thousand miles to visit us and those other parishes which support the work of the Church in his vast diocese. W.R.H.

**Ewell Parish News** for July is available today.

**Village Fair: men's cake-making competition.** We have nineteen entrants for this popular competition, and they are all seeking your sponsorship to make their cakes. The sponsor forms are in the Welcome Area now, awaiting your support, so please sponsor as many of our Gallant Gentlemen Bakers as possible. If anyone else would like to enter the competition please let 'JB' know a.s.a.p.