



25 June 2006

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.**

It is nice to be back in green in church. There is something almost comforting in just having a run of some 'ordinary Sundays', wonderful though the festivals are in their devotional richness. Apart from next Sunday, when we shall be celebrating the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth, we are now in 'ordinary time' on Sundays until the time of the Patronal Festival in September. Between now and the end of the choir term on 6 August the routine services of the Church follow their normal course, and life on Sundays is reasonably predictable for two months or so at St Mary's. There are, however, three occasions which come under the heading of 'special'. The first is next week, when the popular 'All Creatures Great and Small' service comes around once again. There are handbills and posters available about this today. We are expecting two rather large guests at the service. It is an occasion which attracts many people who are not regular members of our congregation, and last year the numbers were quite substantial: about 170 people and about 40 pets. I hope it will also be well-supported by St Mary's folk, for we are meant to be a welcoming church, and there will be plenty of bipeds and quadrupeds to welcome (not sure about gastropods), though I must express the hope that this will not be at the expense of the other services. Then on the morning of 23 July there will be two notable occasions. Firstly our neighbour at the United Reformed Church, the Reverend Pat Hall, will be preaching at the Sung Eucharist. It will be very good to resume the regular pulpit exchange, which lapsed after the departure of our good friend, the Reverend Bob Irving, since his successor did not seem in any way interested. I shall already have been preaching at the URC on 9 July. Secondly, later that morning there will be Holy Baptism at 1100, and it promises to be one of the busier occasions of this sort: four families but five children. It was only last week that the realization dawned that the particular Sunday of 23 July is immediately after the day of the Village Fair; clearly there was a mistake at the service-planning stage. So it will be a busy weekend. W.R.H.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for the Church in Wales. In the diocese we pray for the bridge-building work being done in interfaith relationships. Within the parish we pray for the Governors, staff and pupils at Ewell Grove School, and also for the people who live outside the parish but worship at St Mary's

Mr Ron Johnson will forgive my saying that even he was pleased by the quality of sound received via the induction loop system last week. He was much involved in its installation several years ago, and since he makes use of it himself he is naturally concerned that it functions well. It looks as if our recent troubles are now at an end. People who normally rely upon the loop system in order to participate fully in the services should now find that everything is working well.

**Ewell Parish News** would normally be available today, but due to our printer's holiday it will be a week later than usual. Still, it will be more or less at the beginning of the month.

**El-Dorado**, the magazine of the Guyana Diocesan Association, has arrived, and copies are available in the Welcome Area. They are free, so do pick up a copy if you wish to see how the other half live. Times are hard in Guyana at present. I notice that Fr Marcus Simon, the Vicar of our twinned parish of Corriverton, is now 'Venerable', having also become the Archdeacon of Berbice. The Guyana Diocesan Festival is at All Saints, Notting Hill next Saturday; details in El-Dorado. W.R.H.

The short summer season of Tuesday lunch-time **Organ Recitals** begins this week. Normally these last about half an hour or so. Tea and coffee are provided; bring your own sarnies, if you wish. This is always a very pleasant and enjoyable mid-day break.

**The Men's Cake-making Competition.** We now have thirteen entrants, and they are all seeking sponsorship to make their cakes. The sponsor forms are in the Welcome Area now, so please sponsor our Gallant Gentlemen Bakers. We are hoping to have a few more entries - last year there were nineteen - to make our usual spectacular selection for the Mayor to judge at the Fair. So 'dear gentlemen', will you please join in the fun and make a cake? If so, please let Joan Boulden know. Here's hoping...

**Re-impbursements.** The new Finance Committee has produced a user-friendly claim-form for use when things have been bought for the church and reimbursement is needed. Copies may be obtained from the office as required; an authorization signature is normally needed. This arrangement will make for much greater efficiency, and will be a considerable help to the Treasurer.

**Next Sunday.** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth. The normal date for this festival is 31 May, but it may still be observed on its old date of 2 July, which suits us better, since it means that this attractive biblical festival can actually be kept on a Sunday. (That is impossible in the case of 31 May.) Eucharistic arrangements are as normal, but at 1100 there will be the 'All creatures great and small' service, when we expect quite a large congregation. Evening Prayer will be said in the parish Room at 1800

*Sharing the love of Christ, the light of the world, with the people of Ewell*

## SUNDAY SERVICES

0800

### HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

### Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 408.

0930

### SUNG EUCHARIST

### Common Worship rite

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

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 408

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Setting of the Eucharist. *Stanford* in C

Introit hymn: 'Now all is green' (*on reverse of readings paper*). [Tune: 182]

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

Metrical Gloria in excelsis: *on readings paper*.

Collect of the Day: page 408. *Readings on separate paper.*

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

Gradual hymn: 407

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark

Sermon by *Mr Reginald Saunders*, Reader

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession, followed by the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 404

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. [Omit any responses in red brackets.]

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

Hymn at the Invitation: 200

During the Communion:

Anthem: Close in my breast.

*David Lord*

Jesu, thy perfect love close in my breast

That I thee love, and never rest,

And make me love thee of all things best;

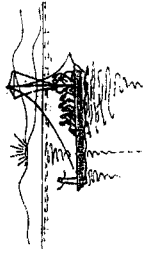
And wound my heart in thy love free.

That I may reign in joy evermore with thee. (15<sup>th</sup> cent. words)

*After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 409*

The Mutual Salutation, The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 466



*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

### CHORAL MATTINS

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8

Venite (shorter version)

Office-Hymn: 149 (ii)

Music: *Field*

Psalms 19 In praise of God as creator and law-giver.

Page 161.

First Lesson from the book Deuteronomy.

Blue book: page 648

Benedictus: page 11

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St John. Blue book: page 649

Hymn 513 [The hymn picks up the theme of brotherly love at the end of the Second Lesson.]

The Creed and the Greeting: then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,

the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 73).

Anthem: The Prayer of St Richard.

*Martin How*

O Holy Jesus, most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother:

may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and

follow thee more nearly, day by day.

Prayers.

Hymn 377; Collection.

The Blessing

1200

**HOLY COMMUNION** (Side Chapel).

Details as at 0800.

1800

**Evening Prayer**

[Although last week it stated that this would remain at the original time of 1630, on balance it is probably best for those concerned for it to be at the normal time of 1800.]

**In church this week**

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**

**Other events and notices.**

Monday (Holy Communion to the housebound is transferred to next week.)

1930 Estates Committee.

1245 Organ Recital (see below)

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall; time for

friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend. All welcome.

There will be a Bring and Buy Sale this week, followed by a

break during the holiday period; the next sale will be on

Wednesday, 27 September.

The date given last week for the **Michaelmas Market** proved to be somewhat premature. There are all sorts of perfectly good and basic reasons why it has had to be changed, such as apples not being ready, and plants not being ready enough. So it will now take place on Saturday, 14 October. The Market replaces the equivalent pre-Christmas event of past years. More about this in due course, but book the date now