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WEEKLY NOTES

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Easter 2)

'Good Shepherd' Sunday is the unofficial title for today, even though in most years it only makes sense these days when one is following the old Prayer Book scheme of things. This year, however, we have another glimpse of Christ the Good Shepherd as well. In addition to the familiar passage which comes up at the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100, we have the lovely incident at the Lakeside at the earlier services, in which we hear of the restored Simon Peter being given the pastoral task of tending the Lord's sheep. That task has continued down the ages, as the Church has sought to carry out the Lord's command. In the ordination rite attached to the BCP, the bishop addresses those to be ordained to the office of priesthood, and says that they are to be:

'...messengers, watchmen, and stewards of the Lord; to teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family; to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for his children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever.'

The more modern texts in use today do not quite have that same ring about them, though they try to say much the same thing. Today as we continue to move along the Biblical accounts of the emergent resurrection community of faith, which has come to us as the Christian Church, we look to the risen Christ of Easter, who issues a constant invitation to salvation: 'Come to me', he says in effect, 'and I shall take care of you. Come to me, for I am the safest place, and the only real route.' The Church is commissioned to be the sheepfold of the Good Shepherd, the place of safety and refuge, the place for the hungry sheep to be fed, the guaranteed place for the Shepherd to call his own, and the place where those who search may truly find him. That is, of course, so long as the keepers maintain that sheepfold in the way that the Good Shepherd would have it. For Christ the Shepherd is only operational in this world through the lives and the actions of those whom he has called, and upon whom he relies. 'Good Shepherd Sunday' reminds us that we are both wandering sheep and yet also the trusted sharers in that shepherding work for the flock of Christ. The Lord knows our sheep-like weaknesses, but through baptism (and for some through ordination) he still commissions us for that shepherding work do be done in his service, and out of love for him.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for our fellow Christians in the Province of Melanesia. Within the Diocese we pray for the nuns at Woking, the Community of St Peter. In the parish we pray for those who have been baptized or confirmed in the past twelve months, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Manor Drive.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 MATTINS

Psalm 23.

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Common Worship rite

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 401.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Other Easter material: page 316.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available.
Order 1: page **167**. Collect of the Day: page **401**.
Eucharistic Prayer **B**: page **188**; Proper Preface on page **316**.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Mathias* in C
Small green books today; they are only needed for two hymns and both
tunes are familiar. Other hymns are on the Readings paper.

Introit hymn: 105

[Second tune]

Black book, page 167: Invocation and the Greeting.

The Prayers of Penitence, followed by *Kyrie eleison*.

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

Collect of the Day: page 401.

Use Readings paper from this point until after the Holy Gospel.

New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John.

Gradual hymn: *A Song of Praise*.

[HCE 31; Tune: NEH 47]

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

Sermon by **Mr Reginald Saunders**, Reader.

Nicene Creed: page 173.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 401.

Collection.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Easter preface: page 316.

The Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178.

At the Invitation: Hymn *on Readings paper*. [By the late Edith Vincent; tune 374]

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)

Anthem: Christo resurgenti.

Couperin

Christo resurgenti, Christe triumphanti applaudant sidera. Alleluya.

Fide vindicata, morte superata, laetentur omnia. Alleluya.

The stars acclaim the risen and triumphant Christ. Alleluya

Faith justified, death vanquished! Let all rejoice. Alleluya.

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: Page 401

The Mutual Salutation, the Easter Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn *on Readings paper*.

[MHT 122]

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1100 SUNG EUCHARIST

ok of Common Prayer rite

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

Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke* (on lilac leaflet).

The Prayer Book order treats today as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' with its traditional readings on this theme.

Sermon by **Mrs Wendy Varney**, Reader.

Introit hymn: 117

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 St Peter 2: 19-25.

Gradual hymn: 111

The Holy Gospel: St John 10: 11-16
Nicene Creed: page 34. Biddings, and Offertory Sentence: page 35
Offertory hymn: 116 Collection
The Prayer for the Church (page 36), the Prayers of Penitence, and
the Prayer of Consecration.
Hymn at the Consecration: 269, part 2
During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)
Anthem: The day dawns on with golden light. *Bairstow*
(The words of the anthem are from verses of Hymn 100)
After Communion:
The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
All stand for Gloria in excelsis.
The Blessing. Hymn 113.

1800 Stations of the Resurrection (in the Nave).

There will be two sessions of Stations of the Resurrection this year. Today there will be a formal set of fourteen Stations, and on the feast of Pentecost, 27 May, there will be one which will concentrate in a different way on the three Resurrection Stations in our own set.

In church this week

Monday	1915	Holy Communion
Tuesday	1000	Holy Communion
Friday	1400	Funeral of Mrs Babs Peerman

Other events and notices.

Monday	2000	Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.
Wednesday	1030-1200	Coffee Morning in the <i>Parish Room</i> : The bean, the biscuit and the bonhommie. Come and enjoy a friendly cuppa. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale this week.
	2000	Meeting of Vicar, Churchwardens and Administrator.

Babs Peerman (actually she was Agnes) died last Sunday morning. Many will remember her with affection from the time she was an active member of the congregation here. Our Christian sympathy goes to her family, and perhaps particularly to her sister, Edna Attwood, who is so very well-known within these walls. Babs' funeral will be on Friday at 1400. May she rest in peace.

Sermons at 0930. After a run of almost two months of the Vicar preaching at the Sung Eucharist (apart from Lent 5), it is now time for a change. Today it is Mr Saunders, next week it will be Dr Miller, and the week after Mrs Varney. There is then another run of the Vicar for about five weeks or so. Then, after another three-week spell with the others, the Vicar will complete the course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. It is possible, though not certain, that the Vicar will make the course of sermons on the Lord's Prayer available in print at some point.

Knitting for Lent: Thank you all knitters. The 25 caps have been sent to the British and International Sailors Society. George and Evelyn Jarrett kindly parcelled and posted them to Southampton. If you have any ideas for a knitting project for next year, please let Edna Attwood know. Again, thank you. *Edna.*

Our hymn-writers. It is not just the Vicar who writes hymns for St Mary's. The local congregation has over the years produced several hymn-writers. At the 0930 Eucharist today we are using a gentle hymn by the late Edith Vincent. In a few weeks time, at Pentecost, we shall be having another splendid hymn from Eve Myatt-Price; it will be coming in two forms, one at 0930 and the other at 1100. It is perhaps time now for some others to have a go. Do not be discouraged, if it seems to take a long time to produce something; sometimes these things have to be chiselled out over quite some time. Anyway, what about