



## WEEKLY NOTES

23 October 2005

### LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is a gentle half-term Sunday today, with the choir on leave, and the Sung Eucharist in its simpler form. It all changes next week, when we shall be keeping All Saints Sunday. Today we can enjoy 'the normality of the ordinary', and with some very familiar hymns at the Eucharist. It is the last 'green' Sunday this year.

The short gospel passage today is sometimes known as Our Lord's 'Summary of the Law,' particularly in devotional handbooks. This popular title is a bit misleading, because it seems to hint that Jesus said 'Forget the 613 laws of the Old Testament; here is something better and simpler.' (At least that is how I understood it as a child, until the thing was explained more perfectly to me.) All Jesus was doing was to single out two commandments which were *already there* in the Old Testament, and not next to each other, and to say that the whole edifice of the Jewish Law was built on them. He did not belittle the laws of the Jewish faith and people. More about this at the Sung Eucharist sermon today.

This Sunday may now be observed as 'Bible Sunday,' but the older date of the Second Sunday in Advent may be used instead, if preferred. For a variety of reasons we shall be doing it in Advent this year, and so today is an ordinary Sunday with the routine Sunday readings. However, the Collect of the Day is the familiar prayer (set for Advent 2 until the arrival of *Common Worship*) about our use of the Holy Scriptures. Eve Myatt-Price will be ready to enrol into the Bible Reading Fellowship any non-members who are 'pricked in the heart' by the Collect of the Day! W.R.H.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the wider Church we pray in the Anglican Communion for the Church in the Province of Canada. In our diocesan prayer we pray for Manornhead, the home for retired clergy at Hindhead. In the parish we pray for the work of the Financial Review Group, and for the people who live in Welbeck Close.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198.

*Common Worship rite*  
Collect of the Day: page 422.

**St Mary's Website.** It is important that full use is made of our website, not least in connexion with all forthcoming events, which should certainly appear on the site, 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.

**Grove Cottage.** An autumn Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy and Raffle will take place at Grove Cottage, 10 Cheam Road, on Saturday, 29 October from 1000-1200. St Mary's was closely involved in the setting-up of Grove Cottage as an Abbeyfield Home, and eight members of our congregation are currently serving on its committee. Two members of our congregation also live there.

**The Confirmation service** at the Cathedral on Monday 31 October at 2000 is, of course, open to anyone. It would be good if some members of the congregation could journey to Guildford to support our Confirmation candidates. I am grateful to Gilda Everson for volunteering to act as a steward at the Cathedral on this occasion, but I hope that others will be there, and not just parents and relatives of the candidates. It is *our* Confirmation service, even though it is at the Cathedral and others are being confirmed as well.

**The hymns.** Although these are chosen to relate specifically to the season or the occasion or to the readings at a particular service, it is still the case that people's favourites – or new discoveries – can eventually find a slot, though 'next week' is not normally an option. If anyone has a particular favourite hymn, please put the details down on a piece of paper (together with one's name), and put it in the Vicar's tray in the sacristy. So long as the hymn is not beyond the pale it should stand a fair chance of being used at some stage: items not likely to get through are texts like 'Art thou weary, art thou languid' (on the one hand) and 'You can weigh up an elephant's auntie'\* (on the other). Please bear in mind, however, that most of the good well-known hymns are already in regular use here.

[\* I am sorry to say that there really is a 'worship song' which begins in this way. W.R.H.]

**Ewell Grove School Harvest festival** took place here last Wednesday. It was, as ever, a lovely occasion. In the past it has usually taken place on a Thursday, and automatic pilot registered it as such in last week's Weekly Notes. Members of the congregation have sometimes attended this delightful occasion, so very many apologies to anyone who might have had a wasted journey last week.

**Next Sunday.** This marks a clear change of gear, after over twenty weeks of the Trinity season. It is All Saints Sunday, with the note of joyful festival running through the day's worship. The choristers will be singing *Britter's Missa Brevis* in D at 0930. A reminder that on Wednesday of the following week there will be the All Souls Day evening requiem at 1900, when the choir of Emanuel School will be singing the *Durufle* requiem, a powerful and deeply devotional work.

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

Crèche available on request. It is half-term for the choir this week, and the singing at the morning services will be entirely congregational; all the hymns are easy.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 422.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Slow*, Folk Mass (*Gloria* only).

The service is at the Nave Altar today, and the Vicar is doubling-up at the organ.

Introit hymn: 238

Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 422. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians.

Gradual Hymn: 370 (tune 456)

The Holy Gospel reading from St Matthew.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; and then all stand for the Greeting of Peace

Offertory Hymn: 295 Collection

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196

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

(There is no hymn at the Invitation to Communion today.)

All stand after the anthem for the Post Communion Prayer: page 422

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 466

*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.*

## MATTINS

Responses: green book, page 8.

Metrical Venite: HHE 2

Psalms 111. In praise of God, creator and sustainer. Page 272

First Lesson from the book Deuteronomy. Blue book: page 742

Metrical Te Deum: HHE 10

Second Lesson from the gospel according to St Luke. Blue book: page 744

Hymn: HHE 79 [This hymn was written by a former Head Chorister of St Mary's.]

Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects (first Collect on

page 80 [Trinity 22])

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*

Prayers Hymn: HHE 100 (Collection) The Grace

Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

## In church this week

There will not be Holy Communion on Tuesday this week. The Vicar will be away until Wednesday evening. However, there should not be any further gaps between now and Christmas.

## Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. A time for drinking coffee, and for relaxation, and pleasant *conversazione*. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale at the Coffee Morning this week.

The Vicar is at the Ecclesiastical Law Society London lecture at the Temple Church this evening. The Archbishop is giving a lecture on Richard Hooker, the sixteenth century divine, whose work *The Laws of Ecclesiastical Polity* remains the classic seminal treatise on the nature of Anglicanism.

**The South Porch Doors.** Although the new doors (to replace the ones which were stolen) have been installed for quite some time, it is not perhaps generally known that there has been an ongoing saga about this, which has lasted since the new doors were first put in. The doors were indeed installed in the porch, but they were inserted the wrong way around. It was only a fortnight ago that this was finally put right, and the amount of hassle over a long period has not been very welcome. We are much indebted to George Jarrett for pursuing this matter relentlessly, and at long last this tiresome business has come to an end.

The mischievous 'Trick or Treat' business on 31 October is often a worry to some, especially to the elderly. There are some stickers available at the back of the church for those who might wish to display them by their front doors.

**The Christmas Market.** This will be held on Saturday, 26 November, and as usual will be in aid of four particular charities. Please start collecting and making items for sale. I would be happy to have any suggestions or offers of help. Please telephone me on 202 8393 0650. *Ruth Stockwell.*

A reminder that the **Bishop of the Diocese** will be with us on Remembrance Sunday this year (13 November). He will be the celebrant at the Sung Eucharist of Requiem at 0930, and preaching at Mattins, when as usual we expect a very large congregation. I hope many people will try and say hello to Bishop Christopher, though the busy timetable of the day precludes him really being very much at home with us. I hope to invite him to come for a more normal Sunday in due course. W.R.H.

Names of departed friends and relatives for **All Souls' Day** should be placed in the familiar blue box as from today, with a clear indication of the service at which the names should be called. There will be two requiems on the day: at 1200 and sung at 1900. The names of those whose funerals have taken place either at or from St Mary's during the past year will be called at the evening requiem.