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WEEKLY NOTES

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

A typical 'Sunday after Trinity' today. There is something very normal about it all, with the Lord's people in the Lord's house on the Lord's Day for the Lord's service at the Lord's table. There are three celebrations of the Eucharist this morning, it being the third Sunday of the month, so we are all doing the same thing today, albeit in three different ways. We all come to seek the sacramental grace of God, to hear the word proclaimed and expounded, to pray for others as well as for ourselves, and to be in fellowship with one another. Of course our minds are also very much on the Village Fair at the end of the week, which in itself is an enacted parable of our Christian fellowship within the local congregation of St Mary's, Ewell. 'We are the body of Christ' is something to do with both Sunday and Saturday. The Village Fair is the envy of most of the local parishes, and it enjoys a well-deserved reputation. Yet in the end it is only outstanding because over the years the mixture has been continually refined and polished, with new ideas constantly coming in. This freshness is partly due to the fact that the co-ordinators change every few years. All Fair organizers have managed to put their own stamp on the event, and Ian and Kathie Burgess are no exception; their own distinctive contribution is perhaps making it something of an 'e-Fair'. We look forward to a splendid day on Saturday, and hope that the weather will be kind, and that we shall make lots of money. It is right to pray that the Fair will be a success, since at the end of the day it is only taking place so that, as a result of the money raised, the local church may be better enabled to do God's work among God's people.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for the extra-Provincial dioceses (like Bermuda), which come under the direct care of the Archbishop of Canterbury. In our diocesan prayer we pray for the Department for Social Responsibility, and for Canon Chris Rich, the Director. In the parish we pray for the staff and pupils of the schools at Wallace Fields and for St Clement's Roman Catholic School; we ask for God's blessing to rest upon our day of work and play at the Village Fair, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in Dorling Drive.

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 09.30 and 11.00 services

Lend a hand? Anyone who hasn't got a job for Saturday is invited to have a word with Ian or Kathie Burgess TODAY. The Fair is a marvellous example of the parish family all pulling together for the sake of their parish church, and there are always slots where additional help would be more than welcome, and that includes all the setting-up which has to take place on Friday.

CAKES, CAKES, CAKES. Every year we plug this one, but each year the Cake Stall at the Village Fair is always the first to sell out. We could easily do with *at least double the usual amount*, because they sell like...er...hot cakes. I have long held the view that people go to Village Fairs primarily for home-made cakes and home-made jam, because such things are always good and wholesome, unlike some of the more familiar (as they say in my part of the world) 'boughten' stuff from the supermarket. Because of our varied programme we have had people turning up in the afternoon, all ready to buy cakes, but finding them all gone. **Please produce a cake (or even, one might daringly suggest, more than one), if at all possible, and bring the result to the Cake Stall on Saturday, where it will be lovingly received, and hopefully sold very quickly.** W.R.H.

Epistle Readers. Beginning today at the Eucharist is a series of passages from Ephesians, though on certain Sundays we shall be using the Old Testament reading. Although it is not a closed question the majority of New Testament scholarly opinion is that the writer of Ephesians was not St Paul. Readers should use as an introductory formula, 'A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.' Doing it this way begs no questions. I would ask those who are reading over the next few weeks to note this point carefully; it has been mentioned from time to time, but has often been forgotten or disregarded at the lectern, and it ought not to be. The precise titles for the announcement of the various Biblical books are in any case issued with the readers' rota, so there really ought not to be any problem. Please take care about this. W.R.H.

The Sacristy Rota. The Communion Assistants' section is due to be inserted this week to cover the rest of the year. If any known dates of absence could be notified to the Vicar today (on a scrap of paper) it will make compiling the rota a bit more straightforward. Swops can still be made later, of course.

Next Sunday. Although the choir will be with us until Sunday 6 August before they have their summer break, it is certainly the case that next Sunday has an end-of-term feel about it. Because of the Village Fair occurring later in recent years, it has now evolved into being the feature of parish life which marks the effective end of the working year. So next Sunday will be the time for us to have a 'Now thank we all our God' atmosphere about our worship. It is interesting that in spite of the general tiredness after the Fair, there is always a fairly large congregation on the Sunday after the Fair. It is only human nature to want to know what the takings were. There is something distinctive at all the services next Sunday (apart from the 8 o'clock): at the Sung Eucharist will shall be welcoming the Reverend Pat Hall from Ewell United Reformed Church; there will be quite a large Baptism occasion at Mattins, and there will be (Choral Evensong at 1830). Quite a day. The following two Sundays will be less eventful.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 0700 **MATTINS** Psalm 34 *Common Worship rite*
- 0800 **HOLY COMMUNION** Collect of the Day: page 410
- Order 1: page 167
- Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.
- 0930 **SUNG EUCHARIST** *Common Worship rite*

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available in church.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 410
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Fauré*, Messe Basse.

Introit hymn: 500
 Black book: page 167. The Greeting and the first prayer, *Kyrie eleison*.
 Metrical Gloria in excelsis: at Hymn 363.
 Collect of the Day: page 410. *Readings on separate paper.*
 New Testament Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians. [See note below.]
 Gradual canticle on *readings paper*. [Metrical paraphrase of today's Epistle. *Thaxted*.]
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
 Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader*
 Nicene Creed: page 173
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory hymn: 170 Collection
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.
 Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.
 Hymn at the Invitation: Hymn 300
 During the Communion:

Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus. *Fauré*
English version: Hail, O true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who after suffering was sacrificed for mankind upon the cross, and from whose pierced side there flowed a tide of blood. Be our food in death's hour. O gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 411.
 The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.
 Hymn 362 [Tune: 185].

- 1100 **SUNG EUCHARIST** *Book of Common Prayer rite*

Setting of the Eucharist: *Howells* in E flat.
 (Kyrie, Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*).
 Hymns from the small red hymn-book at this service.

Sermon by *the Vicar*
 Introit hymn: AMR 40

Then green Prayer Book: page 31
 Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy): page 33
 Greeting and the Collect of the Day
 (There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings)
 The Epistle: 1 St Peter 3: 8 - 15

Gradual hymn: AMR 251
 The Holy Gospel: St Luke 5: 1 - 11
 Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: AMR 405 Collection
 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: AMR 384, part 2. [Choir use NEH 269 part 2.]
 During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)
 Anthem: *Panis angelicus*. *César Franck*

The Latin words are a meditation on the nature of the eucharistic presence and on the grace received in the Blessed Sacrament.

After Communion:
 The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
 All stand for Gloria in excelsis
 The Blessing
 Hymn: AMR 243.

1900 Evening Prayer

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion
Other events and notices.

Tuesday 1330 Terrier and Inventory Meeting.
 Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. A time for drinking coffee, and for relaxation and pleasant conversation in very congenial surroundings.

Saturday

THE VILLAGE FAIR.

Programmes are available in church.

There are posters all over the place, but we need all the support we can get. It is, after all, always a splendid occasion, but we need every penny of the proceeds, and the more publicity we have the better. Ian and Kathie Burgess and their helpers have worked tirelessly to bring about another successful Fair, but at the end of the day we need to attract friends and neighbours and anyone else who notices our publicity. There are still car-stickers and the like in church. Please display them tastefully, like on car side-windows (the pavement side, not the driver's) as well as back ones: after all, those are the ones more likely to be seen from the pavement when a car is parked.

AND HAVE A LOVELY DAY!