



WEEKLY NOTES

28 October 2007

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

SAINT SIMON AND ST JUDE. LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

St Simon and St Jude have always been commemorated together in the western Church. An apocryphal 'Passion of St Simon and St Jude' describes the preaching and martyrdom of these two apostles in Persia. In terms of sober history nothing is really known of them, but the traditions are edifying, and there is every reason to suppose that like most of the apostolic band they went off to preach and proclaim tidings of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Simon is described in the New Testament as a Canaanite and as a Zealot. Jude is generally taken to be the same person as Thaddaeus or Lebbaeus (though the Eastern Orthodox Churches differentiate between the two), and probably not the writer of the Letter of Jude in the New Testament. Jude (Judas) was a common enough name; he appears as an individual in St John's gospel, where he asks a question of Jesus, the passage significantly beginning, 'Judas said to him (not Iscariot).' In the eighteenth century Jude began to evolve as the patron saint of lost causes. Simon was also a common name; there are in fact eight Simons in the New Testament. Simon and Jude are good examples of those who make just the briefest of appearances in the Bible; Simon of Cyrene's sons, Alexander and Rufus, are another such pair. They give us tantalising glimpses of the earliest Christian communities, and, much as we would love to know more about them, the Scriptures do not give us much to go on.

A well-known mischievous passage in Gibbons' *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* tells of the grandsons of St Jude, who had (I think) been arrested by the Romans, but 'who were dismissed with compassion and contempt.' W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, for its life, worship and witness. In the worldwide Church we pray today for those who belong to the Old Catholic Churches*. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for those who represent the diocese on the General Synod of the Church of England. Within the parish we pray for our bellringers, and for the people living in St James' Avenue.

* The Old Catholics are a group of mainly European Churches which separated from the Roman Catholic Church at various times in the last three centuries. There are also some expatriate communities in the United States. Since an agreement was reached in Bonn in 1931, the Church of England and the Old Catholics have been in full communion since 1932.

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.

The Sacristy Rota. The third and final version of it is now out, and copies are available for those who want it. However, the final adjustments do not really affect Communion Assistants, because they are more to do with clergy and Readers.

A reminder that there are **Service Lists** available in the Welcome Area, which give details of all Sunday services, including the choral music and organ voluntaries, until the end of the calendar year.

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.

There **WILL** be an **Alone at Christmas Lunch** this year, after a gap of a year. It will be organized by *Churches Together in Ewell* and a full Christmas dinner will be offered to all those who would otherwise be on their own. It will take place on Christmas Day at a local church between 1230 and 1600, and transport can be arranged. There is no charge, but donations can be made, if wished. Please contact 020 8337 8744 (daytime) or 020 8393 3011; or alternatively make contact by e-mail: christmas.dinner@dst.pipex.com before 15 November.

PA system and Induction Loop. I am sorry that there were problems with both these things last Sunday. It is clear that someone had been meddling with our system sometime during the previous week. I switched on in the usual way early on Sunday morning, but when the early service started nothing came through the speakers. I went out, saw what was the matter, and rectified it; but I only discovered at the very end of the morning that the induction loop system had not been working all morning. I rectified this side of things as well, but this was after everything was over. At least one microphone had also been interfered with. I think it would be advisable for the general rule to be that I alone operate the system. Certainly no-one from outside must be allowed to touch it. W.R.H.

Next Sunday. There is a devotional gear-change next Sunday, as we leave the Trinity season and enter the many-faceted month of November. The month begins and ends on a note of festival: **All Saints** at the beginning, **Christ the King** at the end. In between, however, there is a time of seriousness, as during the month of the Holy Souls we have the annual observance of **All Souls, Remembrance Sunday**, and the various weekday requiems of the season. All Saints is an encouraging festival for all Christians, reminding us, as it does, of the triumphs of God's grace in the lives of ordinary, yet special, people. There will be a Procession at the Sung Eucharist, and **Choral Evensong at 1700**. A glance at the service-lists will show that the music for the day is very fine, as befits this day of festival, with two splendid anthems, a Schubert Mass at 0930 and the vigorous setting of Dyson in D in the evening. In contrast, the 1100 service will be 'Village' Mattins – the simple service without the choir; it was to have been a Baptism occasion, but (as happens occasionally) there were no takers for this particular slot, so instead of being quite a large occasion it will be a fairly gentle domestic one. It will all be very different at Mattins the following week, when we expect a congregation of some 500 or so.

HOLY COMMUNION (of the Sunday) *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 422.
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191. Proper 25.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST (of St Simon and St Jude) *Common Worship rite*

Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 442.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass.
Because of the half-term holidays – the independent schools have two weeks – we expect a small choir today, and the music has been simplified considerably. The *Shaw* setting is congregational; please join in the parts normally sung by the choir.

Introit hymn: 231 [Choir: v.3 U]
Black book, page 167. Invocation, Greeting and the Prayers of Penitence.
Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211.
Collect of the Day: page 442. *Readings on separate paper.*

Old Testament Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, and New Testament Reading from the Letter to the Ephesians.

Gradual hymn: 195

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

Sermon by *the Reverend Dr Patrick Miller*.

Nicene Creed: page 173.

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: Disposer supreme. *On reverse of readings paper.* [t.216]
(This is a somewhat more understandable translation of this familiar but at times obscure hymn.)
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184; Proper Preface on *readings paper*.

The Lord's Prayer, etc. is back on page 178.

Hymn after the Invitation to Communion: 224 [Tune: AMR 539]

During the Communion: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God)

and: Give us the wings of faith.

(*Either* as anthem by *Bullock*, or *else* as congregational hymn, tune 225)

Give us the wings of faith to rise We ask them whence their victory came;
Within the veil and see They, with one united breath,

The saints above, how great their joys, Ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
How bright their glories be. Their triumphs to his death.

The marked the footsteps that he trod,

His zeal inspired their breast;

And, following their incarnate God,

They reached the promised rest.

Isaac Watts

All stand after the anthem for the Post-Communion prayer: on *readings paper*.

The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 478

Organ: Carillon. *Murrill*

Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney*, Reader

Responses: page 8.

Metrical Venite: Card B, No.1

Office-hymn: 213

Psalm 1. *A portrait of the man of integrity.*

First Lesson: From Isaiah 28.

Metrical Benedictus: Card B, No.2

Second Lesson: From St John: 14.

Hymn 213

The Creed (page 12) and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 89).

Hymn 215

Prayers.

Hymn 381; Collection.

The Blessing

1200 Holy Communion (Side Chapel); details as at 0800.

1800 Evening Prayer

In church this week.

Tuesday

1000

Holy Communion

No meeting of the **Evening Fellowship** this week. Next week on Tuesday, 6 November there will be a Taizé-style prayer evening.

Thursday and Friday
The liturgical observances of All Saints and All Souls have been transferred: All Saints to Sunday, All Souls to next Wednesday.

Other events and notices.

Monday 1930 Meeting of the Estates Committee.

Wednesday

1030-1200. **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. A warm

welcome to anyone who cares to join us. It is always a pleasant and relaxing time. There will be a Bring and Buy sale this week.

1200 Vicar at a lunch at the Bishop's house in connexion with the Anglican Centre in Rome.

2000 Installation of the Reverend Stuart Thomas as Rural Dean of Epsom at Ruxley Church.

Saturday Vicar at County Committee of the Royal British Legion.

The Requiem for Peter Pledge on the occasion of the interment of his ashes will take place on Saturday, 17 November at 1100.

Ewell Parish News for November is available today. Amongst many other things it tells of a **Gift Day** to be held on Saturday 24 November in aid of four external charities. This will replace the former Markets, and, by and large, will be reminiscent of the former 'Bake-in' before the Village Fair, though the main feature will be the reception of money gifts by the Vicar in church. There will be more information in due course on the Weekly Notes, but in the meantime please see the general note about it in EPN.