

WEEKLY NOTES

23 July 2006

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A very busy Sunday at St Mary's today, and after yesterday too! We welcome at the Sung Eucharist the Reverend Pat Hall, who is making her first 'official visit' to us today. I have to say that I received a particularly warm welcome at Ewell United Reformed Church on 9 July, when I went to preach there, it was just like old times, as one might say. It is good that the pulpit link is now re-established. St Mary's and Ewell URC have enjoyed a good relationship over the years, but the pulpit exchange lapsed on the departure of the Reverend Bob Irving some years ago, and the arrangements for Sunday evenings eventually lapsed as well. The only snag is that whereas I can stay on for coffee at the URC the minister can't do the same here, because she has to get back in time for the start of Morning Worship at 1030. However, I am sure we shall soon find a way of welcoming her at a 'parish event' of a social nature, so that many will have a chance to meet her.

There will probably be quite a large congregation at Mattins today, since there are four families coming for the baptism rite, in one case with two children. The board will be outside the west door, encouraging the incoming congregation at 1100 to come in via the south door, so this will avoid much confusion at the change-over of the services. Service Leaflets and Weekly Notes for the incoming congregation should be given out at the south door, just like we did for the 'All creatures great and small' service a few weeks ago.

There is Choral Evensong tonight at 1830, and it would be good if the choral Office were to be supported by more than the usual small evening congregation. Choral Evensong does not happen all that frequently at present, and this will be the last one before the Old Choristers' Reunion on 10 September. The choristers will be with us next Sunday, and for the Eucharist only on 6 August, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Then they will have a much-needed rest for three Sundays. Most of our singers are quite young, and we owe them our thanks for a year of quite hard work (see the item elsewhere in the Notes), and the same goes for the musical staff who have taught them and encouraged them. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Churches with which the Church of England is in full communion: at present the 'Old Catholic' Churches in Europe, and also some Nordic and Baltic Lutheran Churches. In our diocesan prayer we pray for the work of 'Churches Together in Surrey'. In the parish we pray for all who work in the shops and offices in Ewell Village, and in our systematic parish prayer we pray for those living in The Drive.

wish to see how the other half live. Times are pretty hard in Guyana at present. I notice that Fr Marcus Simon, the Vicar of our twinned parish of Corriverton, is now 'the Venerable', having also become the Archdeacon of Berbice. W.R.H.

Matters Musical. Some of our singers have done very well at the recent examinations for the Bishop's and Dean's Awards of the Royal School of Church Music at Guildford Cathedral. *Rebecca Gocher* achieved a Distinction for the Bishop's Award, *Nell Fraser* got a Merit for the Bishop's Award, and *Emma Chubb* got a Merit for the Dean's Award. We all know how hard our singers work – the music just for this Sunday includes works by Darke, Howells, Summison, Archer, and Orr (curiously, all English composers, for once) – and it is very gratifying to all concerned when results like this come in. They will be presented with their awards later this year at the Cathedral. Meanwhile, our congratulations go to Rebecca, Neil and Emma: well done, all three. W.R.H.

'In journeyings often,' as the Apostle said. After the recent Eastbourne coach outing it is time to look west instead of south. We are taking bookings for the coach outing to the delightful town of *Windsor* on Thursday, 14 September. The coach drop-off and pick-up point is in the coach park, situated by the station and the river. There is a lift to take you up from the coach park to Windsor town centre. A certain amount of walking should be expected on this outing, some of which is on the hill. Tickets cost £10 each. Please give in names and money either to Joan Boulden or to Lynne Yuille, if you would like to join the party.

On the day after the Village Fair it is probably 'theologically appropriate' (even if not 'psychologically appropriate') to mention the *Michaelmas Market*, which will take place on Saturday, 14 October. The Village Fair is for us, but the Michaelmas Market is for external charities. For a variety of reasons this is intended to replace the equivalent pre-Christmas event. This year the charities will be: *Water Aid*, *The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (USPG)*, *the Leatherhead Wild Life Centre*, and *Age Concern (Epsom and Ewell)*. We usually try to have a mixed selection of charities, and the External Affairs Committee has now come up with this particular list. There will also be (again, as usual) two children's charities which will benefit from the cash collections at the Christmas services. There will be a preliminary meeting about the Market, hopefully this side of the summer break, in the Parish Room; the date will probably be made known next Sunday. It would be good if this could be something of a think-tank, in view of the change of style this year.

Next Sunday: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity. Morning arrangements are as normal, with the additional celebration of the Holy Communion at 1200, it being the last Sunday of the month. Since it is effectively the last morning of Choir Term – except for the Eucharist of the Transfiguration on the following Sunday – the doughty old warhorse of an anthem, *Non nobis Domine*, will be sung as the anthem at Mattins to the well-known melody by Quilter. This should remind musicians and congregation alike of what we are always meant to be doing in our offering of Christian worship to God: all that worship is meant to be offered to God's greater glory. 'Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the praise' (Psalm 115). Evening Prayer next Sunday will be said at 1800, and this will be the last occasion until 3 September. As in other recent years there will not be evening worship at St Mary's during August.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167

Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 411

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

'Children's Hour'; Crèche available in church.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 411

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198

Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F. Gloria and Creed: *Shaw*.

The hymns this morning are all well-known, and most are quite hearty and rousing. (They sing hymns very well at Ewell URC.) Do follow the psalmist's precept, and 'Sing praises lustily with a good courage.'

The cash takings at the Village Fair yesterday will be announced after the Introit hymn. This is not, of course, the final figure: expenses have to be taken into account, and sometimes there is additional money to come in.

Introit hymn: 485

Black book: page 167. The Greeting and first prayer of the service.

The Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211

Collect of the Day: page 411. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Epistle to the Ephesians.

Gradual hymn: 353 [Anticipating the Gospel Reading.]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Sermon by *the Reverend Pat Hall*.

Minister of Ewell United Reformed Church.

Nicene Creed: traditional language text on page 213.

Intercessory: then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 433 Collection

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198 [Omit the responses in red brackets].

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

Hymn at the Invitation to Communion: 313

During the Communion:

Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine. *Howells*

My eyes for beauty pine, One splendour thence is shed

My soul for God's grace: From all the stars above;

No other care nor hope is mine; 'Tis named when God's name is said;

To heaven I turn my face. 'Tis love, 'tis heavenly love.

And every gentle heart

That burns with true desire

Is lit from eyes that mirror part

Of that celestial fire.

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 411
The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.
Hymn 413.

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 and HOLY BAPTISM

There is a special leaflet for this service.

The Baptism of:

Chloe Kathleen Burston, Hugo Templeton Lee, Oscar Harman Lee, Lucy Abigail Sands, Benjamin Michael Alexander Taylor.

1830 CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Green books, page 18

Office-hymn: 150 [Second tune]

Psalms 67 and 101.

God as the universal Lord; and man being mindful of his duty.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 10: 12 -- 11:1 (King James' Bible text)

What does God require of his people?

Magnificat: page 19

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13 (King James' Bible text)

St Paul's hymn on the nature and dignity of love.

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Anthem: Make a joyful noise.

This is a version of Psalm 100, but not in the usual translation by Miles Coverdale.

Another translation may be followed in the Blue Book at page 1222.

The composer *Dr Robin Orr* died a few weeks ago at a very great age.

Prayers

Hymn 431

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Hymn 336 The Blessing

[There is normally now a retiring collection at Evensong.]

In church this week

Tuesday **St James the Great** 1000 **Holy Communion**

[The Vicar's 42nd (!) anniversary of ordination to the priesthood.]

Other events and notices

Monday 2000 Meeting of *Pro Musica*.

Tuesday 1330 Terrier and Inventory Meeting

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall, and a time for

fellowship, friendship and fine blend.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that **El-Dorado**, the magazine of the Guyana Diocesan Association, had arrived, and that there were copies available in the Welcome Area. Hardly any seem to have been picked up, even though they are in a conspicuous shade of green; **they are for free**, so do pick up a copy if you