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WEEKLY NOTES

9 April 2006

SIXTH SUNDAY IN LENT

PALM SUNDAY

Other events and notices.

Monday From 1930: Altar servers' rehearsals.
 1930: Good Friday, 1950 Maundy Thursday, 2030 Easter Vigil.

Tuesday

Tuesday evening: 1930 for 2000 in the Church Hall.
 Coffee from 1930.
 'Oughts and Crosses' with Dr Patrick Miller
 Crime and Punishment
 Retribution, prevention and therapy.

Wednesday

1030-1200. Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, with Hot
 Cross Buns and a special Easter Raffle in aid of the children
 at the Jeel al Amal Boys' Home in Bethany.

The Electoral Roll of the parish has now been revised. This happens every year in the run-up to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, though this is NOT the sixth year when a completely new list has to be compiled from scratch. The new Roll is available for inspection in the Welcome Area. No new names can be added now until after the APCM, but corrections (e.g. typographical errors or changes of address) can be made. The Electoral Roll is the working register of the local church, all who 'belong' to St Mary's should be on it.

Easter Jobs. I am always grateful to those who do additional jobs in and around the church at this time of year. The beautifully decorated church of Easter doesn't just happen; it is as the result of the devotion and service of people who care. Marion Rao has taken on several aspects of the role of sacristan, but we could still do with some help on Holy Saturday morning, say, from 1000 for a whole variety of sacristy jobs, including changing frontals and altar linen, dealing with candles and the eucharistic vessels, folding service-papers, and all that sort of thing. W.R.H.

Bookings are now being taken for the **Eastbourne** trip on Thursday, 24 June; it will cost £10. Names and payment to Joan Boulden or Lynne Yuille a.s.a.p.

There are some brightly coloured posters for **Good Friday** and for **Easter Day**. Might they all be taken away today? They are no use afterwards.

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

At the beginning of Holy Week I simply write to repeat the annual reminder that the key to a truly happy Easter is a well-kept Holy Week. Many members of the congregation here derive much from the liturgy during Holy Week and Easter, but (to my certain knowledge) there are also some for whom the distinctive services of Holy Week are, as yet, a closed book. This week we travel along Christ's Way of Sorrows, which most wonderfully turns out to be the path to glory, both for Christ and also for those who in baptismal reality share in his risen life. The worship of the Church has much to offer the people of God during the Great Week, and it is my hope and prayer that St Mary's people will avail themselves of as much of it as possible, especially at the principal occasions on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and at the Vigil on Holy Saturday. W.R.H.

Holy Week begins today. Full details of Holy Week and Easter services are given in the Ewell Parish News, and are only given in basic summary form on the Notes today. However, there are a few differences from what has been the case in the past; these affect our arrangements today, and also relate to the Holy Week sermons. The Rev Dr Patrick Miller is the celebrant at 0800 and 0930; the Vicar is at Oxford this morning. He will be back for the evening service.

Because the final three Stations of the Cross and Resurrection will be featured at the Sung Eucharist, it will not be possible to have the Palm Sunday Procession in its normal place at the start of the principal Sunday Eucharist this year, nor indeed will the reading of the Passion be possible at the service. Instead, these features will (for this year only) be transferred to the evening. It will be an interesting change. However, it is only because of this year's special morning arrangements, next year everything will be back to the normal Palm Sunday timetable. Also, there will not be palm crosses this year. Last year – after the previous year when very few palms were in fact collected, and all the rest were wasted – only a small number was made available, and even though attention was drawn as usual they were again largely ignored. So this year the only palms in use will be the big ones for the Procession. (We shall, of course, save some money.) If there is sufficient demand for palms we can always re-instate them next year. In any case, it is actually the carrying of palms and other branches, rather than receiving a palm cross, which is the principal purpose of the palms of Palm Sunday, and that will take place as usual, even if at a different time. Anyone who would like to bring a fresh green branch for the evening (indoor) Procession is welcome to do so.

Hymn at the Invitation: Father, see thy children.
During the Communion:

Antiphon: Ave, verum Corpus.

Fauré

[*English version:* Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, and offered on the cross for mankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be food to us at death's hour, O most kind, O most gracious Jesu, son of Mary. Have mercy upon me. Amen.]

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 397.

The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn: The Song of Christ's glory [Metrical text of today's Epistle.]. [Tune: NEH 94]

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.

1100

MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite

Congregational service today; choral service next Sunday.

Responses: green book, page 8.

Metrical Venite (full version): Card C, No.2. [L.NEH 388 (6)]

Psalms 61 A 'royal psalm' for Palm Sunday. Page 239

First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a. Blue book: page 527

Metrical Benedictus: Card C, No.4. [L.NEH 401]

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 1: 18-25 Blue book: page 532

Hymn 511

Creed (page 12), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects [First Collect: page 63]

Hymn 87 [Tune: NEH 493]. Prayers. Sermon by Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader

Hymn 439 [Tune: NEH 346]. (Collection) The Grace.

1830 PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION AND CHORAL EVENSONG.

(Service details on a separate green version of the Notes,

available after the Sung Eucharist today.)

In church during Holy Week and Easter.

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Summary of Holy Week and Easter arrangements:

Monday: 1830 Holy Communion, Tuesday: 1000 Holy Communion;

Wednesday: 1200 Sermon: The Last Discourses; 1230 Holy Communion.

Note: There will not be Tenebrae at the United Reformed Church this year.

Our prayers today. In our regular prayer we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church. In the diocese we pray for the Diocesan Pastoral Committee. Our parish prayer is for the deepening of our own devotion to Christ in his Passion, and in our systematic prayer for those who live in the parish we pray today for the people of Cheam Road.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Other Passiontide texts: page 312.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 397

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

'Children's Hour' in the Church Hall. Crèche available on request.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 397

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191. Other Passiontide material: page 312

Setting of the Eucharist: *Batten*, Short Service.

During Lent the whole section between the Gospel and the Biddings to Prayer before the Peace is replaced by the conducted Stations of the Cross. All the hymns and readings are on the pink paper today.

Introit hymn: Ride on, ride on in majesty. [NEH 511]

Black book, page 167: Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.

[*Gloria in excelsis* is omitted during Lent.]

Collect of the Day: page 397. *Readings on the pink paper.*

Old Testament Reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah. [Tune: 450]

Gradual hymn: Hail, O hail, great David's Son.

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

Hymn: Sing your hosannas, O city of David. [Tune: 49 (6) *Wessex*]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Three Stations of the Resurrection: [Stations 16-18]

There is a separate leaflet for this part of the service.

Iain McKillop will be leading the Stations this week.

Sixteenth Station: *The Resurrection of Christ*

Seventeenth Station: *The Ascension of Christ*

Eighteenth Station: *The Gift of the Spirit*

After the Three Stations, all remain standing for the Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: Hosanna in the highest. Collection [AMR 42.1]

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191; Proper Preface: page 312.

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

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Liturgy of the Palms.
 Organ Voluntary: 'Valet will ich dir geben' (BWV 736) *J S Bach*
 [Chorale-Prelude in D major on the melody of 'All glory, laud and honour.']
 Introit: Hosanna filio David. *Plainchant*

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, O King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest.

The Greeting, Introduction and the Blessing of Palms Hymn 6

The Holy Gospel (*usual responses*): St Matthew 21: 1 - 11

V. Let us go forth in peace.

R. In the name of Christ. A-men.

Processional hymn: 509

[Verses 7 and 8 may not be needed.]

The sanctuary party and choir take part in the Procession, together with any members of the congregation who have brought greenery or branches.

After the Procession, all sit, and Evensong then continues in the normal way, beginning with the proper psalm. After Magnificat the Passion according to St Mark is read. For this all should remain standing.

Choral Evensong.

Psalm 56

Page 203

Apprehension for the future, but trust in God who delivers and saves.

First Lesson: Isaiah 5: 1-7.

Isaiah's parable of the Vineyard: Israel as an unfruitful vine.

Magnificat: page 19

Howells in E flat

Second Lesson (*please remain standing*):

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

Howells in E flat

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20); then after the Greeting *all kneel* for the Lord's Prayer,

Responses (*Plainsong*) and Collects (first Collect on page 63).

Anthem: Ex ore innocentium.

[It is a thing most wonderful; words on small slip.]

Prayers. Hymn

Short Meditation by *the Vicar.*

Hymn 439 [Tune: 257]; Collection. The Blessing

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Maundy Thursday: 2000 Sung Eucharist of the Lord's Supper, followed by the Watch of the Passion until Midnight. **Good Friday:** 1115 Children's Stations of the Cross; 1200 The Preaching of the Passion (the service lasts one