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WEEKLY NOTES

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

It seems from conversations last Sunday that the view expressed in my comments on the previous week's Notes about the unsatisfactory nature of the current Lectionary provision is shared by quite a few. Rather to my surprise, I discovered that some people think that I actually choose the readings. This is only partly the case: there are certainly alternative readings in the Lectionary provision, though this is seldom the case for the liturgical gospel, but the basic scheme of readings is not a matter of personal choice, or 'what the Vicar likes' (commonly known as 'WVL'). The various official calendars and lectionaries actually exist in their particular form, because it is the Church as such which has made the decision about it, and has authorized the material through its synodical structures. There is far more scope and variety now than there used to be, though I well remember an extraordinary scene at a PCC meeting in my early months here, when someone said he did not see why we should have to follow any special book for our services at St Mary's. I am not quite sure what can be done about the current problem, but it is possible that if I detect a future set of readings which (for one reason or another) is perhaps more suitable for a Bible Study group than for the Sunday service, then I shall see what alternative provision can be found for the particular day in *The Book of Common Prayer*, since the BCP enjoys permanent authorization. The translation of the biblical passages does not have to be the one printed in the BCP in Tudor English; a modern translation is permitted. The problem only seems to happen during the 'green' Sundays, when the principle of *lectio continua* is most obviously in operation. By the end of the month we shall be into more specific scriptures, with All Saints and then the more familiar November readings, which concentrate on subjects like the nature of the Kingdom of God and about a world constantly standing under God's judgement. Once Advent starts in December we are on much more familiar territory, and the seasonal readings will be largely what we expect to hear. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for those who belong to the Baptist churches. In the diocese we pray for the healing and caring ministry exercised in Psychiatric hospitals and Mental Health centres. Within the parish we pray for the Director of Music and the members of the Parish Choir, and for the people who live in Ewell Park Gardens.

Many thanks to all who took part in the Michaelmas Market yesterday. The amount raised for our four charities will be announced at the services today.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 419.

Common Worship rite

Proper 23

Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198.

Wayfarers and Children's Hour. Crèche available, if needed.
 Order 1: page 167. Proper 23.
 Collect of the Day: page 419
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Laloux*, Missa Sancti Ignatii.

All the hymns today are printed on the Readings paper. Apart from the hymn 'Wherefore, O Father', they are all from 'A Hundred Canticles for Ewell.' They are metrical forms of the Mattins canticles, which have gradually become increasingly unfamiliar to Church of England congregations. Using them in this way makes them easily available to a Eucharistic congregation. Today we shall sing *Venite, Benedictus, Te Deum* and *Benedicite*. All the tunes are very familiar, except in the case of the J S Bach tune to the *Te Deum*, and this is printed out on the paper.

Introit hymn: *Venite (Psalm 95, shorter form)* [Tune: AMR 508]
 Black book, page 167: Introduction, Prayers of Penitence, and *Kyrie eleison*.
 Metrical Gloria in excelsis. [Tune: NEH 338, *Evelyns*]

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
 Peace to all your people through the earth be given:
 Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
 Singing Alleluyas to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son:
 With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone.
 Lamb once slain for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
 Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,
 Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
 Lord and God we praise you; highest heaven adores:
 In the Father's glory all the praise be yours.

C Idle © *Jubilate Hymns*

Collect of the Day: page 419. *Readings on the green paper.*
 New Testament Reading from the Letter to Hebrews.
 Gradual canticle: *Benedictus* [Tune: NEH 148]
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
 Sermon by **Mr Reginald Saunders**, Reader.
 Nicene Creed: page 173
 Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
 Offertory hymn: *Te Deum laudamus*. Collection
 Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.
 Turn back to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.
 Hymn at the Invitation: '*Wherefore, O Father.*' [Tune: OEH 335]
 During the Communion:
 Anthem: God is our hope and strength. *J S Bach*

God is our hope and strength,	Honour and thanks to God,
All heaven and earth adore him.	Who wrought this world's creation.
Renew eternal praise,	To taste of heavenly joy,
And prostrate fall before him.	In death and tribulation.
For all things are of him,	Him praise we while we live,
And in all things is he,	And on his will attend,
The works that aye have been,	Until we there arrive,
And evermore shall be.	Where song shall have no end.

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 419
 The Mutual Salutation, The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn: *Benedicite, omnia opera.*

[Tune: NEH 478]

*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 0930 Sung Eucharist.*

1100 SUNG EUCHARIST

Book of Common Prayer rite

Setting of the Eucharist: *Sunsion* in F.
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*. This is the congregational setting on the lilac-coloured paper.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 292 (ii)

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 Corinthians 1: 4-8. *St Paul praises the Corinthian Christians.*

Gradual hymn: 276 (ii)

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 22: 34-46.

A rabbinic-style dialogue between Jesus and the Pharisees, based on Psalm 110.

Nicene Creed: page 34. [Music on lilac-coloured paper.]

Biddings to Prayer and the Offertory sentence.

Offertory Hymn: 295 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: 269 part 2

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

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 Communion:

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44

All stand for Gloria in excelsis. [Music on lilac-coloured paper.]

The Blessing Hymn 487 [Tune: OEH 604 U]

1800 Evening Prayer.

In church this week

Monday 1000 **Ewell Grove School Harvest Festival**
Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall; time for friendship, fellowship, fun and fine blend. All welcome.

Friday 2000 Meeting of the Ewell Parochial Trustees.

Saturday 1000-1300 at Ruxley Church: **The Ewell Fairtrade Market**. This is being presented by *Churches Together in Ewell*. For those who missed the Michaelmas Market last week (or indeed for those who didn't) here is a further chance for some early Christmas shopping. There is a poster about this in the Welcome Area. Interestingly, refreshments are free.

A further reminder about **A Bargain!** The next Organ Recital is on 28 October - **DAVID DAVIES, the Sub-Organist at the Cathedral**. Get your discounted tickets from the back of the church after services on Sundays. Tickets are £5 in advance, so save yourself £1. David Davies' programme is in the *Ewell Parish News*, and it promises to be an exhilarating evening.

A word from Sybil Hale: **Children's Society Christmas Cards** will be on sale after the services next Sunday, 22 October.

Three of our singers, **Neil Fraser, Rebecca Gocher** (*Bishop's Award*) **and Emma Chubb** (*Dean's Award*) received the certificates of their Royal School of Church Music awards at the Diocesan Choirs Festival at the Cathedral yesterday.

The Notes were compiled before the Vicar went off to Walsingham last week, so there may well be additional announcements today.

Next Sunday. Services are at the usual times. It is Half-term for the choristers, and all the singing will be congregational.

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