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*Sharing the love of Christ,
the Light of the world,
with the people of Ewell.*

WEEKLY NOTES

30 July 2006

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Good News. The splendid news that over £10,000 was taken at the Village Fair has been a great encouragement, and a marvellous note on which to round off the working year. The final figure will, I understand, not be any less than the five-figure sum. The sheer amount of hard work put in by so many people tells of their love for their parish church, and there were many who simply did not seem to stop working all through the day – not to mention all the setting up and taking down. Every year the Fair gets better and better. It is an enacted parable of practical Christian stewardship: all the classic ingredients of time, talents and treasure are present, harnessed together for the benefit of our parish church. Ian and Kathie Burgess constantly say that it is all a team effort, and undoubtedly it is just that, but they both deserve our best thanks for all their hard work in co-ordinating this complex enterprise. Everyone seems to have had a lovely time, and the mid-day shower did not appear to spoil things at all. Apart from the Marching Band just playing and not marching during the rainy spell everything seems to have gone as planned. A really magnificent day. My thanks to all who made it possible.

Not so good news. However, it might be worth mentioning that nothing is ever perfect. I am afraid that nasty Mr Light-Fingers was around somewhere, because one of the radio microphones disappeared towards the end of the afternoon.

And bad news. I am sorry to say that all our representations have been to no avail, and we have been told that there will be no parking outside the Church Hall from September/October from 0830-1830, Monday to Saturday (yes, Saturday too). I do not know whether it is still possible to do anything about it. The actual letter seems somewhat confused, but the principal reason now seems to be the difficulty of large vehicles getting into the telephone exchange, and so they wish to restrict parking outside it. However, since our hall is past the actual entrance I cannot see what bearing this has on it. In any case, this seems to be a totally new factor, hitherto it has all had to do with traffic congestion. At all events, this is a serious situation, for the parking restrictions outside the hall may well put into doubt the future of organizations like our Toddler Groups, quite apart from the loss of revenue from Saturday lettings. It is a matter of considerable concern to us at the parish church, we are being actively hindered from doing our job. 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 post-denominational Church in China (which includes Anglicans from the pre-1949 Anglican Church in China). In the diocese we pray for the two who exercise an episcopal ministry: our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Christopher, and Ian, the Suffragan Bishop of Dorking, and also their wives, Hilary and Penny. Within the parish we pray for the parish members of the Bible Reading Fellowship, and for the people of Elm Road.

In church this week
Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall; time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend. All welcome. The Coffee Morning will continue throughout August, even though much else at St Mary's closes down.
2000 Preliminary meeting in the Parish Room for the Michaelmas Market.

The Michaelmas Market 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 this week, on *Wednesday evening at 2000 in the Parish Room*. Those who are definitely involved in the Market will no doubt be there, but there is an *open invitation*. It would be good if the meeting could be something of a think-tank, in view of the change of the Market's timing and style this year.

Also, now is the time to *start making jams and chutneys*, as the seasonal fruit becomes available. An autumn Market is the classic time for buying home-made preserves, and this may well be a major feature of our new Michaelmas Market.

Please return any **Fair Badges** that are still out. They should be placed in the (obvious) box in the Welcome Area.

The Men's Cake Making Competition. Congratulations to *John Stovell*, who won the competition, and to *David Hill*, who came second. There were 13 entries (six down on last year, alas), and a fine selection of mouth-watering cakes was produced. The sale of the cakes raised £65. Would all entrants now please collect their sponsorship money, and hand it to Joan Boulden as soon as possible.

Next Sunday. The Transfiguration of Christ. This year the actual calendrical date for this festival falls on a Sunday, though every year the readings about the Transfiguration also occur on a Sunday in the run-up to Lent. Domical festivals these days may be transferred in any case to the previous Sunday (or the adjacent one, if Saturday), which is why we tend to keep the Transfiguration at this time, and use some of the alternative lectionary provisions in the pre-Lent slot. Eucharistic arrangements are as normal, and the choristers will be with us for the Sung Eucharist only. Mattins will be 'Village Mattins', and such will be the pattern for the following three Sundays. There will not be a Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100 during August.

HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

Common Worship rite

Collect of the Day: page 412.

0930 **SUNG EUCHARIST***Common Worship rite*

'Children's Hour' is now on holiday.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 412

Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Rutter* in D.Gloria and Creed: *Merbecke* [see page numbers below].

Introit hymn: 346

Black book, page 167: Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, and *Kyrie eleison*.
Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text, *not* as on page 171.Words and *Merbecke* melody for the Gloria today: at Hymn 542, on page 830 in the melody edition, or on page 559 in the words-only book.Collect of the Day: page 412. *Readings on the green paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Gradual hymn: 368

[Anticipating the Gospel reading.]

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

[A series of readings begins today on the theme of Christ, the Bread of Life though the series is interrupted next week because of the Feast of the Transfiguration. The *lectio continua* of St. Mark resumes in September.]Sermon by *the Vicar*.Nicene Creed (*sung today*): traditional language text, *not* as on page 173.Words and *Merbecke* melody for the Creed today: at Hymn 542, on page 833 in the melody edition, or on page 562 in the words-only book.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 271.

Collection

Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.

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

Hymn at the Invitation: 276 (ii)

During the Communion:

Anthem: *Panis angelicus*.*Franck**The Latin words of this well-known melody are a meditation on the nature of the eucharistic presence and on the grace received in the Blessed Sacrament.**After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 412*

The Mutual Salutation, The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 427 [Two 'Grand Amens' at the end.]

*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.**This is the last Sunday for 'Morning Coffee' until 3 September. It is not easy to maintain the rota during August.*Apart from *Venite* at the beginning of the services, all the hymns and canticles at Mattins today come from *'A Hundred Canticles for Ewell.'*Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: page 8.

Venite (shorter version)

Office-Hymn: HCE 80 (A Song of Tobit)

Psalm 15 'The gentleman's psalm.'

First Lesson from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Metrical Benedictus: HCE 1

Second Lesson from St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. Blue book: 677

Hymn: HCE 62 [Tune: NEH 352]

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer.

The Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 75.

Anthem: Non nobis, Domine.

Quilter

From last week's Notes: Since it is effectively the last morning of Choir Term - except for the Eucharist of the Transfiguration next Sunday - that doughty old warhorse of an anthem, *Non nobis Domine*, is being sung as the anthem at Mattins today, with its well-known melody by Quilter. This has evolved into a sort of end-of-summer-term tradition at St Mary's, for the words are a reminder to musicians and congregation alike of what we are always meant to be doing in our offering of Christian worship to God. It is all meant to be offered to God's greater glory: 'Not unto us, O Lord, but unto thy name be the praise' (Psalm 115).

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND FOR THE LAST VERSE AND JOIN IN.

Non nobis, Domine;

'Not unto us, O Lord,'

The praise and glory be

Of any deed or word;

For in thy judgement lies

To crown or bring to nought

All knowledge and device

That man hath reached or wrought.

And we confess our blame,

How all too high we hold

That noise which men call fame,

That dross which men call gold;

For these we undergo

Our hot and godless days,

But in our souls we know:

'Not unto us the praise.'

All:

O Power by whom we live,

Creator, Judge and Friend,

Upholdingly forgive,

Nor leave us at the end;

But grant us yet to see

In all our piteous ways,

Non nobis, Domine,

'Not unto us the praise.'

*Non nobis, non nobis,**Non nobis, Domine.*[Words by Rudyard Kipling, for *The Pageant of Parliament, 1934.*]

Prayers. Hymn: HCE 45 [Tune: NEH 447*]; Collection.

The Blessing

[* The composer of this fine tune, Michael Fleming, died earlier this year. He composed it when he was an undergraduate. He was a fine church musician, and Director of Music at several important churches, including All Saints Margaret Street, St Alban's Holborn, and St Michael's Croydon, and he also served on the staff of the Royal School of Church Music.]

1200 **HOLY COMMUNION** (Side Chapel)

Details as at 0800

1800

Evening Prayer Note: *this is the last Evening Service until Sunday, 3 September*