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WEEKLY NOTES

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The amount taken at the Village Fair yesterday will be announced at the services today, and once again I express my gratitude to the organizers and all who helped in any way. It is always a complex operation, but it always wonderful to see how St Mary's folk can rally around and produce something as successful as the Fair year by year out of love for the parish church which means so much to them; and somehow it is always different. I most grateful to one and all.

The rather complex pattern of services today means that there is not really any space for the 'weekly paragraph' on today's Notes. We welcome the families of the young children being baptized at the Sung Eucharist, and hope that they will all find their visit here to be happy and memorable. Even though it is not unusual to have a *megabapt* at 1100 or 1630, it is very unusual to have *three* children being baptized at the Sung Eucharist; indeed, I cannot recall it ever happening before.

There has been a slight measure of uncertainty about our arrangements later today, but it will be clear from the Notes that Mattins at 1100 will be 'simple service', 'Village Mattins' as we sometimes call it, and this evening there will be *Choral Evensong*; and when this happens the starting time is moved to 1830. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for the Eastern Orthodox Churches, and for Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch. In the diocese we pray for the work of the Bishop of Guildford's Foundation and its community projects for young people, the lonely and the mentally ill. Within the parish we pray for the local Division of the Territorial Army, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in Shire Court.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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*, beginning 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 actual text, except for the omission of the long exhortations. In order to achieve this, the simple rule is to *disregard any indented material* in the text. Collect and Readings are on a separate paper, and in the Prayer Book scheme of things there is, for the gospel, the enigmatic account of the Unjust Steward.

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-rotas*, 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.

St Mary's Website. It is important that full use is made of our website, not least in connexion with *all* forthcoming events, since that is one of the main reasons for its existence. Please contact the Webmaster, David Crick, with any information of this sort. There is also a closed section of our website, which includes, amongst other things, details of rotas and the like. There is a password to the closed section, and those who require it should ask at the office in the first instance.

Next Sunday. Services at the usual times. It is the last Sunday of the choir term. There is the usual additional celebration of the Eucharist at 1200, it being the last Sunday of the month. The 0800 service is 'of the Sunday' and the other services are of the Transfiguration of Christ. Mattins will include one hoary but still uplifting piece of 'end-of-termery', Roger Quilter's setting of Rudyard Kipling's words, based on the opening phrase of Psalm 115, *Non nobis Domine*, in which we are reminded that in the end all that we do is 'not unto us, but unto thy Name be the praise.' Although it is a bit on the stiff upper-lip side of things, *Non nobis Domine* is, at the end of the day, something rather like the Jesuits' motto, *Ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, 'to the greater glory of God.' A priest friend of mine (now dead) used to put AMDG in small letters at the end of any essay he wrote while reading Theology at Oxford. It impressed me at the time, and although I would never have told him so, it humbled me a bit.

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

SUNG EUCHARIST and HOLY BAPTISM *Common Worship rite*
There is a separate leaflet for this service today, and only the green hymn-book (NEH) will be needed as well.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Langlais*, Missa in Simplicitate.

Anthem: Love bade me welcome. *Vaughan Williams*

Hymns: 433, 114, 317, HHE 73, 433, 419, 408

Preacher: *The Vicar*

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 *Congregational service today. Book of Common Prayer rite*
Note: It is straight Congregational Mattins today, since the choir is scheduled to sing Choral Evensong tonight. Sermon in the 'normal place.' Hymns from 'HCE'.

Responses: green book, page 8.

Metrical Venite: HCE 9

Psalm 97 'The Lord reigns.'

First Lesson: Job 42: 1-6

Metrical Benedictus: HCE 2

Second Lesson: Philipians 2: 1-11

Hymn: (NEH 338: verses 1 & 3)

At the Name of Jesus

Every knee shall bow,

Every tongue confess him

King of glory now;

'Tis the Father's pleasure

We should call him Lord,

Who from the beginning

Was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,

To receive a name

From the lips of sinners

Unto whom he came;

Faithfully he bore it

Spotless to the last;

Brought it back victorious

When from death he passed.

[Tune: AMR 508]

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Blue book: page 684

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In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Monday 2000 Meeting of Vicar and Churchwardens

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the *Parish Room* this week; while the work goes on in the hall. Time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.
 2000 Meeting of 'Pro Musica.'

A reminder that the new **Sacristy Rota** is now available; it runs until January 2006.

The **Faculty** for the new *Stations of the Cross* has now been received. The *Stations*, painted by Iain McKillop, will be dedicated by the Dean, the Very Reverend Victor Stock, very appropriately on the Feast of Christ the King (20 November) at Solemn Evensong, and he will preach what will doubtless be a memorable sermon. Most people by now know that the Stations have been commissioned by an anonymous donor from the parish, and in memory of past Treasurers, Clerks and Trustees of the Ewell Parochial Trusts. An attractive programme for the day is being devised, which will include *The Afternoon Sermon of the Ewell Parochial Trusts* and a nice tea party before the service. More about this later.

Coffee Morning Outing to St Alban's. After the very successful trip to Brighton, we are now taking bookings for the planned coach outing to St Albans on Thursday, 15 September. The cost is £7, and names and money should be handed in at the office, or given to Joan Boulden either at the Coffee Mornings or on Sunday mornings in church. St Alban's is full of good things, and the Cathedral is well worth a visit. It is a new destination for the Coffee Morning, but not for St Mary's as such: the choir sang the Sunday services there some years ago

Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects (first one on page 75)
 Prayers Sermon by *the Vicar* Hymn: HCE 36 (Collection)
 The Blessing

1830

CHORAL EVENSONG *Book of Common Prayer rite*
 Responses: Green books, page 18
 Office-hymn: 150 (ii) Music: *Rose*

Psalms: 121, 122 The first two pilgrim 'Psalms of Ascent.' Page 291

First Lesson from the First Book of Samuel. Blue book: page 685

Magnificat: page 19 *Noble* in B minor

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Luke. Blue book: page 687

Nunc dimittis: page 20 *Noble* in B minor

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects (first one on page 75)

Anthem: Evening Hymn. *Halfour Gardiner*

English version of the Latin text at Hymn 241.

Prayers Hymn 340 (ii) Sermon by *the Vicar*

Hymn 336 Collection. The Blessing

We have been left a substantial legacy by the late **Miss Mark**, or, to be more precise, Miss Sheila Heather Angela Lavinia Manners Coomber Mark. So far I cannot find anyone who knows anything about her. If anyone knows anything at all, please have a word with me. 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 this has now been done. 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 I have now removed from the book virtually all the names 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. If it has already been removed, it can of course be put back. W.R.H.