

The funeral of the late **Freda Butlin** will take place on Tuesday 23 May at 1445.

A reminder about a recent mention in the Weekly Notes about the stolen **Collection on 19 March**. It would be most helpful if anyone in the Stewardship envelope scheme who came to church that day put a brief note *inside today's envelope (or this month's envelope – if doing it that way)* of what was actually given on 19 March, if one has not already done so. This will enable us to get the necessary information for insurance purposes and for any income-tax reclaim.

'Battle is over.' The last hymn at the Eucharist today is only on because our more usual translation of the famous Latin hymn was printed out on last week's Notes, and the hymns were all changed because of the Baptismal liturgy. However, it is a fine tune, and we ought to have it at 0930 at least once on a Sunday during Eastertide. The particular hymn is a good example of how Latin hymns often appear in several different translations. The vigorous tune by Dom Gregory Murray fits both *Finished the strife of battle now* and *Battle is over*, for they both attempt to reproduce the metre and also the clever internal rhyming (that spelling is quite correct) of the third line of each verse in the Latin original, whereas *The strife is over* does not. On balance J M Neale's translation seems more user-friendly than Mgr Ronald Knox's, and we have actually left out one verse today in which 'tiring' and 'choiring' are made to rhyme, which might well have produced some groans. So we shall probably stick to the more familiar version in *More Hymns for Today* in future. Earlier in the service, the hymn before the gospel is the **Easter Sequence**, which also appears in two translations in the *New English Hymnal* (at 111 and 519), and in another one at *Ancient and Modern Revised* 131 – in the latter instance with one important verse perversely left out, but put in again on our Easter Day leaflets. (There is another translation of my own which we also use here, a more user-friendly one I modestly think, sung to the hearty tune of *Stand up, stand up for Jesus*.) The version at 111 had not been used here before, but it made it debut at St Mary's at Choral Evensong recently, and it is on again at 0930 today for a larger congregation. The German melody is jaunty, singable, and easily picked up. Do enjoy it. W.R.H.

A few sets of **Banns of Marriage** are going through at the moment. They were at 1100 last week, but will be back at 0930 this week and next. Many will know of my own interest – some might say notoriety – in the matter of the banns, but it is interesting to note that the first bit of chipping-away has now begun, though it principally affects the marriage registers. Since last November the couple is no longer to be identified separately as bachelor and spinster. Instead, each one is to be described as 'single.' This will have a throw-back effect on the banns, though in fact 'bachelor' and 'spinster' were never really required for banns, but somehow they were just always used.

Next Sunday. Services are at the usual times, with the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100. Evening Prayer is at 1800.

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WEEKLY NOTES

14 May 2006

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER.

(Easter 4)

The delightful May Procession, which we had for the first time last year, is being repeated this year at the Christian Family Praise service today at 1100. The original plan was to have something different this year, but there has not been time to organize another form of Spring Procession this year, and in any case last year's service is worth repeating. The gentler forms of devotion centred on the Mother of the Lord have had, of course, a new and obvious focus at St Mary's in recent years, because of our Millennium-Jubilee window, and the May Procession has the window as its main 'destination'. We have plenty of time at the Patronal Festival to think more seriously about our patron saint and of her role in the economy of salvation. This time of year in 'Mary's month of May' we can think about her in a less challenging way, and simply enjoy – with both simple and local hymnody – a celebration in praise of the one whom our forefathers at Ewell loved and built the first St Mary's Ewell in her honour.

Next year we shall probably have a specifically Rogationtide Procession, possibly starting at – or going to – the spring (no, not 'The Spring') by the Dog Gate at the entrance to Bourne Hall Gardens, and concentrating on the Rogationtide themes of water and the growing crops and of intercessory prayer. However, it all needs to be planned and worked out. Special services do not just happen; even more than is the case with the regular liturgical services they take much planning and arranging. I am very grateful to Kathie Burgess and Vicky Gocher for all the good work they do in this connexion with our services of Christian Family Praise. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Church in the Province of the Southern Cone of South America. In the diocese we pray for the ecumenical chaplaincy team at the Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust. Within the parish we pray for the Village Fair organizers and committee, and for the people who live in Church Street and Holman Court.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Psalm 116.

0700 **MATTINS**

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184

One sermon remains from the Lent course at the 8 o'clock service about *Rainy Roads*, and (as last Sunday) it is somewhat more appropriate during the Easter season. Today the last of the sermons is about *The Thimble's Road*.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 402

Easter Preface page 316

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour': Crèche available in church.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 402

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Other Easter material: page 316

Setting of the Eucharist: *Millington*, Missa Alme Pater*.

*This is the setting which was commissioned for St Mary's at the time of our 150th anniversary in 1998. Andrew Millington was at the time Organist of Guildford Cathedral. The service has since been published, and it now features on a CD made by Exeter Cathedral Choir.

Introit hymn: 122

Greeting, Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)

Collect of the Day: page 402. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the First Letter of St John.

Gradual hymn: 111. [The hymn on the gold paper comes later in the service.]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession, followed by the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 106 Collection

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Easter Preface: page 316.

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

Hymn at the Invitation: Beloved, let us love. (*On readings paper*) [Giovanna]

During the Communion:

Anthem: The Song of the Tree of Life. *R Vaughan Williams*

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. On either side of the river groweth the tree of life; the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life, clear as crystal. Whoso will, let him take of the water of life freely. Whose drinketh of this water shall never thirst. Take thou the leaves of the tree of life, so shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

(*From Vaughan Williams' morality-masque, based on John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress', this passage being based on words from the Revelation to St John. This anthem was also used at the Baptismal liturgy last week, but was already scheduled for today.*)

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 403
The Mutual Salutation, Easter Blessing and Dismissal.

A reminder that the response to the Easter Dismissal (the one with the two Alleluias) is *Thanks be to God* (not *In the name of Christ*).
The tune is now sufficiently well-known not to need printing out on a small page, but sometimes the readings paper may contain it.

Hymn: *Battle is over.* (*On readings paper.*) [Tune: MHT 122]

[There is a note below about the last hymn.]

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 after the Sung Eucharist.

1100 MAY PROCESSION OF ST MARY. ALL-AGE SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE.

There is a special leaflet for this service.

Note: This service is identical with the one used last year on this occasion. It will not be a regular yearly feature, but a second time round will enable it to be sufficiently established in order to be recognized as part of that pool of services used at our *Christian Family Praise* services.

Anthem: Maria, Mater gratiae.

Fauré

*Maria, Mater gratiae,
dulcis parens clementiae,
tu nos ab hoste protege,
et mortis hora suscipe.*

Mary, Mother of grace
sweet Mother of mercy,
protect us from the enemy,
receive us in death's hour.

*Jesu, tibi gloria,
qui natus es de Virgine,
cum Patre et almo Spiritu,
in sempiternam saecula. Amen.*

Jesus, born of the Virgin,
to thee be glory,
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
to endless ages. Amen

1800 Stations of the Resurrection (Main church)

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Wednesday 0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Assembly

Other events and notices.

Monday

The scheduled meeting of the Parochial Church Council has been **cancelled**. Members should have already been notified.

2000 Archdeacon of Dorking's Vernal Visitation.

Tuesday 1100 Vicar and Minister of Ewell United Reformed Church meet for discussions (*postponed from last week*).

Wednesday

1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall; time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend. All welcome. Have you seen the newly-painted hall yet?

Saturday 1000-1200 in the Church Hall:

FAIR SPRINGBOARD

Please bake for the very popular cake/biscuit stall.
There will be plants galore, books and bric-a-brac.
See you all there! *Valerie Smither and Sarah Stovell*

Here begins the countdown to the Village Fair