

Friday

Setting-up of the Fair. Many hands make light work, so please help if you can. A job for anyone who turns up.

Saturday

From 1030 onwards: St Mary's presents

### THE VILLAGE FAIR

in the grounds of *Ewell Castle School*.

Posters, car-stickers and the like are *still* available, and they will be useless (and wasted) if not taken this week. Items for the Fair may be left in the north aisle; not at the back of the church, please. Nothing more about this in the Notes now. Further details on programmes, handbills and in the Ewell Parish News. So, as the old song ran,

**'WITH A HEIGH-HO, COME TO THE FAIR'**

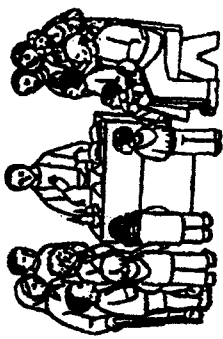
We seem to be coping well with the problems which have suddenly come upon us in connexion with having to close the Church Hall earlier than originally planned. However, things are really happening, and at the end of the day we shall have considerably improved facilities, both for our own use, and for the benefit of those who make use of our hall. For the moment, we soldier on, with Sunday coffee in non-elegant but functional plastic cups in the Welcome Area, and for the coming week with all the goods for the Fair piled in the north aisle, looking like what my mother used to call 'Muldoon's Picnic.' (Does anyone know the *Sitz im Leben* of that expression?) By next Sunday we should be able to report more definitely about things.

The Internal Affairs Committee is looking for someone who will be willing to take on the job of *keeping the Welcome Area tidy*. This simply means keeping it clear of clutter, and taking down expired notices and that sort of thing. It is not an arduous task, but it is easy for the Welcome Area to get untidy; if someone made it his or her business to check it out on a regular basis it would help considerably. Secondly, we could do with some *extra helpers* (i.e. extra to the sidesmen on duty) *as part of the welcoming team*, particularly for occasions when we know for certain that we shall be having visitors to St Mary's, who may be very unfamiliar with what goes on here (such as services with Holy Baptism, or like the animal service a fortnight ago). No-one has yet volunteered to take on the *Sunday morning coffee-rota*, a task which should take about twenty minutes a year ('this is the third time of asking'). All these things are part of what we are trying to do to make our church better equipped to be the vehicle for the gospel that it is meant to be. The new Internal Affairs Committee is taking its rôle seriously, and it has a large agenda. All the items above are something to do with the first area to be tackled, which is that of *welcome*. We would like to have this sufficiently improved to be able to move on to the next item, knowing that 'welcome' is truly up and running. These jobs are not high profile, and are not terribly time-consuming; but all these little things help to give that extra polish to what it is we provide here, and therefore each one is in its own way quite important. As the prophet Zechariah said, 'Who hath despised the day of small things?' Any offers, please, to Wendy Varney or to the Vicar - especially (though not exclusively) from anyone who does not have any specific job at the moment.

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

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### WEEKLY NOTES

17 July 2005

### EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The principal piece of news to emerge from the General Synod in York is the decision to remove the legal obstacles to the ordination of women as bishops. There is a sense of *déjà vu* about this, as those of us who were personally involved at the time of the decision to ordain women to the priesthood back in 1992 know only too well. It remains to be seen what structures, if any, will be put in place to accommodate those who in conscience cannot accept the ministry of women bishops. The system devised in 1992 has (in my view) worked well, but quite a different approach will now be called for. Various options are being suggested. It will be several years before a decisive act of ordination is likely to take place, and during that period much will be done, I am sure, to make it possible for those who believe that their spiritual home is in the Church of England to remain in it. Certainly the Archbishop of Canterbury has indicated as much. However, if such provision is *not* made - and there are those who are totally opposed to any such provision being made - it will indeed be the bottom line for many. The former Archbishop of York (Dr Hope) has said that this would apply in his own case, and, although it is clear that I would not myself be in post when all this would happen, I have to say that the same would apply to me. During the period leading up to 1992, whilst I was very active in opposing the developments within the General Synod, I kept the parish well out of things, since St Mary's is a parish of mixed (not 'central') churchmanship. Since then I have kept the *status quo* here; on the one hand there have not been women priests functioning sacramentally at St Mary's (though of course we had several years of the ministry of Deacon Antonia Lynn), whilst on the other hand I have not asked the parish to consider any of the formal Resolutions which may be made on this matter. At some point all these matters will need some consideration by the Parochial Church Council, but that time has not yet arrived. Meanwhile I do not think that much will be gained by any local discussions at the present time on a subject which is of considerable theological complexity. However, when the time does come, much care and sensitivity will need to be exercised, because these are not straightforward matters, and there are deeply held convictions on both sides, even at St Mary's. W.R.H.

Once again it is time for the Village Fair, and I hope everyone has a lovely time on Saturday. All the signs are that it is going to be a splendid Fair this year, and I am, as ever, grateful to all those who work so hard to make it a success.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for those who belong to the Roman Catholic Church\*, and for the new Pope, Benedict XVI. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for all those who serve as churchwardens in the parishes of the diocese. In our parish prayer we pray for our nearby Roman Catholic church of St Clement, for Fr Graham Bamford the parish priest and his people. In our regular prayer for those living in the geographical parish we pray today for the people who live in Shaw Close.

\* The Anglican prayer cycle finished last week. Beginning today we shall be praying for our fellow-Christians who belong to the other main-fine Churches. (Eastern Orthodox next week.)

### 0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198

### Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 412.

### 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Wayfarers in the Parish Room; Children's Hour.

Crèche available in church.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 412

Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201

Setting of the Eucharist: *Rutter in D (Gloria & Creed: Shaw)*

### Common Worship rite

Introit hymn: 415

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

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 412. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*

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

Gradual canticle: The Song of God's Children

[Tune: 377]  
Metrical paraphrase of part of the New Testament reading for today.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed (*sung today*): traditional language text on page 213.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 302

Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201

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

After the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Hymn 369

Anthem: *Panis angelicus.*

*César Franck*  
*The Latin words of St Thomas Aquinas are a meditation on the nature of the eucharistic presence and the grace received in the Blessed Sacrament.*

*All stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer:* page 413

[This ancient prayer from the East Syrian rite more well-known in the version at Hymn 306]

The Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 486. [Coffee in the Welcome Area.]

*Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in the Welcome Area at the back of the church after the 0930 service.*

*The 11 o'clock Sung Eucharist will start a few minutes late, because of the temporary arrangements for Sunday morning coffee. By exception, this morning there will not be a sermon, in order to allow for the departure of the choristers at the normal time.*  
Setting of the Eucharist: *White in E flat (Creed and Gloria: Merbecke)*

Introit hymn: 467

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*)

The Epistle: Romans 8: 12-17

Gradual hymn: 472

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 7: 15-21

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: 285 [First tune.]

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: 269 part 2

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

Anthem: *Ave, verum Corpus.*

*Mozart*

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, and was offered on the cross for mankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be food to us at death's hour.

After Communion:

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

*All stand for Gloria in excelsis*

The Blessing Hymn 272

1800 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week.

Tuesday

1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Sunday

The Vicar is at the Cathedral this afternoon, taking part in a service as County Chaplain to the Royal British Legion to mark the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the Second World War.

Holy Communion to the housebound.

2000 Meeting of the Finance Group.

1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall:

'the bean, the biscuit and the bonhommie.'

The Bishop visits the Epsom Deanery as part of his 'getting to know the diocese' programme. He calls on the Vicar at 1545. He will be addressing an open meeting of the Deanery Synod at 2000 at St Paul's, Howell Hill. Parish officials are particularly invited, but so is anyone else.

Monday

Wednesday

Thursday