



WEEKLY NOTES

28 August 2005

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

It says at the end of the Notes that next week sees the start of our annual Festival Week. For many years that has been a chance for us all to mark the effective start of a new working year with the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows at the Patronal Festival, and generally to look ahead with a degree of freshness and eagerness, with our patron saint as a wonderful pattern of obedience to the call of God. However, today's scripture readings at the Eucharist also provide appropriate thoughts for this time of year. Today sees the last of the readings from St Paul's hefty letter to the Romans, and by now he moves away from stern theology to practical Christianity. He talks about mutual love and brotherhood, about living at peace with one another, and about not thinking about ourselves more highly than we ought to think. (There are two more Sundays of St Paul in this vein, but we shall be having other readings during the festival period of the next two weeks; by the time we return to *lectio continua* we shall be starting his letter to the Philippians.) However, the gospel reading for today is, for once, far less cosy than Romans. Jesus talks of the true cost of discipleship. He tells Peter off very roundly, when that well-meaning rough diamond of an apostle tried to talk of another way for the Lord himself: the old translation of 'Get thee behind me, Satan' is a pretty milk-and-water version of the Greek, which may be more idiomatically rendered in English as 'Get back, you devil.' Jesus talks of his followers taking up the cross, and he has things to say about final judgement. It is not a comfortable passage, but it serves as a reminder that the call to discipleship has never been an easy option in life. 'Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.'

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we are praying today for those who belong to the Baptist Churches. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the Department of Ministerial Training. In our parish prayer we pray for those who come into the parish to visit our many pubs and restaurants. In our regular prayer for those living in the geographical parish we pray today for the people who live in Spring Court.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 416.
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184

Next Sunday. After just one Sunday of 'back to normal' we move into our annual festival fortnight, which is based around the (transferred) festival of our patron saint on 8 September. We begin next week with the Sunday of the Dedication Festival, which gives us a chance to reflect upon this building, our inheritance and our responsibilities, as the Christians who worship in this particular church. Technically, today ought to be the Dedication Festival Sunday, since St Mary's was consecrated on 24 August (the Feast of St Bartholomew), but it clearly makes more sense to move it on one week, as part of our Patronal Festival celebrations at the start of a working year.

Patronal Festival 2005	
Sunday 4	SUNDAY OF THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL Sung Eucharist and Procession of the Parish Church [Other services as usual; Evening Prayer resumes today.]
Tuesday 6	Commemoration of past worshippers at St Mary's 1000 Requiem Mass
Wednesday 8	Eve of THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 1200 Sung Eucharist (Nave Altar)
Saturday 10	Local Heritage Day: church will open from 1400 This year there will also be a display of Church plate and the vestments Patronal Festival Organ Recital by Jonathan Holmes
Sunday 11	SUNDAY OF THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL 2000 Sung Eucharist, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and Procession of Our Lady
0930	Mattins and Holy Baptism
1100	Choral Evensong
1830	

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

'Children's Hour' on holiday. Crèche available in church.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 416
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Harris* in F. (Gloria & Creed: *Shaw*)

Introit hymn: 390

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

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 416. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*

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

Gradual hymn: 452

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: AMR 405 Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196

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

After the Invitation: Hymn 276 (ii)

During the Communion:

Anthem: The Lord is my shepherd.

Maraby

[Words of Psalm 23; another translation is on page 617.]

All stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 417

The Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 487 [Tune OEH 604 U].

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

CHORAL MATTINS

The hymns at the service are chosen with the Borough observance of the 60th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in mind. There is a Civic Service at the same time as Mattins at St Martin's, Epsom. The Vicar will be at St Martin's.

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader*

Responses: page 8

Metrical Venite (shorter version)

Hymn 500

Psalm 20 Confidence in the power of God.

First Lesson from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Benedictus: page 11

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Matthew.

Blue book: page 710

Hymn 491

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 77).

Anthem: Jesu, joy of man's desiring.

J S Bach

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
 Holy wisdom, love most bright,
 Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
 Soar to uncreated light:

Prayers Hymn 490 Collection.

The Blessing

Note: The monthly 1200 Eucharist has been transferred to next Sunday.

In church this week.

Tuesday

1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Wednesday

1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.

Koffee Kwaffing, Kongenial Kompany, and Koinonia*.

*That word '*koinonia*' is in fact one of the really great New Testament words, and contains various shades of meaning, most of which are reproduced in the English word 'communion.' It has notes of 'fellowship in the truth', of deep personal commitment, of something to do with unity, love and brotherhood. The 'fellowship of the Holy Spirit' in the familiar words of the Grace (cited from the end of 2 Corinthians) is, in the Greek, the *koinonia* of the Holy Spirit. Whilst it is a 'serious' word, it can also take into its meaning something as simple as a group that meets on a Wednesday morning, and who are always ready to extend their fellowship to others.

The Office is back to normal as from Tuesday, though since the Vicar is 'duty officer' this week, the office will be closed for the duration of the 10 o'clock service, which now resumes its normal Tuesday pattern.

This week's Notes were compiled in July, and so it is more than likely that there will be additional announcements in church today.

Coffee Morning Outing to St Alban's. (It is possible that this notice has now been overtaken by events, i.e. if the coach is full.) 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. 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.