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## WEEKLY NOTES

**17 June 2007**

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### SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

This is the first of the long run of Sundays in 'ordinary time', sometimes also known as 'the season of the year', when we settle down to the routine of Sundays which are not directly concerned with the central mysteries of the Christian Faith. Having said that, the pattern is occasionally interrupted, as it will be next Sunday, when St John Baptist's day falls calendrically on that date, or when the time comes for the Patronal Festival. In the Roman Catholic Church the festivals which fall on a Sunday during the 'green' season are normally suppressed for that year†, but in the Church of England the option of observing the saint is still available, and normally that is what we do here. The Church of England option is perhaps a wise one: the Roman Catholics are somewhat more aware of the saints than we are (after all they never lost the cult of the saints at the Reformation), and on Sundays they do not need to be reminded of them to quite the same extent. There is perhaps a greater need for Anglicans to be reminded of the heroes of the faith, and if someone like (say) St Luke lands on a Sunday every few years or so it seems right to praise God for him. Next year, as well as having a very early Easter, there is an extraordinary period of 'non-green' Sundays in the early autumn, when we have a run of St Bartholomew, the Dedication Festival, the Patronal Festival, Holy Cross Day and St Matthew, followed by the Harvest Festival. This year is more predictable, and only St John Baptist, St Mary Magdalen (22 July) and Saints Simon and Jude (28 October) fall into that category.

† St John Baptist will in fact be observed next Sunday in the Roman Catholic Church, because – by reason of his particular importance in the gospel – his day is observed as a 'Solemnity', rather than just as a *festum*; so he stays put, and displaces the Sunday.

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The four-part choir is normally at present in action at the two morning services. Today, however, we have the Upper Voices choir once again. At 0930 they will be singing fairly simple music, but at 1100 they will be singing Britten's *Missa Brevis*, which is quite a challenging work, and a setting by Vaughan Williams of George Herbert's lovely poem, 'Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life.'

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**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the world-wide Anglican Communion for the various provinces in Church in Nigeria. We pray in the Diocese of Guildford for the priests and people of the country parishes, and for the Rural Affairs Officer, Fr John Bundock. In the parish we pray for the two children being baptized at the Eucharist today, for the governors, teachers and pupils at Ewell Grove School, and we continue to pray that someone will be found to serve as our second churchwarden, and someone else to take charge of our Michaelmas Market for external causes. In our regular prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Mill View Close.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**0700 MATTINS**

Psalm 103

**0800 HOLY COMMUNION**

Order 1: page 167.

*Common Worship rite*

Collect of the Day: page 408.

**0930 SUNG EUCHARIST and HOLY BAPTISM** *Common Worship rite*

There is a separate leaflet for this service, and the black prayer books are not required. The usual green hymn book is in use. Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Howells* in E flat.  
The services today are sung by the Upper Voices of the choir.

*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.*

**1100 SUNG EUCHARIST** *Book of Common Prayer rite*

Setting of the Eucharist: *Britten*, Missa Brevis in D.  
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*.  
The hymns are from *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell*.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: HHE 100

[Tune: *Deganwy* (on MS)]

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 John 3: 13-24. *On the nature of the love of God.*

Gradual hymn: HHE 89

[Tune: AMS 703 *Glovernian* (on MS)]

The Holy Gospel: St Luke 14: 16-24. *The parable of the ungrateful guests.*

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: HHE 74; Collection.

[Tune: NEH 186 *Woodlands*]

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:

[Tune: NEH 283]

Father, see thy children bending at thy throne,  
Pleading here the Passion of thine only Son,  
Pleading here before thee all his dying love,  
As he pleads it ever in the courts above.

Not for our wants only we this offering plead,  
But for all thy children, who thy mercy need.  
Bless thy faithful people, win thy wandering sheep,  
Keep the souls departed, who in Jesus sleep.

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

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

*R Vaughan Williams*

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Way as gives us breath:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

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* (16<sup>th</sup> cent.)

After Communion:

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

*All stand for* Gloria in excelsis

The Blessing

Hymn: HHE 19 (First verse and the last three verses only). [Tune: NEH 478]

Organ: *Transports de Joie. Messiaen*

## 1800 Evening Prayer.

### In church this week

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**  
1930 for 2000 **Evening Fellowship in the Parish Room.**

### Other events and notices.

Sunday 1400 The Vicar officiates at the annual wreath-laying ceremony at the Commonwealth Memorial to the Missing at Brookwood Military Cemetery.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.

Tuesday 1730 The Vicar officiates at the cathedral again as 'Acting Precentor' while his successor but four is on sabbatical. Last time today.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. A time for drinking coffee (or tea), and for relaxation and pleasant *conversazione* in very congenial surroundings.  
2000 Meeting of the Vicar, Churchwardens and Administrator at the Vicarage.

Thursday Coffee Morning coach outing to Eastbourne. The coach will depart from *outside the Church Hall* (i.e. on **that** side of the road) due to the new parking restrictions. Please be there by 0915. The coach can only stop there for a limited period to pick us up, so please do not be late. There are still a few seats available at just £10 each.

*The Vicar writes:* '**Our Prayers today**' is a regular feature of the Weekly Notes, relating our worship to that of the worldwide Church, our own Diocese, and our own parish. We have two serious needs in our own parish at the present time, and they are appearing as part of our regular Sunday prayer at least for the remainder of this month, unless overtaken by events. The absence of a second churchwarden is a truly major problem for the internal life of the parish, particularly as we inevitably draw closer to the time of my own departure; and the absence of someone to take on our Michaelmas Market will leave four charities without anything this year (each could reasonably expect about £400), and possibly for longer. Please continue to remember these matters in daily prayer too. This is a serious business. W.R.H.

Copies of the latest number of the Guyana Diocesan Magazine, **El Dorado**, have arrived, and they are in the Welcome Area. They are FREE; so please take one. This year we supported our twinned Guyanese parish, Corriverton, for our Lent Project. The amount raised should be known soon; it is always a slightly fussy job getting to the final figure: money from Lent boxes has to be counted, and that sort of thing. The Annual Festival of the Guyana Diocesan Association this year is on Saturday 7 July, at the magnificent Pearson church of St Augustine, Kilburn (a few yards from the underground station on the Bakerloo Line, i.e. straight through from Waterloo). Anyone can go. The Vicar can't go this year, because of a wedding here, but it would be good to have some St Mary's representation. It is always an interesting day.

**Diocesan Summer School.** This is something which has been happening for the last few years, and some events may possibly be of interest to members of the congregation. This year's School is entitled, 'Transform not Conform,' and there are 23 options. The events run from 2-14 July. There are handbills and brochures about all this in the Welcome Area.

**The Consecration Bell.** The Vicar mentioned a fortnight ago in church that normally the consecration bell at the Sung Eucharist is at present rung by members

of the congregation who happen to be bell-ringers. It is not essential that this should be so, since none of the specific arts of bell-ringing really apply. You just have to be able to pull, just like every new Vicar does at the Induction. Until fairly recent years churchwardens and sidesmen played their part in doing this. Last week there was no-one available from the tower, so the bell was not rung. Anyone who is willing to be called upon to ring the bell at this point (probably only very occasionally) is asked to have a word with the Vicar in the first instance, so that we do not have days when the consecration bell is silent. Not all churches ring the tower bell at the consecration, but this has been the practice at St Mary's for very many years (long before the present Vicar arrived here), and it is an indication and reminder to the rest of the parish that St Mary's people are there in church on Sunday, and that the Holy Eucharist is being offered for the people of the parish, and not just for the Christians inside the building. We could also do with some back-up at the 8 o'clock service; any offers for that service to the Vicar or to Margaret Howard. A little practice can be arranged, if necessary.

**Next Sunday.** Morning services at the usual times. It is the festival of St John Baptist.

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