

Monday 2000 Music staff meeting. (This is *not* 'Pro Musica'.)
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Fine blend and good companionship. 'Have a break; have a coffee.'

It's party time; well not quite yet. After the hugely successful Garden Party at the time of the Patronal Festival, the Social Committee has now arranged for another event to be held in early December. This will be called 'A Christmas Cracker'. There will be dinner and entertainment in the Church Hall on **Saturday, 8 December**, at 1830 for 1900. Tickets are £8, and are available in church after services or else from the office. If the Garden Party is anything to go by, there is likely to be quite a demand for tickets, so early purchase is advisable.

The Half-term arrangements at St Mary's are dictated by school terms, which in turn affect the choir, because not infrequently families go away. Until about four or five years ago we always used to have one Sunday when the seniors sang the services on the half-term Sunday, and the junior choristers had the Sunday off. Since then, mainly because of the absence of the senior choir, the half-term Sunday was without any choral input at all, and the Vicar normally doubled-up at the organ. Now that the senior choir is re-instated we can normally revert to the earlier practice. However, *this* term is very long, so this Sunday is being entirely non-choral and next week will just see the seniors in the stalls, and any juniors who may be in a position to opt in. The converse is true next term: it is an exceptionally short one. Easter is only one day away from being at the earliest possible date, and so there will not be a choir-less Sunday next term, though the juniors will probably have one Sunday off. All these things have to be bargained for well in advance. The main change in all this is that the Vicar will now be much less in evidence at the organ. However, the entire music department is on always on leave on the Sunday after Christmas and the Sunday after Easter, and the Vicar will probably once again be a one-man band on those occasions.

The Lord's Prayer sermons. It is sensible not to prolong further the 0930 service today; these sermons on the Lord's Prayer do not tend to be short. The next sermon in the series will be on 18 November, when there will be a further look at the petitions in the Lord's Prayer, viewed in the new light of the resurrection experience. Next Sunday Dr Patrick is the preacher, and then we are into All Saints and Remembrance Sunday. After 18 November it is Christ the King, and others will be preaching in Advent. The remaining three sermons (possibly four) will now be preached, I think, on the three 'gesima Sundays before Lent. The calendar really makes life complicated for this sort of thing. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. This is the Last Sunday after Trinity in the *Common Worship* scheme of things, though on 18 November the Prayer Book Eucharist at 1100 will still be on Trinity 24(!). In fact, next Sunday is a bit unusual, because it is also the Feast of St Simon and St Jude, two of the more obscure among the Apostles. The Church of England allows either the Sunday or the Feast to be observed, and on occasions of this sort we have evolved a practice here of keeping the Sunday at 0800 and the Feast at 0930. Cutting across all this is the optional observance of Bible Sunday, which can also be kept on that Sunday. This year it will therefore make much more sense to keep Bible Sunday on its older traditional date, the Second Sunday in Advent, when in fact this year the traditional reading from the Letter to the Romans comes up in the Lectionary provision for Year A. Simple, isn't it?

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WEEKLY NOTES

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sponsor's notes: The Weekly Notes, the flowers and the organ voluntary are all sponsored by *Barbara Cannon* today in memory of her husband Frank, one of our former churchwardens, on the anniversary of his birthday.

There is another **Sponsor's Note** for the Weekly Notes as well today: Warmest congratulations to Ted and Celia Goodacre on the occasion of their sixty-third Wedding Anniversary, and with love from us all.

We have not had the sacramental Ministry of Healing at St Mary's for some considerable time, and today is, for several reasons, a convenient day for us to do so once more. Because of the rather long gap since the last time I shall say something about it at the start of the Sung Eucharist to get us back on this particular wavelength. It is a matter of some importance for everyone to realise that this is something to do with what we call the 'sacramental principle', and is not something which is in conflict with medical science. The clue is probably to concentrate more on the word 'wholeness' rather than on the word 'healing', but the one takes in the other. Throughout our lives we all stand in need of the healing grace of God, and this particular rite witnesses to the fact that the grace of God is operational in areas of life where our own human frailty calls out for the help that God alone can provide. Primarily this is a rite more obviously associated with the Ministry to the Sick, and done on an individual basis; but a moment's thought will help us realise that an occasional 'general' participation in this ministry may give us an added awareness of the normality of this rediscovered ministry of the Church. 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 Pentecostal Churches. Within the Diocese we pray for the members of the Diocesan Synod. In the parish we pray for our local General Practitioners and community nursing services, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Rutherford 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 after the (first) Sung Eucharist.*

HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 420.
Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201. Proper 24.

0930 **SUNG EUCHARIST with the SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY OF HEALING: THE RITE OF ANOINTING AND THE LAYING ON OF HANDS.** *Common Worship rite*
Nave Altar rite today.

Choir half-term Sunday; no Wayfarers and Children's Hour.
Crèche available on request.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 420. Proper 24.
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.
Setting of the Eucharist : *Webbe, Missa Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Introit hymn: 415 (tune 346)
Black book: page 167. The Invocation and Greeting.
All sit. Introduction to today's form of service by *the Vicar.*
All stand. Metrical Gloria in excelsis on reverse of readings' paper.
Collect of the Day: page 420 *Readings on separate paper.*
New Testament Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy.
Gradual hymn: 102
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St.Luke.
All turn to the yellow paper at this point for:

The sacramental Ministry of Healing: the Rite of Anointing and the Laying-on-of-hands.

Would everyone please **turn left** after coming to the front of the nave?
Should anyone wish to continue to talk or to pray with someone else, then our Reader *Wendy Varney* and *John Wharton* will be available in the side chapel area, and one can just turn aside at that point.

After this section the Eucharist resumes with the Greeting of Peace.
Offertory hymn: 401; Collection.
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196; Metrical *Sanctus* [Same melody as the *Gloria.*]

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of endless power and might:
Glory fills all heaven and earth.
Blessed he who truly comes
In the Lord's most holy Name;
In the heights Hosannas raise.

The Lord's Prayer, etc. back on page 178.
Metrical *Agnus Dei* : [Same melody as the *Gloria.*]

Lamb of God, we humbly pray:
All our sin you take away;
Grant us mercy, grant us peace.
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There is no hymn at the invitation today, since organ music during Communion.
During the Communion:

Holy Communion will *only* be administered at the front of the nave today.
Should anyone wish to continue to talk or to pray with someone else, then our Reader *Wendy Varney* and *John Wharton* will once again be available in the side chapel area.

After the administration *all stand* for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 182.
The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal.
Hymn 466

Organ: Final (Symphonie No.1). *Vierne.* [Sponsored by Barbara Cannon.]

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1100 HOLY EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer rite*

It is half-term for the Choir today, and this service will take the simpler form of 'Mass with hymns.' It will take its usual form, but will be at the Nave Altar today. The sermon will, for once, be in the 'normal' place at the Prayer Book Eucharist: after the Creed.

Introit hymn: 346
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: Ephesians 5:15-21. *On wisdom, praise and thanksgiving.*
Gradual hymn: 451 [Tune: *St Theodore*]
The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 22: 1-14. *A wedding and a war.*
Nicene Creed: page 34. Sermon by *the Vicar.*
Biddings, and Offertory Sentence: page 35
Offertory hymn: 430; Collection.

After the hymn, *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; organ music during Communion.
After Communion:

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44
All stand for Gloria in excelsis.
The Blessing Hymn 475
Organ: Gospel-Prelude 'How firm a foundation.' *Bolcom*

1800 Evening Prayer in the Parish Room.

In church this week.
Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion.**
1930 for 2000 **Evening Fellowship Group in the Parish Room:**

'The Influential Church' (DVD from *New Wine.*)