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## WEEKLY NOTES

19 November 2007

### SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Remembrance Sunday last week was a memorable occasion, and many thanks are due: to all those who helped in getting the church ready, to Dr Patrick Miller who gave us a thought-provoking sermon at the very well-attended Mattins (about 500 or so there), to Jonathan Holmes and the other musicians who did us proud, and all those who in different ways enabled everything to go smoothly on the day. I am very grateful to those who gave so willingly of their time, and who fetched and carried, and arranged the seating, and afterwards cleared everything away. It is quite a major operation each year. The collection at Mattins raised the magnificent sum of £792 towards the Poppy Appeal. The earlier gentle Sung Eucharist of Requiem for the Fallen from the parish also had its usual distinctive feel, enabling a measure of quiet sacramental reality to enrich our prayer for our local dead on a day of National Remembrance. It was a good day.

Although today is an ordinary Sunday at St Mary's, it is still quite a busy one, though not as overwhelmingly so as last week. There are three choral services today, and there is Holy Baptism at the 0930 Eucharist. There is some particularly lovely music at Choral Evensong. Some of today's readings are not the most jolly, and the general feel of these pre-Advent Sundays is a reminder that all is not well in this world, and that in every age the world stands in need of a Saviour. The countdown to Advent is upon us, and next week we shall be hearing the familiar 'stir up' prayer, that annual call to the renewal of commitment. It points us directly towards the Advent season, when the whole Christ-event starts to be put before us once more, as a new Christian Year begins, and we start to focus on the promised Saviour, concentrating on his coming as the Incarnate Lord. Next Sunday we are given the chance to be straightforwardly glad about Jesus, because he is Christ the King, and on the last Sunday of the liturgical year the prevailing soberness of this season gives way just for one day so that God's people can thank him for the gift of his eternal Son, who now in glory ever lives to make intercession for us. W.R.H.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for those belonging to smaller and distinctive Christian communities, with their own spirituality and life-styles (e.g. the Amish communities in the U.S.A., the 'Wee Frees' in Scotland, the Waldensians in Europe, and many others). We pray in the Diocese of Guildford for the members of the Bishop's Council. In the parish we pray for our local Ward Councillors, and in our regular prayer for the people living within the parish boundaries we pray today for those living in St Norman's Way.

than it once had, and our Gift Day for four designated charities needs to be seen in the context of the overall mission of the Church to all God's people. It is worth remembering that God cares for people's *lives*, and not just for their souls. Jesus spoke of his own coming so that people may find life in all its fullness (or 'have it more abundantly'). The Gift Day is not a case of the Church rather grandly 'being charitable', but a case of the Church actually doing what it is supposed to do. An occasion of this sort should remind us that the 'horizontal' dimension of Christianity is an integral part of our Christian profession. Of course it is all part of our offering of life, and so before the Gift Day as such begins at 1000 the Eucharist will be celebrated (at 0930) to ask for God's blessing to rest on what we do in this new venture at St Mary's. The service should last twenty minutes. W.R.H.

The **Tuesday Eucharist** on ferial (no, not feral!) days in November is generally a Requiem, it being the month of the Holy Souls. This week it will be for benefactors of the parish, particularly those of fairly recent years. The fact is that were it not for their generosity we would undoubtedly be in a sticky mess at St Mary's. Next week it will be for former priests of the parish; we owe them quite a different sort of debt.

**The Village Fair** next year will be on **19 July**. Please make a note of the date now.

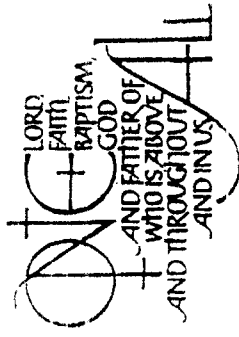
**Lesson-readers.** We are getting near the time for the new lists for readers at 0800 and 0930 to be compiled. Anyone who would like to join the band of readers should let the Vicar know, preferably on a scrap of paper so that it doesn't get forgotten. This will be mentioned again next week, and the lists will be devised in the week after that.

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](mailto:christmas_dinner@dst.pipex.com) as soon as possible.

**Envelopes for the Gift Day** are available in church today, and may even be given out with the Weekly Notes!

**Next Sunday.** The feast of **Christ the King**, and the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This is a confident note on which to end another year of praise, prayer and Christian witness. Normal Sunday arrangements, with a Procession before the Sung Eucharist, and with the usual additional celebration of the Eucharist at 1200, it being the last Sunday of the month.

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



1700

MATTINS

Psalm 86

The Blessing  
Organ: Toccata in B flat minor. *Vierne*

Hymn 474 (June 4th)

1800

HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167  
Eucharistic Prayer G: page 201.

**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Introit: Ecce quomodo.  
*Jacob Händl*

*Ecce quomodo mortuus justus, et nemo percipit corde. Viri justii tolluntur, et nemo considerat. A facie iniquitatis sublatius est justus, et erit in pace memoria ejus. In pace factus est locus ejus, et in Sion habitatio ejus, et erit in pace memoria ejus.*

1930

**SUNG EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM. Common Worship rite**

*There is a separate leaflet for this service today.*

Only the Weekly Notes, with this service-paper, and the **small\*** green hymn-books need to be available today. The black books are not required.  
(\* All the tunes are familiar today.)

Service today sung by the Upper Voices of the Choir.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Lafoux*, Missa Sancti Ignatii.

Anthem: Gaudet in coelis. *Dering*.

Organ: Final (Symphony No.6). *Vierne*

*The Vicar will make a personal announcement just before the Blessing.*

*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.*

1100

SUNG EUCHARIST

**Book of Common Prayer rite**

Setting of the Eucharist: *Byrd*, Three-part Mass.  
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*.

N.B. This service is for the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity.

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: 467

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: Colossians 1: 3-12. *Encouragement to an early Christian community.*

Gradual hymn: 499

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 9: 18-26.

*Christ brings healing and new life.*

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: 295; 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

Hymn at the consecration: 283

During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)

Anthem: Give us the wings of faith.

[Words of Hymn 225, verses 1, 3 and 4; Bullock's own arrangement of his

anthem for lower voices.]

After Communion:

The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44

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ENGLISH VERSION. Behold how the righteous perish, and no one lays it to heart. Just men are taken away, and no one considers it. From the face of wickedness the just one is taken away, and in peace shall be his remembrance. In peace is his place established and his dwelling in Sion, and in peace shall be his remembrance.

Responses: Green books, page 18.

Office-hymn: MHT 179

Psalm 39. *And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in thee.* Page 185

First Lesson: Daniel 6. *Daniel in the lions' den.*

Magnificat: page 19.

Second Lesson: Revelation 1: 4-18. *The seer begins to describe his vision.*

Nunc dimittis: page 20

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

Anthem: Lord, let me know mine end.

*Words from tonight's psalm: Psalm 39, verses 5-8 and 13, 15 (page 185f).*

Prayers. Hymn: MHT 178 [i. NEH 464]. Short address by *the Vicar*.

Hymn: MHT 137.

Organ: Carillon de Westminster. *Vierne*.

*The Blessing*

**In church this week**

Tuesday 1000

**Holy Communion (Requiem for benefactors of the parish)**

Saturday 0930

**Holy Communion (High Altar).** See note below.

**Other events and notices.**

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. A time for drinking

coffee (or tea), and for relaxation and pleasant conversation in very

congenial surroundings.

Saturday

**1000-1430: THE GIFT DAY FOR FOUR DESIGNATED CHARITIES**

Enough has probably been said already about the **Gift Day on Saturday**, and handbills (in a very conspicuous yellow) and posters are still available with full details. You will expect me to say that I hope it will be well-supported, it is the first time we have tried this. Apart from the actual money gifts, we can still do with lots of cakes for the cake-stall, and items for the Grand Raffle. There will also be a Bring and Buy stall. These ancillary, but important, features of the day finish at 1300, but there is a further hour and a half for gifts to be brought to church. One post-script, however, is worth mentioning. We are, in fact, only a week off the traditional date of St Andrew's Eve, when for many years the Church of England has kept a 'Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church Overseas' (a cumbersome, but clear enough title). However, the word 'mission' has a wider connotation these days