

Wednesday

1000 Pupils from Wallace Fields School visit St Mary's.  
1030 - 1200. **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. A warm welcome to anyone who cares to join us. This is the regular weekly slot for members of the congregation to have a nice period of quality time together, and to welcome anyone else who might care to drop in.

2000 Meeting of the Finance Group.

2000 Churches Together in Ewell evening at West Ewell Evangelical Church (See Lent Leaflet). No.1: *Women Aglow*.

**'Oughts and Coffee.'** We need someone – or two – to see to the coffee before the Tuesday evening meetings in Lent. If anyone is willing to take this on, please have a word with the Vicar today. No-one surfaced after the request last week.

**Gerry Piercey** died on Shrove Tuesday morning. He had been ill for a long time, and devotedly looked after by Lucy. His funeral will be on Wednesday 15 March at 1100, followed by cremation at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead.

We have also learned of the death last week of **Ted Faulks**, a former Mayor of Epsom and Ewell, who had been a regular member of the 8 o'clock congregation until infirmity prevented it. As yet, funeral details are not known.

There is another **hymn request** today. A few people have let it be known what they would like, and today's request makes good sense on this particular Sunday. The actual date when a hymn comes on is normally calendrically driven, so sometimes there is a bit of a wait. Mercifully no-one has asked for any of the very dismal Lenten hymns which one can find in most hymn-books. Hopefully today's hymns will make a rather more positive start to the 'solemn time'\* which has now arrived.

(\* Those who were here last week will take the point.)

**The Shrove Tuesday Party, 'Hall Together'**, was a great success: a delightful occasion with good food, good company and pleasant entertainment. A small group arranged the evening, and together with all their helpers they deserve our thanks for a splendid time. It was one of the best parties in the Church Hall that I can remember. W.R.H.

Another repeated note. **The Electoral Roll** will soon need to be revised, before it is 'frozen' from 7 April. The revised Roll has to be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which this year is on Sunday, 30 April (the last possible day, in fact). It will start to be revised from 24 March. Some regular members of the congregation are not in fact on the Roll, and they ought to be, because the Roll is meant to be a working register of a local congregation. Copies of the somewhat simple form for application to be placed on the Electoral Roll are available in the Welcome Area. A few forms have already been filled in as a result of this note last week. Anyone else should sign up as soon as possible.

**Lent boxes** are still available today in the Welcome Area

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### WEEKLY NOTES

#### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

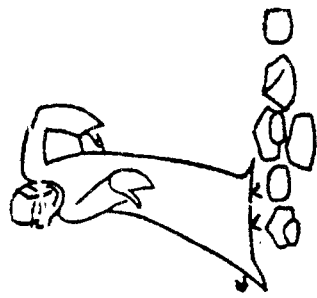
**Our new Stations of the Cross and Resurrection are now de-mounted from the gallery, and placed around the church for liturgical use during Lent and Passiontide. Each Sunday three of the Stations will normally be placed at the front of the nave for devotional use during the Sung Eucharist.**

Iain McKillop delivered a lecture about the St Mary's Stations at St Paul's Cathedral last week.

*Note.* Because of the different arrangements throughout Lent at the Sung Eucharist, the 'weekly paragraph' will normally relate to the set Eucharistic readings up to and including Palm Sunday, since there is no sermon at the Sung Eucharist, and at 0800 there is a course of sermons which does not relate to the Sunday readings.

With the readings from the Synoptic Gospels spread over a three-year scheme of readings at the Eucharist, it sometimes comes as a bit of a surprise to find that in Year B the traditional account of the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness is in fact just one verse long (St Mark 1:13). The familiar dialogue about stones and bread, and pinnacles of the temple, is nowhere to be found. The terseness of Mark's 'crisis theology' of a cosmic conflict in an earthly setting is well-illustrated in his approach to the temptations of Christ. The detail do not matter all that much, but the basic facts do. So after Jesus' baptism by John, Mark tells us that Jesus is 'driven by the Spirit into the wilderness.' In just the one verse we hear of the temptations and the angelic ministrations. In more contemporary terms, we might say that Jesus received his commission, went into rigorous training of self-discipline and of reliance on the grace of God, and *then* (and this is the very next verse) taking over from John – who was now in prison, and his work over – and immediately starting to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, beginning with a call to repentance.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church in North India. In the diocese we pray for the Department of Ministerial Training. In our parish prayer we pray for our local Ward Councillors, and for the people who live in Castle Avenue



**SUNDAY SERVICES**

*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.*

- 0700** **MATTINS** Psalm 32 *Book of Common Prayer rite*
- 0800** **HOLY COMMUNION** *Common Worship rite*  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 393  
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191. Other Lenten material: page 308  
Sermon by *the Vicar*.  
Lent course of sermons entitled: *Five Bible Roads*. No. 1: Straight Street.
- 0930** **SUNG EUCHARIST** *Common Worship rite*

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour': Crèche available in church.  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 393  
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191. Other Lenten material: page 308  
Setting of the Eucharist: *Plainsong*, Missa Orbis Factor.  
During Lent the whole section between the Gospel and the Peace is replaced by the conducted Stations of the Cross. The lay-out below is therefore slightly changed; it ought to make things easier to turn up

Introit hymn: 449 [Tune: *From strength to strength*]  
Greeting, Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.  
[*Gloria in excelsis* is omitted during Lent.]

Collect of the Day: page 393.  
*Readings and Gradual Psalm on the violet paper.*  
Old Testament Reading from the Book Genesis.  
*Remain seated* for Gradual Psalm 25: 1-10, sung by the Choir.  
New Testament reading from the First Letter of St Peter.  
Hymn 67

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

**Three Stations of the Cross:**  
*There is a separate leaflet for this part of the service.*  
*A different one will be issued each week during Lent.*  
The Vicar will be leading the Stations this week.

First Station: *The Footwashing*  
Second Station: *The Last Supper*  
Third Station: *The Agony in the Garden*  
After the Three Stations, all remain standing for the Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace.  
Offertory hymn: 453  
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191  
Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.  
Hymn at the Invitation: 71  
During the Communion:  
Anthem: *There we adore*. *Holman*  
[Words from Hymn 308]  
*After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer* page 392  
[We shall use the Collect for Ash Wednesday as the Post-Communion prayer until Lent ends.]  
The Blessing and Dismissal.  
Hymn 420 [Requested by Marton Rao]

**1100** **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
*The traditional set of Fourteen Stations.*  
There are separate papers for this service.

**This is the first occasion for us to make use of our new Stations of the Cross as a formal public devotion.** We are using on this occasion the text of the Stations which used to be used for the ecumenical outdoor Stations through Ewell Village on Good Friday.

[1630 **Tea-party for Sidesmen and Ladies in the Church Hall.**]

**1830** **CHORAL EVENSONG** *Book of Common Prayer rite*  
Responses: Green books, page 18 Music: *Plainsong* (Latin note)  
Office-hymn: MHT 197  
Psalm 91 The Guardianship of God. Page 247  
First Lesson: Genesis 3: 1-15. *Temptation and the Fall*. Blue Book: 405  
Magnificat: page 19 Hylton-Stewart in C  
Second Lesson: St Matthew 4: 1-11. *Temptation and resistance*. Blue: 505  
Nunc dimittis: page 20 Hylton-Stewart in C  
Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.  
Anthem: *By the waters of Babylon*. *Manby*  
[Words from Psalm 137: page 300.]

Prayers  
Hymn: MHT 178 [Tune: NEH 129] Sermon by *the Vicar*  
Hymn: MHT 154 [Tune: NEH 458] Collection  
The Blessing

**In church this week.**

Monday 1400 **Funeral of Mrs Doris Frost**  
Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**  
Wednesday 0900 **Ewell Castle Junior School Assembly**  
Friday 1200 **Holy Communion**  
[With the reading of the Passion according to St Matthew in serial form.]

**Other events and notices.**

Routine events are not usually mentioned on this weekly list: they include such items as the Toddler Groups, the Tuesday House-Group, bell-ringing practice, Choir Club and Choir Practice. Further details may be obtained from the Office. (This little note, which has appeared once before, will appear every few weeks for the benefit of newcomers or visitors)

Monday Holy Communion to the household.  
Tuesday 1300 Meeting of Church Property listing group.  
1930 for 2000 in the Parish Room. (Coffee from 1930 )  
'Oughts and Crosses' (See Lent Leaflet)  
No 1 *Freedom of Speech: Blasphemy, humour and more*