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

WEEKLY NOTES

23 April 2006

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Easter 1) 'LOW SUNDAY'

Very basic Notes today. The Sunday paragraph resumes next Sunday. This is traditionally always a very simple Sunday, after all the activity over Holy Week and Easter. The choir is on leave, and the 0930 and 1100 services are at their simplest. This is always a restful Sunday in church, but it gives us the chance to reflect upon the Easter mystery in a rather more peaceful way than on Easter Day itself.

Our prayers today. We pray for Elizabeth, 'our most gracious Queen and Governor', on the occasion of her eightieth birthday. In our regular prayer we pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for all who belong to the Episcopal Church in Scotland. In the diocese we pray for the ministry in the psychiatric hospitals and mental health centres. Within the parish we pray for all those who have been baptized or confirmed at (or from) St Mary's during the past year, and for the people who live in Chelwood Close.

0800 HOLY COMMUNION.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 414. Easter Preface: page 316. Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 [As usual, omit the responses within red brackets.]

Common Worship rite

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

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Nave Altar service at the Easter Garden. Crèche available.
Order 1: page 167. Collect: page 400. Easter Preface: page 316.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass (the *Sanctus* is said).

The Parish Choir and 'Children's Hour' are on holiday. All the singing is congregational, and all the tunes are easy. The Vicar is doubling-up at the organ today. There will be a short congregational 'choir practice' before the service to rehearse the Offertory hymn, which needs a quick glance.

Introit hymn: 101 (omit verses *5 and *6)
Introduction and the Prayers of Penitence
Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.
Collect of the Day: page 400 (*Readings on separate paper*)
New Testament reading from the First Letter of St John. [Tune 393]
Gradual hymn: 173, verses 1, 2 and 5
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.
Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 213
Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
Offertory Hymn: 125 (verses 1-8) [Second version of tune] Collection.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184 [As usual, omit the responses within red brackets.]
Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.
Holy Communion is at the front of the nave only. Please return to your seats *via* the side aisles, after receiving the chalice on your 'own' side. There is no hymn at this point today.

After 'Let us pray' *all stand* for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 401.
The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and the Easter Dismissal.
Hymn 117.

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

'Village Mattins' today. The service is 'said with hymns'. See note below about the arrangements for next Sunday.

Responses: page 8. Metrical Venite: Card B, No.1

Psalms 126. Confidence in God, who delivers and saves. Page 293

First Lesson Exodus 16: 2-15. Blue book: page 604 [tune: NEH 401]

Metrical Benedictus: Card B, No.2 Blue book: page 605

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15: 53-end.

Hymn 112

The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 76).

Prayers. Sermon by *the Vicar*

Hymn 117; Collection.

The Blessing

1800

Evening Prayer at the Easter Garden

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the *Parish Room*, while the Church Hall is being re-decorated. Fine blend and good company.

Since these Notes were compiled late on Easter Sunday evening, there may well be additional announcements in church today.

Next Sunday. 0800 and 0930 services as usual. Mattins will be said in the early morning at 0700, because there will be the Election of Churchwardens at 1100, followed by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We are most grateful to the kindness of the 11 o'clock congregation for giving up their time-slot on this occasion once a year. Copies of the Annual Accounts and other papers are available today in the Welcome Area.