

Team of servers next Sunday evening. Those who are already on the list, and any others who would like to take part in this distinctive and very atmospheric service, are asked to turn up at 16.30 for a brief rehearsal. Would additional servers please opt in *today* so that the drill can be precisely drawn up in advance, rather than having to be hastily adapted at the last minute? Just let the Vicar know.

Advent begins next Sunday, and with it a new liturgical year. The Vicar has written about the season of Advent in the December number of *Ewell Parish News*. We have an interesting Advent planned. A few practical points: the Readings for Year A start next week. During Advent (and Lent) we normally have an Old Testament Reading at the Sunday Eucharist in addition to the Epistle. At Mattins and Evensong the readings come from the blue book, curiously called 'Readings, Psalms and Prayers', which is (secretly) the old *Alternative Service Book* in another guise, having had the obsolete material at the front removed. Page numbers will be given on the Weekly Notes. There will therefore not normally be a readings paper at Mattins or Evensong during Years A and B; that is only necessary in Year C, because the blue book has only a two-year cycle. An interesting musical point during Advent is that we shall be having the Advent Chorale-Preludes of *J S Bach* played before the services. Many of these are in fact based on hymn-tunes which we know to familiar hymns. With Bach's skill at weaving lovely music around these melodies it is sometimes no mean feat to detect the actual tune.

Advance Notice for 9 December. There are two distinctive features on the Second Sunday in Advent, and members of the congregation may well reflect upon whether they wish to change, for once, their normal worshipping arrangements on this day. We are keeping 'Bible Sunday' at 0930, with our local rite of the *Procession of the Scriptures*, which is essentially a teaching occasion, reminding us of what the Bible is, also of what it is not. Then at 1100 there will be one of our series of *Christian Family Praise* services, and on this occasion it will take the form of a **Teaching Mass**. We have not had one of these for a long while, and never (as far as I can recall) at 1100. Whilst the service will be simple in style, it is not intended to be an exercise in low-brow liturgy, and any members of our congregations who would appreciate a simple 'refresher' on the nature and structure of the Eucharist would be very welcome to join us at 1100 on that day. Dr Miller will be the celebrant, and I shall give the commentary and continuity as the service unfolds. Both these services have something distinctive and different to offer, and opportunities of this sort are not all that frequent, so please think about which option may be appropriate. **W.R.H.**

Next Sunday as such. The morning services are as normal, except that at the Sung Eucharist the Responsory '*Aspicimus a longe*' ('I look from afar') will be sung by the choir at the very beginning of the service from the west end of the church. Evening Prayer will be said *in the sacristy* at 1600 (not 1630 as on the service-lists). At 1700 there will be the **Procession with Music and Readings for Advent**, with the Chapel Choir of Emanuel School. There may be some advance copies of the service available today. This is one of those occasions when members of the congregation who will have been quite properly at their usual service in the morning should perhaps think of coming back to church later in the day. The Advent Procession spells out the nature of the season in a way which the normal liturgical services cannot really do. Jonathan Holmes' choir from Emanuel School will also be singing some very lovely music at the service.

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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.

CHRIST THE KING.

The Sunday next before Advent.

At the end of each Christian Year, before it all begins again in Advent, the Church proclaims:

**CHRISTUS VINCIT
CHRIST CONQUERS**

**CHRISTUS REGNAT
CHRIST REIGNS**

**CHRISTUS IMPERAT
CHRIST COMMANDS**

That probably says it all. In any case there isn't room for 'the paragraph' today.

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, for its life, worship and witness. In the worldwide Church we pray today for the World Council of Churches. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for Bishop Ian Brackley, the Suffragan Bishop of Dorking. Within the parish we pray for the members of the Standing Committee of the Parochial Church Council*, and for the people living in Seymour Avenue.

[* The standing Committee of the PCC is a statutory body, empowered to transact the Council's business between scheduled meetings. Although meeting infrequently it has from time to time been an important forum for important discussions about the life of the parish.]

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1 in traditional language: page 207. Collect of the Day: page 498.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216.

Common Worship rite

0930 PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 426.

Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188, with Extended Preface: page 327.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Berkeley*, Missa Brevis

Processional hymn: 352

Kyrie eleison.

Gloria in excelsis: traditional language text on page 211 (*Show melody*).

[Last *Gloria* until Christmas: 'Sing praises lustily with a good courage' (Psalm 33:3).]

Collect of the Day: page 426.

Readings on separate paper.

New Testament Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Metrical Gradual Psalm 24: *on readings paper.* [Tune: OEH 249 ii with Amen.]

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.



Sermon by *the Vicar*.
Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 213.
intercession, Prayers of Penitence (Confession: back on page 169), and then
all stand for the Greeting of Peace.
Hymn at the Collection: Lift up your heads. *On readings paper*. [Tune: AMR 306.]

Then *all sit* for the Offertory Anthem:
Let all the world in every corner sing.
[Words of Hymn 394.]
Vaughan Williams

All stand for Eucharistic Prayer B.
Note: Today, after the usual introductory dialogue (page 188), the
'Extended Preface' follows, beginning on page 327. After the choir
has sung the *Sanctus*, the Prayer then resumes on page 189.
Consecration Acclamation on readings paper. [NEH 271, last verse.]
The Lord's Prayer, etc. is back on page 178.

Hymn after the Invitation to Communion: 421
During the Communion: *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) and organ music.
All stand when the music stops for the Post-Communion prayer: page 426
The Mutual Salutation, the Blessing and Dismissal. Hymn 486.
Organ: Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue. *Healey Willan*

*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.*

CHORAL MATTINS

Hymns from the small red hymn-books today.

Sermon by *the Vicar*.
Responses: page 8. Music: *Nearly*
Venite (shorter form).

Hymn 220 [Second tune]
Psalms 93 and 99. *Two psalms about the power and majesty of God*.
Psalm 93: The majesty of God. Page 249.
Page 254: The holiness of God. Page 254.

First Lesson: Daniel 5. *The story of Belshazzar's Feast*.
Te Deum: page 10. Music: *Ireland in F*
Second Lesson: Colossians 1: 11-20. *The nature of Christ's eternal Kingship*
Hymn: 216 [In C as at NEH 443]

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,
the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 71).
Anthem: Lift up your heads. *Mathias*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors, and the
King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and
mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of
hosts; he is the King of Glory. [Psalm 24: 7-10]
Prayers
Hymn 217 [Tune 297]; Collection.
Organ: Scherzo from Sonata. *Whitlock*

1800 Evening Prayer

In church this week.
Tuesday 1000 Holy Communion

Other events and notices.

Tuesday 1430 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee.

Wednesday 1030-1200. **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. A warm
welcome to anyone who cares to join us. No Bring and Buy this
week, but delicious mince pies will be served the coffee or tea.

2000 Meeting of *Pro Musica*.

Thursday
Tonight's meeting of the Deanery Synod has been cancelled.
The choristers will be singing carols in the High Street from about
Friday 1930, as part of the Village Christmas Market, when the shops are
open late.

Saturday
Vicar at Annual Conference of the Surrey Royal British Legion
(Women's Section) at Ashtead.

The Vicar. For the benefit of those not in church last week, the Vicar plans to leave
St Mary's after next November, when he reaches retirement age. (In other words he
will not be going before then, even though he could have gone at any stage during
the past four years.) Although his birthday is in November, the actual date of
departure will probably be a few weeks later, as agreed by the Bishop and by the
Parochial Church Council. More about this in due course.

'A Christmas Cracker'. Dinner and entertainment in the Church Hall on **Saturday**,
8 December, at 1830 for 1900. Tickets are £8, available in church after services or
else from the office. **There are only eight tickets left.** First come, first served after
the services today, or (if any are left) from the office during the week.

Ewell Parish News for December is available today.
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 *Stoneleigh Baptist 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.

'Our Prayers today.' After about three months with various other parts of the
Christian Church brought to mind, and commended to God in prayer, we return next
week (at the beginning of new Christian Year) to the Anglican cycle of prayer, in
which we remember that we are part of a global family of Churches, whose focal
point of unity is the See of Canterbury. As in past years this will be done
alphabetically, except in obvious instances, such as when we pray for the Church of
Ireland on the Sunday nearest to St Patrick's Day.