

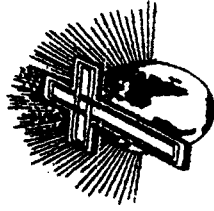
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WEEKLY NOTES

26 February 2006

**QUINQUAGESIMA**

[The Sunday before Lent.]



*The Lent Leaflet is enclosed with the Notes today. It gives full details of what is on at St Mary's during Lent this year. As usual, there is a full and varied programme for Lent at the parish church.*

**Other events and notices.**

- Tuesday The Shrove Tuesday Parish Party in the Church Hall. (Tickets all sold out now.)
- Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall; time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend.
- Friday 1400 Women's World Day of Prayer service at St Clement's.\*
- Sunday next 1630 Tea-party and discussion for the Sidesmen and ladies.

\*The **Women's World Day of Prayer** is represented in our area by a service at St Clement's in Kingston Road on Friday of this week at 1400. Representatives from St Mary's and other churches in the area will be helping out. It is a moving service, organized this year by the women of South Africa. All are welcome.

**'Oughts and Crosses'** Handbills are being given out again today for the evening course on Tuesdays in Lent by **Dr Patrick Miller**. Those who had them last week are asked to hand them in again, but not everyone was here last week, which is why they are being given out again today. Many people have appreciated the discussions Dr Miller has led during Lent over the past two years, and this year there will be a particularly challenging and thought-provoking course, and it will deal with contemporary moral and ethical issues. It would be good if the sessions were widely advertised, particularly by word of mouth, because they may well be of interest to many outside the 'parish family', whether Christian or not, who may be interested in a programme of this sort. Quite a number of A4 posters are available; please take them, if you can.

A repeated note about the **Induction Loop System**. The system is meant to make life much easier for those who have an appropriate hearing aid, but we have been having trouble with it. If anyone relying on the loop system finds that all is not well, he or she should have a word with the Vicar or churchwardens. We have already had a measure of feed-back from members of the congregation last Sunday and the week before, and it is clear that the system is not quite right. It is obviously important that the system should be operating properly, so we would be glad of any further observations in the next few weeks, so that we put things right. Meanwhile, please bear with us until it is all sorted out.

'For the solemn time is coming.' So runs one version of the hymn which marks 'the closure of the Alleluia' until Easter (sometimes called 'burying the Alleluia'), and there often tend to be slight grins exchanged during that particular line, because we've all got to be good now! The solemn time is indeed coming, but we should actually welcome the opportunities which the season of Lent provides. As usual, quite a lot will be laid on here at St Mary's, and for everyone in church today there is a Lent Leaflet, **which is not meant to be handed in afterwards**. It will be a useful reminder of what is going on, and obviously people will be able to choose what they wish to attend or take part in. At the end of the day, it is not a case of what we care to make of Lent, but what Lent makes of us. We have an annual opportunity for personal spiritual stock-taking, and it is good practice to make some sort of Lent Rule. For those who wish to do so, there is the opportunity on Ash Wednesday for sealed Lent Rules to be presented at the altar, having been placed in a collection-plate beforehand. They will remain there until the end of the Eucharist, after which they will be destroyed unopened (so it is as well to have a second copy). The Lent leaflet begins with a paragraph, also reproduced in Ewell Parish News, about the essentially Christ-centred nature of our Lenten observance, and today's gospel reading sets the scene, as Jesus announces, 'Behold, we go up to Jerusalem.'

There are one or two liturgical points for this Sunday which are worth noting. The 0800 service, to the BCP rite today, contains the famous 'purple passage' from 1 Corinthians 13, so beautifully expressed in the King James version. The Sung Eucharist will have the same readings, but, as usual at 0930, in contemporary language. There is a note about the 0930 readings just before the running-order of the service. The readings from the Lectionary provision (about the Transfiguration) will be used at the 1200 Eucharist. At Mattins there will be lots of Alleluias, after which 'the word' is not used liturgically until it is solemnly brought back at the Easter Vigil. The famous hymn about the closure of the Alleluia, '*Alleluia, dulce carmen*,' will be sung at the end of the service, but, alas, 'the line' quoted above will not appear in quite that form; the Vicar's own translation puts it slightly differently.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for our fellow-Christians in New Zealand. In the diocese we pray for the work of the Department for Mission, Evangelism and Parish Development, and for the Reverend John Gooding, the team leader. Within the parish we pray for all who teach, study or work at the North-East Surrey College of Technology (NESCOT) and for the people living in Brookmead.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion Anthem: Close in my breast.

Lord

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 normally for the omission of the long-exhortations\*. In order to achieve this, the simple rule is to *disregard any indented material* in the text (e.g. there are no Gospel responses). The Collect and Readings are on a separate paper.

[\*However, today, on the Sunday before Lent, we shall actually be having one of these Exhortations; it will take place after the sermon or reading.]

0930

**SUNG EUCHARIST**

*Common Worship rite*

Wayfarers, Children's Hour and Crèche.  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 408 (sic)  
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188  
Setting of the Eucharist: *Langlais*; Missa in simplicitate.  
Gloria and Creed: *Shaw*.  
Apart from the one hymn printed on the Readings paper, all the hymns at this service are from *A Hundred Canticles for Ewell*.

*Note:* In the present Lectionary provision the readings for today are about the Transfiguration of Christ. Since the actual feast of the Transfiguration falls on a Sunday this year we shall use today the readings from the Book of Common Prayer about the love of God, and the preparation for the Passion ('Behold we go up to Jerusalem'). The readings will be in contemporary language.

Introit hymn: 10 (The *Venite*) [Tune: AMR 508]  
Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, and *Kyrie eleison*  
Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.  
[Except for the evening Eucharist of Maundy Thursday, this is the last occasion for Gloria in excelsis until Easter.]  
Collect of the Day: page 408. *Readings on separate paper.*  
New Testament Reading from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.  
Gradual hymn: 94 [Tune: NEH 513]

The Holy Gospel reading from St. Luke  
Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*  
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.  
Hymn at the Collection: 88 (paraphrase of today's Epistle). [Tune: NEH 408 i]  
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; The Lord's Prayer etc back on page 178  
Hymn at the Invitation: on *Readings paper* [Use OEH 453]

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion prayer: page 408  
The Blessing and Dismissal.  
Hymn 15 (part of the *Benedicite*) [Tune NEH 478]

*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.*

1100

**CHORAL MATTINS**

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader* Music: *Field*  
Responses: page 8  
Venite (shorter version)  
Office-Hymn: AMR 365  
Psalm 146. The kindness of God. Page 309  
First Lesson from the Book of the prophet Hosea. Blue book: page 668  
Metrical Te Deum: Green Card B, No.3. [Choir use HHE 10; tune: AMR 40]  
Second Lesson from St Matthew's gospel. Blue book: page 670  
Hymn: AMR 283  
(This hymn known as *The Alleluia Sequence* was written to be sung after the Epistle at the Eucharist on the equivalent of this Sunday; it comes from the ancient Mozarabic rite of Spain.)  
The Creed (page 12) and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,  
the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 60).  
Anthem: Close in my breast. Lord

[Words printed above at the Sung Eucharist.]

Prayers.  
Hymn: The Closure of the Alleluia (*On yellow leaflet*) Collection.  
[*Alleluia, dulce carmen*. i.e. HHE 30; Tune: NEH 195] The Blessing

1200

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167. *Common Worship rite*  
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Collect of the Day: page 391.

1630

**EVENSONG and HOLY BAPTISM**

*There is a special leaflet for this service.*

**In church this week**

Tuesday	1000	Holy Communion
Wednesday	(See below)	
Thursday	1200	Yr Offeren (the Eucharist in Welsh)