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WEEKLY NOTES

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

SUNDAY OF THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL

The second Sunday of the Patronal Festival week is normally kept here as the Sunday of the Dedication Festival. This is where our devotional attention moves away from Our Lady herself to St Mary's in Ewell, with heritage interests in respect of the 'stones of St Mary's', but more importantly with a concentration on the 'living stones' who comprise the Christian presence here.

Today at the 0930 Sung Eucharist there will once again be the 'Procession of the Parish Church', a new feature which was introduced last year. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the multi-faceted role of our parish church, at least as far as its nurture of God's people is concerned. Processions are not meant to be aimless meanderings around the church, as a general rule they are meant to illustrate, or point to, some aspect of the Christian Faith, or else as an out-of-door act of witness or devotion or a combination of both like outdoor Stations of the Cross, or traditionally to mark the note of high festival at the Eucharistic entrance on greater holy days. We shall be having that last sort of procession before the 1100 Sung Eucharist today, something which brings out from the word 'go' the fact that the particular Sunday really is 'different' or special. The Candlemas Procession is an obvious example of a procession illustrating a particular theme, but there are several others, of course. Today's procession at the 0930 Sung Eucharist is of the same *genre*, concentrating on what particular parts of our church actually stand for, or what they proclaim, as we recall with thanksgiving all that 'St Mary's Ewell' has meant over very many centuries to those for whom it has been their parish church. In theory, because it is a Procession, we should all be standing up throughout this section of the service (and again in theory all should be walking around), but not everyone will find that amount of standing easy. Those who find the standing tedious should feel free to sit after the opening section of the hymn, and to stand again for the last three verses. By the same token, anyone who wants to follow around should just tag on behind the singers. Please do not feel embarrassed about doing that, if you wish to do so.

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.

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: 283
 During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)
 Anthem: I was glad when they said unto me. *Boyce*
 [Part of Psalm 122; words on page 291]
 After Communion: The Lord's Prayer and Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44.
 All stand for Gloria in excelsis. The Blessing. Hymn 205.

1630 EVENSONG AND HOLY BAPTISM.

There is a special leaflet for this service, which is the final service of the Patronal Festival this year.

In church this week

Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion
 1930 for 2000. The second meeting of the new Evening Fellowship Group in the Parish Room.
 There is a handbill about this with the Notes today.
 Further information from Iain McKillop
 (Tel. 01932 341687).

Wednesday 0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Harvest Service.

Other events and notices

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound (transferred date).
 Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. 'Have a break, have a coffee.'

Two rather different weeks. The Notes are obviously compiled ahead of Sunday, but I am sure that the Thursday outing to Windsor must have been a pleasant and delightful time. Alas, I was not there, because I have unwell for a few days last week, and more or less confined to barracks. I am equally sure that last night's organ recital - which, at the time of writing, I still hope to attend - was, as we always expect from Jonathan Holmes, a bravura and brilliant performance. It was good also to welcome back our former curate, the Reverend Barry Preece, who celebrated the Patronal Festival Requiem for past worshippers last Tuesday, while I was on my way back from Oxford. Curiously enough, the coming week is altogether a more relaxed one at St Mary's, which is a nice change after quite a busy fortnight, and with Harvest just around the corner. There are no particular notices today (what a change!). However, this someone's jejune edition of the Notes, at least as far as 'events' are concerned, has at least enabled the 1100 service to have a hymn printed out for convenience on the Notes. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. This will be the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, but, apart from the 0800 service, the keynote of our morning services will be that of *Harvest Festival*. Always a popular occasion, the usual pattern of services will be maintained, with a Procession of Harvest Gifts at the Sung Eucharist, and again at the Special Harvest Service of Christian Family Praise at 1100. Our gifts will be going to the Waterloo Christian Centre and to Vaughan House in Guildford. As in recent years, no perishables, please. This month and next we shall be very mindful of the needs of others, with the Harvest Festival this month, and the Michaelmas Market in October it being the last Sunday of the month there will also be the 1200 monthly Eucharist, and Evening Prayer will be said in the Parish Room at 1800.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, giving thanks in particular for the 158 years of 'new' St Mary's. In our prayer for the world-wide Church we pray today for those who belong to the various Lutheran Churches, and in the Diocese for those who work in the administrative centre at Diocesan House. In the parish we pray for the members of our Financial Review Group, and for the people who live in Ewell Park Way.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 MATTINS Psalm 122

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*

Order 1: page 167.

Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196

Collect of the Day: page 446

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST with PROCESSION OF THE PARISH CHURCH
Common Worship rite

'Children's Hour' in the Church Hall Creche available on request.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 446.
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F

Introit hymn: HHE 87 (*by Promilla Mullen*). [Tune: 201]

The Invocation and Greeting, Prayers of Penitence, *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)

Collect of the Day: page 446. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*

New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John

Gradual hymn: HHE 76 [Tune: AMR 539]

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

[There is no sermon at the Eucharist today; see the paragraph on the front page.]

The Procession of the Parish Church (*on separate leaflet*).

The Admission of David Crick as Churchwarden by the Vicar on

behalf of the Archdeacon of Dorking (*on separate leaflet*).

Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory Hymn: 206; Collection.

Then all sit for the Offertory Anthem: I was glad when they said unto me. Boyce

[Part of Psalm 122; similar words, but not identical, on page 749]

All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Preface of the Dedication:

Consecration Acclamation [Tune: AMR 508]; *on the Readings paper.*

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

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Hymn 426

All stand, when the following hymn is being played over:

Hymn 208 (in remembrance of past worshippers)

[We shall all have many St Mary's folk to recall to mind during the singing

of this dignified and devotional hymn at our Patronal Festival]

The Post-Communion Prayer: page 446

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 477

[When use AMR 508, the gradual words are the same as

Setting of the Eucharist: *Harris* in F
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Processional hymn: *on card.* [Tunc: 440]

Before the hymn: V. Let us proceed in peace.

R. In the name of Christ. Amen.

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: Ephesians 2: 19-22

Gradual hymn: 209

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 4: 18-22

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: *Jerusalem et filiae Sion.* Collection

The Offertory hymn is a selection of verses from a 12th century hymn for a Dedication Festival. It builds on the Biblical picture of the Church as the Bride of Christ.

[Tune: NEH 323]

The Church of God is Mother of her children,

Harbour and haven, source of rest, and refuge,

Gloriously born, a wondrous, sacred mystery:

Gracious protector.

None brighter, not the sun in golden splendour;

None whiter, not the moon in silver beauty;

None fairer, not the stars in all their radiance:

Far greater glory.

So shines the holy Church throughout her journey,

Cleansed and renewed in penitential waters;

Constantly seeking truth and understanding.

Led by the Spirit.

Foretold in figures, longed-for by the prophets,

Now clothed as Bride in charity's own vesture,

Joined to her Lord, and in the heavenly places

Reigns with the Bridegroom.

This is the feast of light and holy gladness:

Christ the true Bridegroom, with his Bride united,

In mystic marriage, living sign and symbol

Of our salvation.

Lord Christ, whose holiest joys we praise and honour

Grant us the vision of that endless glory

Where Bride and Bridegroom in the father's presence

Find love's fulfilment