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WEEKLY NOTES

8 July 2007

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

After the very diverse nature of our worship last Sunday, ranging from animals in church to Choral Evensong, there is also quite a variety today. The Sung Eucharist includes the baptismal rite, and there is a recital after Choral Evensong. It will be good to welcome the choir of Emanuel School once again, under the direction of Jonathan Holmes. The Recital is, of course, for free, though there is a retiring collection. There would probably be a substantial entrance cost for a programme of this quality in a London concert-hall. They were here not all that long ago, singing at the evening Mass of Corpus Christi.

There have been some further changes in the musical life of St Mary's, the most notable of which has been the recent appointment of *Jeremy Cole* as Organ Scholar here. It may not be generally known that an organ scholarship was endowed here some years ago, but we have not had anyone in post for quite a considerable time. Jeremy is a very gifted young musician (he is fifteen) from Kingswood, and already a very accomplished organist. The scholarship takes effect from September, but he is already here with us. We heard him in action, when he played for a substantial part of Choral Evensong last Sunday, and he gave us a vigorous interpretation of a J S Bach fugue at the end. We hope he will be happy with us; already he seems to have settled in very well.

Our prayers today. We pray today for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we are praying today for the Church in the Province of the Southern Cone of South America. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for Christopher our Bishop and his senior staff (the Bishop of Dorking and the two archdeacons). In the parish we pray for the parish members of the Mothers Union, 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 systematic prayer for those living in the parish we pray today for the people of the people living in Park Avenue East.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 0800 HOLY COMMUNION** *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 401.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Proper 9.
- 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST and HOLY BAPTISM** *Common Worship rite*

There is a separate leaflet for this service, and the black books are not required. The usual green hymn book is in use.

Wayfarers and Children's Hour'; crèche available.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Victoria*, Missa O Magnum Mysterium.
Anthem: Here, O my Lord, I see thee. *Whitlock*
Hymns: 377, 114, 310 (tune: *Penlan*), 313, (MHT 177). Others on leaflet.
Organ: Sonata in G Op.28 (First movement). *Elgar*.

There have been three Baptism occasions at the Sung Eucharist since May this year, and this is somewhat unusual. There is not another baptism scheduled for 0930 until November, and as yet no-one has booked in.

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 CHORAL MATTINS **Book of Common Prayer rite**
 Sermon by *the Vicar*
 Responses: page 8. Music: Ayleward
 Venite (shorter version)
 Hymn 238
 Psalm 111. *An alphabetical psalm of praise and thanksgiving.* Page 272
 First Lesson: Jeremiah 26: 1-16. *(Readings with captions on separate leaflet.)*
 Te Deum: page 10. Stanford in B flat
 Second Lesson: Romans 13: 8-14
 Hymn 407
 The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,
 the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 74).
 Anthem: Thou wilt keep him. S S Wesley

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.
(A cento of various Biblical texts.)

Prayers. Hymn 404; Collection. The Blessing
 Organ: Fantasia and Fugue on 'B.A.C.H (original version). Liszt

1700 CHORAL EVENSONG **Book of Common Prayer rite**
Service sung by the Chapel Choir of Emanuel School, Clapham.
The service and recital will both take place in the nave.
There is a separate leaflet for the service and recital.
 Responses: Green books, page 18 Music: Smith of Durham
 Office-hymn: 426
 All sit. Psalm 145: page 308.
An alphabetical psalm in praise of the goodness of God: 'they shall sing of his righteousness.
 First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 32: 1-6. *On banquets and music.*
 All stand. Magnificat: page 19. Stanford in B flat
 All sit. Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 14: 7-14.
Musical illustrations as St Paul speaks of spiritual gifts.
 All stand. Nunc dimittis: page 20. Stanford in B flat
 Creed (page 20); then *all kneel* for the Lord's Prayer, Responses and the three Collects (the Collect of the Day is on page 74).
 All sit. Anthem: Great is the Lord. Elgar
 A version of Psalm 48. *Similar, but not identical, text on page 195.*
 Prayers. Hymn 472. Short Reading.
 Hymn 477 (No Collection; retiring collection after the recital).
 The Blessing.
 Organ: Free Fantasia on 'O Zion haste/How firm a foundation' (the last of the 'Gospel preludes'). William Bolcom

o/c Recital by the Choir of Emanuel School.
Britten, Ballad of Little Musgrave (Lower Voices)
Walton, The Twelve (Based on a text by W H Auden)
Brahms, Wie lieblich sind deine wohnungen (from Ein Deutsches Requiem)
Howells, Collegium Regale Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis

Tippett, Steal Away (From "A Child of our Time")
Handel, Zadok the Priest (From 4 Coronation Anthems)

In church this week.

Tuesday **1000 Holy Communion**
Wednesday **0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Leavers' Service**

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200. **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. A warm welcome to anyone who cares to join us. This is the regular weekly slot for members of the congregation to have a nice period of quality time together, and to welcome anyone else who might care to drop in. Regular members of the congregation who haven't been before will be especially welcome; they will see familiar and friendly faces. It is always a jolly time.
1900 External Affairs Committee Meeting.*
Saturday Vicar at the County Committee of the Royal British Legion.

* It is possible that the **External Affairs Committee** may have to make a mournful decision on Wednesday evening, since time is not on our side. The Michaelmas Market is our principal 'effort' for external giving, and, if it is cancelled through lack of a co-ordinator, four charities will not have £400 or so that might have been expected, since we generally raise about £1500. This one of our two major parochial worries at the present time cannot be shelved for much longer, certainly no more than a fortnight or so. Is there really no-one at all who can take this on? W.R.H.

The Welcome Area is now showing clear signs of the nearness of the Village Fair, as all sorts of things get deposited there. Screens have been arranged to stop the place becoming a real eyesore, and there is a boundary of chairs carefully arranged so as to allow access to the service-papers cupboard, and also to enable our (not very numerous) visitors who are interested in our fairly noteworthy late medieval brasses to get close to them. Please do not move this 'boundary wall'; the little corridor is used most weeks for something or other. A cautionary text from Deuteronomy, quoted in that awful Communion Service in the Book of Common Prayer might be apposite: 'Cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's landmark' (Deut. 27: 17).

Alphabetical Psalms. It is a coincidence that both the morning and evening psalms today are acrostic, each verse (or, in the case of this morning's psalm, each half-verse) beginning with a consecutive letter of the Hebrew alphabet, running from א to ת. This is fairly common in the psalms, and in one instance has implications for the numbering: 9 and 10 are clearly one psalm, because they have half and alphabet each. The most famous, perhaps, is the enormous Psalm 119, which has 176 verses, where each section of eight verses has each verse beginning with the same letter. Other acrostics in the Psalter include 25, 34 and 37 and some others. Similar features occur in the Book of Lamentations. None of this is apparent in most translations, though Monsignor Ronald Knox made a valiant attempt with Psalm 119 (but not any others) in his own translation of 1949. W.R.H.

The Village Fair handbill, given out with the Notes in recent weeks, is still available on the book trolley. There are still lots of *posters, car-stickers and free programmes* available. We really need all the publicity we can get. Please do not be reluctant to help in this way. I have heard the moan that car-stickers impede the rear view through the mirror; well, they can just as effectively be put on the rear near-side passenger window, where they impede nothing, and can be seen even more clearly when the car is parked at the kerbside. W.R.H.

And while on the Village Fair...

We need many hands to help clear and sort the Gallery for the Fair on Saturday 14 July from 1000-1200. More hands, less work.

Stewardship statements. There are envelopes containing the details of these for the period April to December 2006 available in a box just by the front door. They are all in alphabetical order, so please extract your own envelope with care.

Ewell Parish News. The late Mrs Dorothy Crick delivered EPN in the Meadowview Road area for many years. It was not a huge round, and at present it just involves three copies, but it would be good if someone could take over now. Please contact Gilda Everson on 01372 721556.

Repeat notices. Sometimes notices appear more than once on the Weekly Notes. This is partly to take into account the fact that not everyone is in church every Sunday, but also because some of the items are worth a periodic mention. On a Sunday when there is more than the usual amount of space available it is often quite convenient to insert items of this sort, since they are stored on the computer and be easily inserted as required. An example of this is the item 'next following.'

St Mary's Website. Not everyone realises that St Mary's has a splendid Website, and it is regularly visited by many people from outside the parish. All who are interested in what goes on at St Mary's should consult it from time to time, if they are on the Internet. The contents of the website (though not necessarily the most recent items) may be viewed in a folder in the Welcome Area. Indeed, from an internal point of view as well, it is important that full use is made of our website, not least in connexion with *all* forthcoming events†, which should certainly appear on the site, since that is one of the main reasons for its existence. Please contact the Webmaster, Matthew Crick, with any information of this sort. There is also a closed section of our website, which includes, amongst other things, details of rotas and the like. There is a password to the closed section, and those who require it should ask at the office in the first instance.

† On this point it is perhaps time once again to stress that it is important that all meetings and the like, or indeed *anything* taking place on the premises, are always **notified to the office**, so that they may be entered into the church diary. Occasionally things are not, and it invariably causes confusion, when people turn up for something, and find that something else is taking place. This is also the case when 'church meetings' are taking place off the premises. Occasionally the Vicar has found that he is expected to be in two places at once because the office has not been aware of one of the meetings.

Next Sunday. Normal eucharistic arrangements at 0800 and 0930. The monthly Sung Eucharist to the Book of Common Prayer rite takes place at 1100, and the last of the three summer Choral Evensongs takes place at 1700.

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