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WEEKLY NOTES

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sponsor's note: Congratulations and good wishes to Nigel Bird and Maria Harradine on the announcement of their engagement.

After the Patronal Festival we settle down to a series of fairly normal Sundays at St Mary's, though next week will in fact be the Harvest Festival. We have had a notable Patronal Festival this year, and the new feature of a Garden Party was a great success. Our thanks go to Rosemarie and Mike Henson for letting us use their lovely garden and to Rosemarie and the ladies of the Social Committee for giving us such an elegant and delicious occasion. It was good to have the choir in attendance for some pleasant afternoon cabaret (if that is the right word). Jonathan Holmes' recital later that evening was, as ever, a memorable occasion. So, after the concentration on our patron saint and on the building that bears her name, and after formally renewing our vows of Christian commitment at one of the services, we begin once more a working year at St Mary's.

One feature that is different from today is the fact that the brass cross and candlesticks are now in regular use at the High Altar. (The cross is at the top of the reredos.) The silver crucifix and candles will normally only be brought out from their more secure location for festivals. It is perhaps a pity that we have to do this, but thieves are very crafty these days, and moveable objects of value in church are easy pickings for slick villains of the tight-fingered sort. One high church in the West End used to have a notice (perhaps it still does) stating that ladies should always take their handbags into the confessional. It may be an old problem, but it has most certainly got much worse in recent years. At St Mary's we have lost doors, gates and furniture over the years, not to mention money, and we have to be increasingly vigilant and careful on this side of things. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Church we pray today for those who belong to the Lutheran Churches. Within the Diocese we pray for those starting on the Guildford Diocesan Ministry Course at this time, especially our own Iain McKillop. In the parish we pray for the leaders, helpers and children at our three Toddler Groups, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Purberry Grove.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall.
Fine blend and good companionship.

Churches Together in Ewell are holding a Prayer Walk on Wednesday evening, starting from St John Baptist, Stoneleigh, at 1930, and at the same time a 'Stay and Pray and then drive' at St Mary's Cuddington. Then at 2030 at All Saints, West Ewell, there will be the Annual General Meeting of *Churches Together in Ewell*. Coffee will be served at All Saints from 2000-2-30.

Music lists and Service planners are available in the Welcome Area for those who would like to have them. The music lists, which run to 28 October, now also include the details of the organ voluntaries. A considerable range of organ music of many different styles is to be found on the lists. Indeed the two voluntaries this morning are very different from each other. The initials 'JC' against some of the voluntaries indicate that they are to be played by our Organ Scholar, Jeremy Cole. The others are played by Jonathan Holmes. In case anyone missed the recent announcement, Jeremy has recently gained his ARCO at the age of sixteen.

A reminder that tickets for 'Noye's Fludde' on Saturday, 29 September, are available at a cost of £3. All the signs are that this is going to be a wonderful occasion: good music, young and younger people, and also good fun – even though the story of the Flood itself was not exactly a fun thing. Benjamin Britten wrote the music for the medieval Chester Miracle Play. It should be an evening of culture, and enjoyment. The proceeds are going to *Christian Aid*.

'We need to know.' Now that we are re-grouping after the summer, this might be just the point to stress once again 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 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, and no doubt other people have found the same from time to time.

Next Sunday. This will be the *Harvest Thanksgiving* Sunday this year. It is a week earlier than usual; this is because of *Noye's Fludde* on the evening before the following Sunday. As usual the 0800 service will be 'of the Sunday', and there will be the Procession of Harvest Gifts at the Sung Eucharist and also at the service of Christian Family Praise for Harvest at 1100. Our harvest gifts will be going to the Waterloo Christian Centre and to Vaughan House in Guildford. There will be Evensong and Holy Baptism at 1630.

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

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 0700 MATTINS Psalm 16
 0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 417.
 Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201. Proper 19.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST *Common Worship rite*

Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 417. Proper 19.
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in E (Collegium Regale)
 All the hymns at this service are from the older, words-only, red hymn books. All the tunes are familiar.

Introit hymn: AMR 3, part 1 and Doxology.
 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 417. *Readings on separate paper*.
 New Testament Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.
 Gradual hymn: AMR 444. [Children's hymn in anticipation of the Gospel of the Day]
 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: AMR 405. Collection.
 Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; the Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178.
 At the Invitation: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)
 During the Communion:
 Hymn 417
 Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord always. *Anon* (attrib. *Redford*)

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men; the Lord is even at hand. Be careful for nothing, but in all prayer and supplication let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.
[Philippians 4: 4-7; 'Great Bible' text, mid-16th cent.]

After the anthem all stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 417.
 The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.
 Hymn: AMR 226
 Organ: Toccata in F (BWV 540). J S Bach

*Welcome to my 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*

1100 SUNG EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer rite*

Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in B flat
Kyrie eleison and Creed: *Merbecke* (on iliac leaflet).

Sermon by *the Vicar*.
 Introit hymn: 390
 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: Galatians 6: 11-18. *The centrality of the cross*.
 Gradual hymn: 315
 St Matthew 6: 24-34. *The lilies of the field, and the Kingdom of God*.
 Nicene Creed: page 34. Biddings, and Offertory Sentence: page 35
 Offertory hymn: 311
 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: 313 [Choir use (JEH 335 and Amen)]
 During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44).
 Anthem: Let thy merciful ears. *Mudd*
 [Words on page 76: the Collect of Trinity 10.]
 After Communion:
 The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
All stand for Gloria in excelsis.
 The Blessing Hymn 272
 Organ: Gospel-Prelude 'How firm a foundation.' *Bolcom*

1800 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week.
 Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion.
NO Evening Fellowship this week.