

Prayers.  
Hymn 485; Collection.  
Organ: Prelude and Fugue in G (BWV 541). *J S Bach*

Hymn 211.

Sermon by *the Vicar*  
The Blessing

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## WEEKLY NOTES

2 September 2007

### SUNDAY OF THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL

#### PATRONAL FESTIVAL BEGINS

The Sunday of the Dedication Festival is normally kept here as either the first or second Sunday of the Patronal Festival week. This year it is the first, and in our worship there is a clear concentration on the 'living stones', those who make up the Christian presence here. At the Sung Eucharist there will be the Renewal of Baptismal Vows after the Gospel, followed by the '*Procession of the Parish Church*', a new feature which was first introduced two years year. This is an opportunity to reflect upon the multi-faceted role of our parish church, at least as far as its nurture of God's people is concerned, and it doubles-up as the sermon. Processions are not meant to be aimless meanderings around the church; as a general rule they are meant to illustrate, or point to, some aspect of the Christian Faith, or else serve as an out-of-door act of witness or devotion or a combination of both (as with outdoor Stations of the Cross), or traditionally to mark the note of high festival at the Eucharistic entrance on greater holy days. Today's procession is of the same *genre*, concentrating on what the particular parts of our church actually stand for, or what they proclaim, as we recall with thanksgiving all that 'St Mary's Ewell' has meant over very many centuries to those for whom it has been their parish church. In theory, because it is a Procession, we should all be standing up throughout this section of the service (and again in theory all should be walking around), but not everyone will find that amount of standing easy. Those who find the standing tedious should feel free to sit after the opening section of the hymn, and to stand again for the last three verses. By the same token, anyone who wants to follow around should just tag on behind the singers. Please do not feel embarrassed about doing that, if you wish to do so.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our church and parish, giving thanks in particular for the 159 years of 'new' St Mary's. In our prayer for the world-wide Church we pray today for the Christians who belong to the Roman Catholic Church (see note below), and in the Diocese for the staff of the Department for Social Responsibility. In the parish we pray for the Estates Committee, responsible for our buildings, and for the people who live in Mintwater Close.

*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.*

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

#### In church this week

Tuesday 4	1000	<b>Requiem Mass for Past Worshippers</b>
Wednesday 5	1140	<b>Holy Communion</b> ( <i>Mass of Our Lady of Walsingham</i> )
	1200	<b>The Patronal Festival Lecture by the Vicar:</b> <i>'The Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.'</i>
Saturday 8	<b>1000</b>	<b>The Feast Of The Blessed Virgin Mary.</b> <b>Holy Communion (High Altar)</b>

#### Other events and notices

Monday	Holy Communion to the housebound.
Wednesday	1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.
Saturday	1430-1630 <b>Garden Party</b> at 46a Ewell Downs Road. <u>N.B.</u> It is at 46a, not 46.

1930 **Patronal Festival Organ Recital** by *Jonathan Holmes*  
A splendid programme as ever; details in Ewell Parish News and elsewhere. Tickets £6 (£5, if bought in advance); under 16s get in free. Interval refreshments will be available as usual.

**The Coach Outing to Portsmouth.** The coach for Portsmouth will leave on Thursday, 13 September from *outside the Church Hall* (not from the lych gate), because of the 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. J.B.

It was announced in church last week that **Jeremy Cole**, our Organ Scholar, has gained his ARCO (Associate of the Royal College of Organists) at the early age of 16. This is a great achievement, and we offer him our warmest congratulations.

**'Our prayers today'**. This regular Sunday feature normally includes a mention of another part of the worldwide Church. This is to keep us constantly in mind of the fact that although the fullness of the universal Church is localized in every Christian congregation, the global – indeed cosmic – dimension of the Church is the wider reality. For most of the year we remember a part of our own Anglican Communion, which certainly needs all the prayers it can get at the moment, since it is going through some pretty hard times, but when the number of provinces is used up (we go through the list alphabetically, and finished last week) we go on to pray for other parts of the Church. We begin today with our fellow-Christians in the Roman Catholic Church (the biggest by far, probably just about over the total number of all the others combined), and next week it will be the turn of the Holy Orthodox Churches of the east. There are quite a lot of main-line Churches to cover. It will take us until the Anglican cycle resumes in Advent.

**Next Sunday.** This is the actual Sunday of the Patronal Festival, and this year (after a year's gap) we shall have the attractive Procession of Our Lady at the end of the Sung Eucharist. There will be Choral Mattins at 1100, with a short Station at the Statue of Our Lady at the end of the service. In the evening there will be Choral Evensong at **1830**, and this will be the annual *Old Choristers' Reunion*.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 0700 **MATTINS** Psalm 122
- 0800 **HOLY COMMUNION** *Common Worship rite*  
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 446  
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; the Proper Preface is printed below at 0930.
- 0930 **SUNG EUCHARIST with RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS and PROCESSION OF THE PARISH CHURCH.** *Common Worship rite*

*Children's Hour* in the Church Hall Order 1: page 167. Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Setting of the Eucharist: <i>Darke</i> in F Two hymn books today; the blue books are only needed for the first two hymns.	Crèche available on request. Collect of the Day: page 446. Proper Preface printed below.
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*There are several special features to this service today, and the running-order will perhaps need to be followed rather more closely than usual.*

Troait hymn: HHE 87 (by *Promilla Mullen*). [Tune: 201]  
 The Invocation and Greeting, followed by *Kyrie eleison*.  
 [The Prayers of Penitence are covered by the Renewal of Baptismal Vows today.]  
 Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)  
 Collect of the Day: page 446. *Readings, as usual, on a separate paper.*  
 New Testament Reading from the Revelation to St John  
 Gradual hymn: HHE 76 [Tune: AMR 539]  
 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.  
 [There is no sermon at the Eucharist today; see the paragraph on the front page.]  
 Remain standing for the **Renewal of Baptismal Vows** (on separate slip).  
 Hymn at the sprinkling: 114. (Also printed on *Renewal of Vows leaflet*.)  
**The Procession of the Parish Church** (on separate leaflet).  
 Biddings to Prayer, followed by the Greeting of Peace.  
 Hymn at the Collection: 206.  
 Then all sit for the Offertory Anthem: How lovely are thy dwellings. *Brahms*.

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts. My soul ever longeth and fainteth for the blest courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh do cry to God, cry to the living God. O blest are they that in thy house are dwelling; they ever praise thee O Lord. How lovely are thy dwellings fair.

All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188. Preface of the Dedication:  
 And now we give you thanks for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family, as we come to you on our pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence by sacramental signs, and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones, and bring the Church to her full stature as the body of Christ throughout the world, that she may reach her perfection at the last in the heavenly city, new Jerusalem, the vision of your peace.

Consecration Acclamation [Tune AMR 508]; on the Readings paper  
 Turn back after the prayer to page 178 for the Lord's Prayer, etc.

At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei*

During the Communion: Hymn 426

After Communion: All stand, when the following hymn is being played over:

Hymn 208 (in remembrance of past worshippers)

[We shall all have many St Mary's folk to recall to mind during the singing of this dignified and devotional hymn during Patronal Festival week.]

The Post-Communion Prayer: page 446

The Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 477

[Choir use AMR 260: *Hyfrydol*; words are the same.]

Organ: Postlude in D minor. *Stanford*.

1100 **MATTINS AND HOLY BAPTISM.**

*There is a special leaflet for this service.*

*This service is sung by the Upper Voices of the Choir.*

Anthems: The Lord is my shepherd. *Mawby*

A Gaelic Blessing. *Rutter*.

Organ: The Great Gate of Kiev. *Mussorgsky*

1700 **CHORAL EVENSONG.**

*Book of Common Prayer rite*

(Service sung by the Choir Seniors)

Responses: Green books, page 18

Music: *Smith*

Office-hymn: 204

[Tune: 205]

Psalm 84 and part of Psalm 87: *Two psalms about the holy temple.*

Psalm 84

Page 238.

Psalm 87 (verses 1,3,5,7):

The Lord loveth the city, which has founded upon the 'holy' mountain:

The gates of Zion are dearer to him than 'all the' dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things of 'thee are' spoken:

Zion 'city' of our 'God.

Zion shall be 'called' 'Mother':

For 'all were' truly' born in her.

There shall all they who dance and 'sing to'-gether:

Joyfully praise thy 'name in' this their' home.

Glory be to the Father and' to the' Son:

And 'to the' Holy' Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and' ever' shall be:

World without' end. 'A - 'men.

First Lesson: 1 Kings 8: 22-30 (on separate leaflet)

Magnificat: page 19

*Noble* in B minor

Second Lesson: Revelation 21: 9-14 (on separate leaflet)

Nunc dimittis: page 20

*Noble* in B minor

Creed (page 20), the Greeting, then all kneel for the Lesser Litany, the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and Collects (first Collect on page 89 [*SS Simon & Jude*]).

Anthem: *Locus iste*.

*Bruckner*

*Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est.*

*English version:* This place was made by God, a sacred mystery, beyond all reproach.