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WEEKLY NOTES

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is the first Sunday of the term, and the services today resume their normal pattern. However, before we reach the end of the week the Patronal Festival will have begun. It is the annual opportunity for re-dedication and renewal, and for many years this has been an occasion for the general congregation to renew baptismal promises at the Sung Eucharist, and to reflect over two Sundays about the call and the response of our patron saint, and about this particular church family and our own calling as the worshipping congregation at St Mary's, Ewell. We are very fortunate in having our Patronal Festival at such a suitable time of year; it concentrates the mind, and bids us look ahead.

Also this morning we shall be proceeding to the election of a new churchwarden, in succession to Hamish Reid, whose term of office finished on 31 July. It is taking place at the curious time of 1050, the reason for this being simply that members of the 0930 congregation need not leave their places after the service, unless they are not staying on for the election. The new churchwarden will be in the church hall after the election, and no doubt people will wish to 'have speaks' (as Inspector Clouseau used to say) with the newly-elected warden.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for the Roman Catholic Church, for Pope Benedict XVI, and for our local RC congregation at St Clement's, Kingston Road and Fr Graham Bamford, the parish priest. In our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those who live in Ewell Downs Road.

*Beginning today, and for the next two months or so, we shall be praying for a different part of the worldwide Church, before resuming our systematic prayer for different provinces of the Anglican Communion. We begin today with the Roman Catholic Church, since it is the largest of all the Christian Churches, probably slightly more than all the others put together. In appropriate instances (as today) we also pray for the local presence of the particular Christian body.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0900 **HOLY COMMUNION**
Order 1: page 167
Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.

Common Worship rite
(collect of the Day: page 415)

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 *conversazione* in very congenial surroundings.

This week's Notes were compiled in early August, so there may well be additional announcements of one sort or another at the services today.

More detailed information about the **Patronal Festival** can be found in this month's number of the *Ewell Parish News*.

Next Sunday. The Sunday of the Patronal Festival. The morning services are at the usual times. There will be the Renewal of Baptismal Vows at the Sung Eucharist, but there will not be a Procession of Our Lady at the end of the service this year, since we had a May Procession earlier in the year. Choral Evensong next Sunday is being sung by the Old Choristers, on the occasion of their annual re-union.

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

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

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 415

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

Setting of the Eucharist: *White* in E flat.

Introit hymn: 334

Book: page 167. The Greeting and the first prayer, *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text at page 211.

Collect of the Day: page 415. *Readings on separate paper.*

New Testament Reading

Hymn 513

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

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed: page 173

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 296 (First tune) Collection

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

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

Hymn at the Invitation: Hymn 288

During the Communion:

Anthem: 'The Call' (from *Five Mystical Songs*) R Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert (16th cent.)

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 411.

The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 364 [Tune: 408 (i)].

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.

The hymns at Mattins today are from the small red hymn-book.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses: green book, page 8. Music: *Plainchant* (Latin note)

Venite (shorter version).

Office-Hymn: 39

Psalm 1. In praise of the righteous man. Page 144

First Lesson: Isaiah 50: 4-9a. Blue book: page 699

The Suffering Servant of the Lord.

Benedictus: page 11

Second Lesson: Acts 7: 54 - 8:1 Blue book: page 699

The martyrdom of St Stephen.

Hymn for St Stephen (*on separate slip*)

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

the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 76).

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[Words printed at the 0930 service.]

Prayers: Hymn 216; Collection. The Blessing

Order 1: page 167. Collect: page 415. Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

1800 Evening Prayer [Next Sunday: Choral Evensong at 1830.]

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

The Patronal Festival begins on Friday, the Festival of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1900 Sung Eucharist

The service should last about half-an-hour.

Service: *Howells* in E flat. Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188.

Anthem: Ave Maria. *Lindley*.

Hymns: 181 (ii), 187 (t.387), 186. A maiden most gentle.