

Norman and Sybil Hale have indeed reached one notable milestone today, but one of those who receives the Blessed Sacrament at home is also keeping a notable anniversary. *Queenie Woodhouse* (known as *May*) of Reigate Road is a hundred years old today. A card has been sent to her from St Mary's.

The white altar cloth. For a period of three weeks the High Altar is being covered completely with the beautiful 'fair linen' cloth, made many years ago by the mother of Eve Myatt-Price. It was made to the measurements of the altar, and was obviously a great labour of love. It is most unusual for a fair linen cloth to be so large, and obviously the seasonal altar frontal will be lost to sight (though two pieces of *antependia* in the seasonal colour will remind us that we are in Trinity-tide), but it is good to use the cloth from time to time. Most of our vestments and other textiles are gifts or legacies. The display of our vestments on the recent Local Heritage Day has provided an opportunity for photographs to be taken of most of them, and once again we are indebted to Marion Rao for providing us with this record.

The new term's resolutions (or whatever), which were spelt out on last week's Notes, already seem to be taking effect! Certainly the Sung Eucharist last Sunday was in no way rushed, but it was rather more efficient than usual, and with no awkward gaps. May I reiterate the plea that people look at the Notes before the services actually begin, in order to see if there is anything out of the ordinary on any particular day? Also, once again I should like to remind sidesmen at the Sung Eucharist to check on the details given in the little box before the running-order on the Notes *before* doing anything else. Sometimes a particular hymn-book or leaflet is specified, and often I have had to point out that the wrong items were being given out. Please ask me if there is any doubt on this sort of thing. W.R.H.

Harvest. There are posters and handbills about what are the best things to bring to church next Sunday. Once again our harvest gifts will be going to the Waterloo Christian Centre and to Vaughan House in Guildford. We have had a splendid record for many years at St Mary's in this very direct form of practical Christianity at Harvest time, and the time has come around once again.

The composer **Fernand Laloux** may not be a household name, but he was in fact a pupil of Ravel. The pleasant setting of the Eucharist today, which the choir has learned a short while ago, was written for the boys of Wimbledon College. The music being sung by the Old Choristers tonight is very much from the deep wells of the Anglican choral repertoire; Murrill's setting of the evening service is very fine.

Next Sunday. 'Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home.' The 0800 service is 'of the Sunday', i.e. without any specific harvest input. However, both the other morning services will be 'of the Harvest': there will be the usual Procession of Harvest Gifts at the Sung Eucharist, and there will be a Special Harvest Gift Service of Christian Family Praise at 1100.

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

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WEEKLY NOTES

25 September 2005

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

There is not really much space today for 'the paragraph' as such, with three choral services needing to be listed. We do not often have three fully choral services on a Sunday these days, but in addition to the two services being sung by the Parish Choir this morning we shall be welcoming back some of our Old Choristers for Choral Evensong tonight on the occasion of their Reunion. It will be nice to see some old friends once again.

The **flowers** in church today are sponsored by *Norman and Sybil Hale*, who today celebrate their Ruby Wedding. We send them our good wishes for the years ahead.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we are praying today for 'Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.' In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the work of the Department of Social Responsibility. In our parish prayer we pray for our 'Children's Hour', for the leaders and the children. In our regular prayer for those living in the geographical parish we pray today for the people who live in Tudor Close.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 419.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available in church.

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

Setting of the Eucharist: *Laloux*; Missa Sancti Ignatii.

Common Worship rite

All the hymns at 0930 are from '*A Hundred Canticles for Ewell*', except for the one printed out.

Introit hymn: 56 (Metrical Psalm 103)

[Tune: NEH 440]

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

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211. (*Shaw* setting)

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

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

1200 **HOLY COMMUNION at the Side Chapel. Common Worship rite**
Order 1: page 167; Collect: page 419; Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188

Old Choristers' Reunion today.

1830 **CHORAL EVENSONG** *Book of Common Prayer rite*
Service sung by the Old Choristers of St Mary's.

Responses: Green books, page 18
Music: *Sunston*

Office-hymn: 247

Psalm 84 Joy at being in the house of the Lord. Page 238

First Lesson: Daniel 6: 10-23
Blue book: page 731

Daniel in the lions' den.

Magnificat: page 19

Second Lesson: St Luke 19: 1-10
Blue book: page 733

The story of Zacchaeus.

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.
Murrill in E

Anthem: Expectans expectavi.
Wood

The (English) words of 'This sanctuary of my soul' are a meditation on the soul's response to the call of God

Prayers Hymn 373 [Tune: *Coe Fen*]

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*

Hymn: 333; Collection.
The Grace

The Vicar is at the Cathedral this evening for the installation of canons.

In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Wednesday 0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Harvest Service

Other events and notices.

Monday 2000 Internal Affairs Committee

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. A warm welcome to anyone who cares to join us. This is a regular weekly slot for members of the congregation to have a nice period of quality time together, and to welcome anyone else who might drop in. There is a **Bring and Buy sale** this week.

2000 **Village Fair autumn meeting** in the Parish Room (see below)

Saturday Bellringing during the morning: a local District training session.

The Village Fair de-briefing (and the beginning of the next count-down) takes place in the Parish Room on Wednesday evening at 2000. After our marvellously successful Fair this year we all need an evening to pat one another on the back, and have a pleasant time together. Then, of course, we need to start thinking positively about next year's Fair, and (as always) to see whether there are any lessons to be learned from this year's Fair. All regular helpers and stallholders are invited to the Parish Room on Wednesday, as well as anyone else able and willing to lend a hand next year.

Gradual canticle on *Readings paper*: 36 [Tune: NEH 94]

(Metrical version of part of the New Testament reading.)

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

Sermon by the *Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*

Nicene Creed: page 173

[When the Creed is being said, rather than sung, we are now proclaiming the Creed really confidently and vigorously. Please keep up the good work.]

Banns of Marriage and any other notices.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 46 (A Song of St Anselm) [Tune: 49 i] Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.

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

After the Invitation: Hymn: 'O salutaris hostia' [Use NEH 269]

O saving victim, opening wide

The gate of heaven to man below: All praise and thanks to thee ascend

Our foes press hard on every side, For evermore, blest One in Thine;

Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. O grant us life that shall not end
In our true native land with thee. Amen.

During the Communion:

Anthem: *They we adore, O hidden Saviour. Holman*

[Words are on a small slip today.]

All stand after the Anthem for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 419

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 88 (Metrical version of part of 1 Corinthians 13.) [Tune: NEH 408 i]

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.

1100

CHORAL MATTINS *Book of Common Prayer rite*

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*

Responses: page 8 Music: *Plainchant*

Metrical Venite (shorter version)

Hymn 255

Psalm 29. In praise of God, creator and sustainer. Page 171

First Lesson: Genesis 28. 'Jacob's Ladder.' Blue book: page 729

Hymn 416 (ii)

Second Lesson: St Matthew 6. Money and lilies. Blue book: page 730

Benedictus: page 11

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

the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 79).

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:

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Prayers

Hymn 339; Collection.

The Blessing