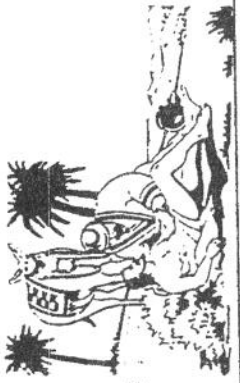


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WEEKLY NOTES

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The substance of this paragraph has already appeared in this month's *Ewell Parish News*, but it is not inappropriate to say it once more. St Mary's folk will need no reminding that St Mary's *Village Fair*, to be held on Saturday, will undoubtedly be once again a truly splendid occasion. Every year I find myself saying, 'This is the best one yet,' and I am usually right. The parish pulls together in a magnificent way to produce this wonderful annual event, which is the envy of all the surrounding parishes. Once again Kathie and Ian Burgess will be co-ordinating the event and they can do with all the help they can get. Of course we need every penny raised at the Fair to enable St Mary's to carry on; that is the point. In spite of the willing support of those in the Christian Stewardship scheme and that of others who also contribute financially to the maintenance of St Mary's and its work, the fact remains that we are still running at an annual deficit. So please support the Fair this year: do enjoy the day, and please spend lots of money. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for our fellow Christians in the troubled Province of the Sudan. Within the Diocese we pray for those working in Diocesan House in Guildford. In the parish we pray for those who worship at St Mary's, but who live outside the parish; and also for the success of our Village Fair. We also continue to pray throughout this month that someone will be found to serve as our second churchwarden, and someone else to take charge of our Michaelmas Market for external causes*; and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Park Avenue West.

[* See note further on.]

*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 (first) Sung Eucharist.*

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 **HOLY COMMUNION** *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 411.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Proper 10.

AND THE STALLS: MOST STALL-HOLDERS CAN DO WITH MORE! CONTACT DETAILS ON THE BOARD BY THE WEST DOOR OR ELSE FROM THE OFFICE.

David Slattery wants more bottles for the Bottle Tombola.
Rosemarie Henson wants items for the Toy Tombola.
Audrey Melrose and Rosemarie Eyres are after linens.
Grace Green and Susan Moseley are after Toiletries and Fancy Goods.
Malcolm Lawther needs manpower to move books.
Marion and Ramaya Rao, Fay Mealor and Barbara Cannon need jewellery and antiques.
Valerie Fuller needs groceries and conserves.
Theresa Baker needs bric-a-brac: please leave items in the Welcome Area.
Same goes for Children's Wear, Toys and Games - for Jayne Strutt.
Evelyn Jarrett is singing out for plants for the Market Garden stall.
And, once again, Sue Davis and Valerie Fuller want Countless Cakes.
We desperately need coverage for the Church Street gate.
Rachel and Will Madell will welcome any help with sideshows.
And, of course, the **Grand Draw: all help to push sales, please.**

AND LET US MAKE IT A GREAT DAY ONCE AGAIN!

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.

Sermons. The plan for the Vicar to continue his course of sermons on *The Lord's Prayer* has run into the sand, largely because of two Sundays when there was Holy Baptism. Rather than just have one or two of the sermons now, they will be preached instead at some stage during the autumn, probably starting at the end of September. It has turned out to be quite a long course, but then there is much more to *The Lord's Prayer* than meets the eye.

Next Sunday. It is the festival of St Mary Magdalen, and the services will be 'of the saint', apart from the 0800 service, which will be 'of the Sunday.' Evening Prayer will be said at 1800, and also on 29 July, after which there will be no evening worship on Sundays until September, when there will be Choral Evensong of the Dedication Festival at 1700.

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

It is not all that often that the running order of all the Sunday services needs to be printed out on the Weekly Notes, but such is the case today. As a result the Notes are double-sized. There are slightly unusual choral arrangements today. The 0930 will be sung by the choir: upper voices, the 1100 will be congregational ('Mass with hymns'), and Choral Evensong at 1700 will be sung by the full choir.

0930

SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.

Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 411. Proper 10. Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Setting of the Eucharist (*for upper voices*): *Fauré*, Messe Basse.

All the hymns (except one) at this service are from the older, words-only, red hymn books. All the tunes are familiar.

Introit hymn: AMR 382

Black book: page 167. The Invocation, Greeting, Prayers of Penitence and *Kyrie eleison*.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody) Collect of the Day: page 411. *Readings on separate paper.*

Old Testament Reading from the Book of the prophet Amos.

Gradual hymn: AMR 327 [LAMR 262]

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

Sermon by *the Vicar*. Nicene Creed: page 173.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 'The Parable Hymn'. [Tune: AMR 405]. Collection.

Lord, in your holy word we read

He told us of forgiving grace,

How Jesus taught us of your love;

A kingdom he proclaimed in deed,

In word and sign, here and above.

2 In parable and simple speech

He told us of a Church to preach

This kingdom he proclaimed on earth;

Its sign God's love to learn and teach,

Its gate the waters of new birth.

He told us of a stranger good,

He told us of the heavenly feast,

Who showed your love by service kind,

To teach compassion, how we should

Show care to those who sorrow find.

Lord, hear our prayer, through Christ your Son,

Who taught us in the sacred page;

Your kingdom come, your will be done,

Your glory shown in every age.

THE VILLAGE FAIR ON SATURDAY

at Ewell Castle School.

By now everybody should know all about it. There are still free programmes available, and it is still not too late to take posters and car-stickers. We need all the publicity we can get. Remember St Mary's still runs at a deficit, and the Fair is an essential factor in our general fundraising and housekeeping.

There are still plenty of jobs available. If you can help at all, please contact Ian and Kathie Burgess on 020 8786 8475 or email: fair@burgess.org.uk

THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR FRIDAY EVENING HELP, FROM 18.00. ALSO FOR DISMANTLING THINGS AT THE END OF THE FAIR ON SATURDAY. PLEASE HELP, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE: LISTS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO HELP GIVE THE ORGANIZERS SOME PEACE OF MIND. THE BOARD BY THE WEST DOOR GIVES DETAILS OF MANY OF THE FAIR'S NEEDS.

CAKES! CAKES! CAKES! CAKES! CAKES! CAKES!

Last year the cry went out for more cakes. We were very bold, and asked for people to make more than one cake, and lots did just that. It made a great difference. Can we try the same again this year? People go to Village Fairs to buy home-made cakes. We know this is so, because the cake stall *always* sells out, and sells out *early*. So can we really have lots and lots of cakes. It **REALLY** makes a great difference, and the stall will close later.

And what of that Men's Cake-Making competition? Fewer entries so far this year. Please sign up, and/or please sponsor the cake-makers.

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; the Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178.
Hymn at the Invitation: AMR 408
During the Communion: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)
Anthem: The Song of the Tree of Life.
Vaughan Williams.

Unto him that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God. On either side of the river groweth the tree of life; the leaves of the tree are for thy healing. In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life, clear as crystal. Whoso will, let him take of the water of life freely. Whoso drinketh of this water shall never thirst. Take thou the leaves of the tree of life, so shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.
(From Vaughan Williams' morality-masque, based on John Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress'; this passage being based on words from the Revelation to St John.)

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 411.
Second Post-Communion prayer for serious parish needs: page 410.
The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn: AMR 371
Organ: Fugue from Sonata on 94th Psalm. *Reubke*

Book of Common Prayer rite

HOLY EUCHARIST

1100

Very simple service today: what is sometimes called 'Mass with hymns'. The choir is not on duty for this service today, and all the singing is congregational. The hymns are all very familiar, and (for once) the sermon comes in its proper place instead of at the beginning.

Introit hymn: 234, second tune.
Then green Prayer Book: page 31
Kyrle eleison (Lord, have mercy upon us): page 33
Greeting and the Collect of the Day: page 74
(There is a separate leaflet for the Collect and Readings)
The Epistle: Romans 6: 3-11.
Gradual hymn: 419
The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 5: 20-26
Nicene Creed: page 34.
Sermon by *the Vicar.*
Biddings, and Offertory Sentence: page 35
Offertory hymn: 397. Collection
Then *all kneel* for the Prayer for the Church (page 36), the Prayers of Penitence, etc., and for the Prayer of Consecration.
(No hymn at the Consecration today; there will be organ music during the administration of Holy Communion.)
After Communion:
The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
Gloria in excelsis: page 46.
The Blessing Hymn 466.

The Garden Party. The Social Committee, under the chairmanship of Rosemarie Henson, is organizing this event. It is to be held on 8 September from 1430 to 1630 at 46aEwell Downs Road. Pimms and fruit punch will be served on arrival, followed by a delicious cream tea. As with all our social occasions there will, of course, be suitable entertainment for a relaxing afternoon. Transport to the venue will be available, if required. Tickets at only £3.50 each will be available from David Dance. Further information may be had from Rosemarie Henson on 020 8224 2713.

A note about this evening's anthem: 'O thou the central orb.' This doughty old war-horse of the Anglican choral repertoire is indeed very fine, and choirs love it. However, it would be idle to pretend that the lyrics are anything other than obscure. In the penultimate line the word 'clay' does not appear in most (perhaps all) printed versions of this anthem; they have 'day' instead of 'clay.' This makes it read:

'In fellowship with thee, transforming day
To souls erewhile unclean, now pure within.'

If it is 'day' the text is virtually impossible to interpret. The whole thing is pretty obscure anyway; H R Bramley's style is nearly always euphuistic, hieratic and lace-edged. 'Clay', however, actually makes some sense: cf. Campion, 'Though I am but clay and dust, yet thy grace can lift me high.'

I have not seen Bramley's original text, but it may be that an early printer's error is to blame; after all, 'c' and 'l' written too closely together can easily be mistaken for a 'd'.* Charles Wood further compounds this general confusion, for if the couplet 'Come, quickly come, etc.' is in fact moved to the end of the poem, then we have from Bramley a Shakespearean-style sonnet (of sorts). In any case, this couplet acts as a refrain at different points in an Orlando Gibbons verse-anthem, for which these words were originally written by Bramley, thus providing a religious text in place of an wholly unsuitable secular one. Bramley did the same thing when he provided a religious text for another Gibbons verse-anthem, the one now known as 'Great Lord of lords,' where once again the fine music had been written for a secular text. (The original words in one case were actually written to celebrate the return of King Charles II from Newmarket.) It is rather like what General Booth of the Salvation Army said, when he famously remarked, 'Why should the devil have all the best tunes?' The jewel which was Gibbons' lovely music in both these verse-anthems deserved a better setting than the sycophantic lyrics to which it was originally set, and it is to Bramley's credit that he provided new texts, even if they are none too easy to follow. Interestingly, Wood also wrote a fine unaccompanied men's voices setting for 'Great Lord of lords.' W.R.H.

* My thanks to David Crick for drawing my attention to the matter of 'day' and 'clay.'

CHORAL EVENSONG

Responses: Green books, page 18.

Office-hymn: HCE 21 (t.475)

Psalm 33 *In praise of the power and kindness of the Lord.* Page 175

First Lesson: 1 Kings 3: 5-12.

Magnificat: page 19

Second Lesson: St Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52. *On separate paper.*

Nunc dimittis: page 20

Creed (page 20), Lord's Prayer, Responses and Collects.

Anthem: O thou the central orb. *Wood**Book of Common Prayer rite*Music: *Ayleward.**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood**On separate paper.**Stanford in C**Wood***In church this week**

Tuesday 1000

Saturday* 0815

Holy Communion (Parish Room)

Holy Communion (Side chapel)

*We have not done this before, but it is wholly appropriate to celebrate the Eucharist on the morning of the Fair, so that what is essentially a whole day's activity for the good of the church can be started by commending it all to the grace of God. Whilst anyone can come, it is primarily intended for helpers at the Fair. It will be a Votive Mass of Our Lady (a traditional feature of Saturdays in 'ordinary time'); after all, it is certainly St Mary's Fair. The service will last no more than twenty minutes.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. The bean, the biscuit and the bonhomie. Come and enjoy a friendly cuppa.

There is very little on in the earlier part of the week, but perhaps that is because we are all catching our breath, ready for the Village Fair on Saturday.

Our two serious needs. The quest for a second churchwarden is a very significant matter. It may, as I have already said, have implications for the future of the parish if the post cannot be filled. We are, after all, within sight of an interregnum, even though the date is not fixed. Anyone who, after some reflection, thinks that this is a possibility should have a word with myself or Dr Dance or Mr Crick, or indeed with any of the several past churchwardens. Similarly in the case of someone to run the Michaelmas Market, we are now nearing the stage where there is the possibility that this will simply not happen, and four charities will lose out on about £400 each. Our specific parish prayer at the Sunday Eucharist throughout July will be maintained, but – having to make any necessary decisions before the August holiday period – it was agreed at a meeting of the External Affairs group last week that, if no-one surfaces, the Michaelmas Market will probably have to be cancelled, and a formal meeting will need to be held in early August to make this decision. This will, of course, have implications for what we do in future about our external giving. W.R.H.

And looking ahead... If the *Village Fair* has come to represent the end of a working year at St Mary's, it is also the case that the beginning of the working year is marked by the *Patronal Festival*. The arrangements vary each year, but this year the actual day itself, 8 September, falls on a Saturday, and there are two splendid events on the day; the liturgical side of things will be largely (though not entirely) on the following day. In the evening there will be *Patronal Festival Organ Recital*, which will be given by Jonathan Holmes. Details will soon be available. However, this year there is also something else, because we are having a *Garden Party*.

Note. This is the last of a group of three 'Summer Choral Evensongs', which originally were meant to be combined with tea, to make it an elegant Church of England afternoon ('Cakes and Canticles', as one might say). In the event we never got around to the tea, but the services have marked a new departure, and perhaps next summer we can approach things a bit more positively. Our Parish Choir is revisiting some parts of the repertoire, which have not been explored for some time, and tonight there is some well-known and attractive music for the service. Last Sunday we had Emanuel School choir here, and after a memorable and vigorous Choral Evensong there was a magnificent recital, with items from the choir's programme for its coming visit to northern cathedrals. On the inset today there is an interesting note about tonight's anthem.