

candidates. It is our Confirmation service, even though it is at the Cathedral and others are being confirmed as well. Curiously, last week I was approached about hosting a local Confirmation service here next May.

Ewell Parish News for November is available today. There is quite a lot on in November, and my column is much taken up with that side of things. Further information about the Dedication of the Stations of the Cross and Resurrection will be in next week's Notes, when all the arrangements should be sorted out. W.R.H.

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. There is a flyer about this enclosed with the Notes today. It 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. Ruth Stockwell would be happy to have any suggestions or offers of help. Please telephone her on 202 8393 0650. Stallholder details are all on the flyer.

The Epsom Male Voice Choir will be giving another concert in St Mary's on 19 November at 1930, and there is also a flyer about this with today's Notes.

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 large congregation. The later service is something which we offer to the Borough as a whole, but the Requiem at 0930 is our specifically *parish* occasion on Remembrance Sunday, when the intention at the Eucharist is for those from this parish who died during the World Wars. I am particularly glad that the Bishop will be with us for this. He is the first one to accept the invitation to do so; most other dignitaries in past years have felt that two services on a Sunday morning were way beyond the normal call of duty. (We have up to four at St Mary's.) 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.

Church Keys. A reminder that there is a general 'amnesty' for unauthorized possession of keys, but we do need them all back now. After due notice it is reasonable to assume that all concerned will have got the message, but some may have slipped through the net, because of holidays or whatever. Please either hand in any keys at the office, or else, like Moses just 'look this way and that'* and then put them through the office letter-box. [*Exodus 2:12.]

Next Sunday. Services at the usual times. It is the last more or less normal Sunday until 15 January. There is something distinctive every other week. However, there will be one pleasant feature at the Sung Eucharist, when the newly-confirmed will be presented with their Confirmation certificates. There are no takers for Holy Baptism, which is scheduled for 1630 next week, but we shall stick to that time for Evening Worship, since it is already scheduled as such.

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WEEKLY NOTES

30 October 2005

ALL SAINTS DAY

Just twenty names at random from the middle of the alphabet: Paul, Paulinus, Pol, Pelagius, Perpetua, Peter of Alcantara, Peter Canisius, Peter Damian, Philip Howard, Philip Neri, Philomena, Piran, Polycarp, Robert of Molesmes, Richard of Wycht, Rose of Lima, Rose of India, Samson, Seraphim, Serapion of Thimus.

Most of them are saints, but not all. One is a famous heretic (of Welsh extraction, I am sorry to say), and one is in fact a restaurant. One is of such doubtful authenticity that the saint's entire cult was abolished by the Pope in 1961, though an RC school just a few miles away from here still bears the name. All the others, however, are from that great list of heroes of the faith, who are known to us through the various calendars of the Church. The little list above includes theologians, mystics, martyrs, English, Peruvian, Russian and Egyptian, to mention only some of them. They are but a tiny few of 'that great multitude that no man can number, of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues', who stand in the eternal presence of God, and serve him in his heavenly temple. How about looking up today's small list? Most of them have something to teach us about example or devotion or love or compassion. God is glorified in his saints, and calls us to be in that number. The festival of All Saints is an annual reminder of that call.

† Apparently there are 27 St Richards, so I recently discovered. That is good to know. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We give thanks to God for the grace and virtue shown in the lives of all his saints. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for the Province of Central Africa. In the diocese we pray for all the other parishes of the Epsom Deanery*. Within the parish we pray for those to be confirmed by the Lord Bishop at the Cathedral tomorrow evening: in alphabetical order they are:

Emma Chubb, Sophie Clark, Neil Fraser, Charlotte Gocher,
Jonathan Gocher, and Grace Shephard.

In our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in West Gardens.

* In the Diocesan Prayer Calendar our own parish is prayed for on Tuesday of this week.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; Proper preface: page 324.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 422.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; Proper preface: page 324.

Wayfarers, Children's Hour and Crèche.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 422
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188
Setting of the Eucharist: *Britten*. Missa Brevis in D.
Gloria and Creed: *Shaw*.

Processional hymn: 226

Kyrie eleison

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 422. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John

Gradual canticle: 227

The Holy Gospel reading from St. Matthew

Sermon by *the Vicar*

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

Intercession and Prayers of Penitence (Confession back on page 169).

Then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 432. Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Proper Preface: page 324.

Consecration Acclamation on readings paper, [Tune: AMR 508]
(introduced by *Let us proclaim the mystery of faith*.)

Hymn at the Invitation to Communion: *on readings paper.*

[This tune is not well-known, though we have had it before at All Saints' tide. It might be best to join in for the last verse. The hymn is a general reflection on All Hallows; the tune is an ancient Welsh one.]

Anthem during the Communion: *Gaudent in coelis.* *Dering*

English version: Glorious in heaven are the souls of all saints, who walked in the way of Christ, the Lord Jesus. They loved him, and followed his footsteps; and as they died for their Saviour, losing life for his sake, they reign with him for ever.

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion prayer: page 423

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 197

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known to us. There is coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254

Office-Hymn: AMR 570

Psalms 149 and 150.

The Psalter ends with the praises of the angels and saints.

First Lesson: 2 Esdras 2: 42-end

Music: *Darke*

Page 312

Blue book: page 810

Te Deum: page 10 (Congregational setting to chants today)
Second Lesson: St Matthew 5: 1-12 Blue book: page 813
Hymn: AMR 525

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 90).

Anthem: *Gaudent in coelis.* *Dering*

[English translation of the anthem printed above at the Sung Eucharist.]

Prayers. Hymn: AMR 278 [in C] Collection. The Blessing

1200 HOLY COMMUNION (Side Chapel). Details as at 0800.

1800 Evening Prayer (Parish Room)

In church this week

Monday *Eve of All Hallows* 2000 At the Cathedral:

Confirmation Eucharist

Holy Communion

Requiem Mass

1900 Requiem Mass (See below)

ALL SOULS

There are two services on All Souls Day, one during the working day, and the other in the evening. The 'invitation Requiem', at which the names are called of those whose funerals have taken place at (or from) St Mary's during the past twelve months, will be as usual in the evening. Please note that the time is 1900, not 2000. The next-of-kin always receive an invitation to this service at the time they receive their harvest flowers.

We shall be having the choir of Emanuel School at the service, under the direction of Jonathan Holmes, and they will be singing the *Duruslé* Requiem, one of the great liturgical choral works of the twentieth century.

A reminder that the usual blue box is at the back of the church, ready to receive names of departed relatives and friends of members of the congregation. Please specify the service at which the names should be called.

Other events and notices.

After quite a heavy schedule of meetings recently, it is good to have a week with not all that much happening on that side of things, especially when there are two days of important liturgical activity.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the *Parish Room* this week;
Time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.

The Confirmation service at the Cathedral on Monday evening 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