

St Mary the Virgin
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1800 Evening Prayer (in the Parish Room).
 In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion
 1445 Funeral of Freda Butlin.

Thursday **ASCENSION DAY**

The fortieth day of Easter, and the festival of the exaltation of our human nature in the ascended and glorified Christ.

0900 Holy Communion
 1200 Sung Eucharist

There will be a service-paper giving details of the Ascension Day services, both of which will take place at the Nave Altar by the Easter Garden.

Other events and notices.

The floor of the Church Hall is being re-sanded this week, and the hall will therefore be out of commission for several days. This is the last major feature of the refurbishment of the Church Hall. Only the lobby and the WCs remain to be dealt with.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.
 1400 Meeting the Vicar and others with the local Crime Prevention Officer.
 2000 Meeting of the Website Group.
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the **Parish Room**. The bean, the biscuit and the bonhomie. Come and enjoy a friendly cuppa.
Thursday 2000 The Vicar celebrates the Eucharist for Ascension Day at Nork Parish Church, where there is at present an interregnum.

Some good news. Many people will no doubt be glad to hear that the **pulpit exchange** with the United Reformed Church is about to be re-instated. The Vicar and the Minister have agreed to resume more or less where we left off several years ago, and to have an exchange on a regular basis, perhaps two-monthly (as before) or possibly quarterly. The former arrangements were popular with both churches and continued for some years. But after the Reverend Bob Irving left, his successor seemed not at all eager to continue the practice, and it simply lapsed. The present minister, the Reverend Pat Hall, and the Vicar had a useful conversation last week on a variety of subjects, and it looks as if our links with the URC are hopefully going to take on a rather more positive nature than has been the case for some years. As far as the pulpit exchange is concerned, I shall be going to the URC on Sunday 9 July, and the Reverend Pat Hall will be preaching here at the Sung Eucharist on 23 July. We look forward to the minister's visit to us.

WEEKLY NOTES

Sharing the love of Christ, the Light of the world, with the people of Ewell.
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 21 May 2006 (Easter 5; Rogation Sunday)

Our Christian Stewardship scheme is the systematic way whereby regular members of the congregation support the work and the fabric of their parish church. Since the last major drive on Stewardship our giving increased by a magnificent 50%, but we cannot afford to be at all complacent on this side of things, and there will be one Sunday each year (a different one each year) when our Stewardship will be highlighted in the routine Sunday services. That is what is happening today.

The Offertory hymn at the 0930 service is a hymn about Christian Stewardship, written by the late Ancilffe Prince, whom some will remember as a powerful reader of lessons at Mattins. He died in 1990. Ancilffe was also a benefactor of the parish, and part of a legacy of his financed the commissioning of the *Missa Alme Pater* by Andrew Millington at the time of our 150th anniversary, which was sung at 0930 last week, and which now features on a CD of music by Exeter Cathedral Choir. Ancilffe's memory lives on in this hymn, which is included in *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell*, but printed out today for convenience, and perhaps for reflection.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, giving thanks for what has been achieved in our Christian Stewardship during the past year, and praying for God's blessing to rest upon our future stewardship here. In the worldwide Anglican Communion for our fellow-Christians in the Church of South India. In the diocese we pray for the work of those who maintain the vicarages and rectories. In the parish on Rogation Sunday we pray for the deepening of our life of prayer, and in our regular street-by-street prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Cleves Avenue.

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.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 **MATTINS and THE LITANY.** Psalm 65. Benedicite.

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1 in traditional language: page 207

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216.

Common Worship rite
 Collect of the Day: page 475
 Other Easter material: page 316

Today is also being kept
 as our
**STEWARDSHIP
 SUNDAY.**

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available in church.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 403.
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196, with extended Preface on page 317.
 Other Easter material: page 316.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Langlais*, Missa in simplicitate.

Introit hymn: 255

Black book, page 167: Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)
 Collect of the Day: page 403. *Readings on the coloured paper.*

New Testament Reading from the First Letter of St John.

Gradual Hymn: 115

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Christian Stewardship Presentation:

The Vicar, the Churchwarden and the Stewardship Recorder.

Nicene Creed: page 173.

Intercession; followed by the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: O loving God.

Collection.

[Tune: *Hightwood*, NEH 320 (6)]

O loving God, sure source of every blessing,
 Gratefully we, who would your stewards be,
 Though in our deeds and words so oft transgressing,
 Now pledge ourselves to serve more faithfully.

May all our efforts demonstrate our fitness

To do the duties which on us devolve;

Help us to be far bolder in our witness,

Deepen our faith, and all our doubts resolve.

Midst all the clangour of this world's distraction

Make us to hear the cry of those in need,

And, by our answer, share the satisfaction

Of those who sow your harvest with good seed.

Treasure we have; Lord, teach us to love giving

For its own sake, not seeking a reward,

Save for the joy which comes of Christian living,

Sharing with others all your gifts afford.

Our *Time* and *Talents* worthily united,

To meet the challenge of our day and age.

So in life's book, where all our deeds are cited,

Our stewardship may show on every page

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196, but beginning today with the extended
 Easter Preface on page 317. After the *Sanctus*, return to page 196.

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

At the Invitation: Hymn 102

During the Communion:

Antiphon: For the beauty of the earth. *Rutter*

[Antiphon for *Rogation Sunday*; words from Hymn 285.]

After the antiphon all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer:

[The Parish Funding Prayer from 2005.]

All say together:

Lord, bless our parish church,

And bless what we seek to do

For the good of your Church,

For the people of Ewell,

And for your greater glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Easter Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 103.

1100

SUNG EUCHARIST

Book of Common Prayer rite

Setting of the Eucharist: *Mathias* in C.

Nicene Creed: *Merbecke* (on lilac leaflet).

Hymns today are from the old *red* hymn-books.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 129

Then green Prayer Book: page 31

Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33

Greeting and the Collect of the Day

The Epistle: St James 1: 22-27.

Gradual hymn: 144 [For *Rogation Sunday*.]

The Holy Gospel: St John 16: 23-33.

'*Rogation*': *Jesus speaks about intercessory prayer.*

Nicene Creed: page 34 Biddings, and Offertory Sentence: page 35

Offertory hymn: 139.

After the hymn, *all kneel* for the Prayer for the Church (page 36), the

Prayers of Penitence, etc., and for the Prayer of Consecration

Hymn at the Consecration: 416. [Choir use NEH 269 part 2]

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

Antiphon: Christo resurgenti.

Couperin

English translation: The stars acclaim the risen and triumphant Christ. Alleluya

Faith justified, death vanquished! Let all rejoice. Alleluya.

After Communion

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving page 44

All stand to sing: Gloria in excelsis

The Blessing.

Hymn 143 (Hymn 359)