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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.

TRINITY SUNDAY

The Blessed Trinity is how we describe the totality of the nature and being of God. All that God is and all that God does has been understood down the ages of Christianity as being expressive of a sacred and divine Unity, revealed in three distinct personal roles. After the unfolding of the Christ-event once again in the annual course of the liturgical year, we stand back on Trinity Sunday, and gaze and glory in that eternal mystery, through which we have been given life, then new life, and finally the promise of fullness of life in God's own eternity. Today we praise and adore a loving Father, a Saviour Son and a life-giving Spirit: 'God in thee Persons, blessed Trinity.'

Lord God Almighty, unto thee be glory,
One in three Persons, over all exalted:
Thine, as is meet, be honour praise and blessing,
Now and for ever.

The text of the Sung Eucharist. A more or less complete text has been produced for the service today – apart from the hymns and the readings and such items as are clearly in a class of their own, like the sermon and the intercessions – though whether it actually appears depends on several factors, the principal one being the attempt to get it all on one folded sheet of A4 paper. If this is achieved it will be used today; if not, then the normal running-order is given as usual on these Notes, by way of insurance, so that all is not lost. Next week, *last* year's special service leaflet for Corpus Christi will be re-used, quite frankly in order to save work. After that we shall try to have a service-paper as a normal feature of the 0930 service, but as long as we try to restrict it to one folded piece of A4 paper it will always take some effort to produce, and at the end of the day we shall have to decide whether the effort is worthwhile. In fact, one or two points on the usual running-order do not appear on the special leaflet for lack of space, such as the item about our new drill at Communion-time. The possibility of an inset of two sides of A5 to spread things out a bit is obvious enough, but not all that easy to achieve in practice. By the end of this term, if not before, we should have some idea as to whether this is a practical way forward for the future. There are two reasons for doing this now: firstly, there are so many variants in the *Common Worship* Eucharistic rite that it is really something of a chore to have to be constantly finding other pages, and secondly, the black books are now in their ninth year, and are starting to fall apart. I am reluctant to order any more (they are very expensive), and in due course there may be changes to the general presentation of the service. However, it is clear that something needs to be done now, and we shall see how we get on in the next few weeks. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church in Papua New Guinea. In the Diocese we pray for the work of the Cathedral Council. In our parish prayer we pray for our own growth in knowledge and understanding of the Christian Faith; and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray today for those living in Beech Walk.

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. <i>Please make yourselves known</i> , and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.
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SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 MATTINS

Psalm 29.

Athanasian Creed.

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 406.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184. Other Trinity Sunday material: page 322.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST. *Common Worship rite*

Wayfarers, Children's Hour; Crèche available, if needed.
Order 1: page **167**. Collect of the Day: page **406**.
Eucharistic Prayer **B**: page **188**. Other Trinity Sunday material: page **322**.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Darke* in F. (This may, in fact, be changed.)

For various family reasons there is a much smaller choir than usual today, and there will be a different anthem by *Orlando Gibbons* from the one advertised. Also there will not be the usual Procession at the start of the Trinity Sunday Eucharist. Everything else is more or less as normal. Either this running-order may be followed, in which case a black book is needed, or else the printed text of the service (see the front page of the Notes), which has been produced for today.

Introit hymn: 377

Black book: page 167. The Invocation, the Mutual Salutation, the Prayers of Penitence, and *Kyrie eleison*.

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

The Collect of the Day: page 406

New Testament Reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

Gradual hymn: 343

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Nicene Creed (sung today): traditional language text on page 211 (*Shaw* melody)

Intercession; then all stand for the Greeting of Peace.

Offertory hymn: 148 (*omit verses marked **); Collection.

All stand for Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188; Preface of Trinity: page 322.

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

Note: The congregation should now approach the altar *as soon as the words of Invitation have been said*, though the gates will not be closed until the celebrant has left for the side chapel. The choir will receive Holy Communion *after* the other members of the congregation. During Communion the chancel should be left clear, while the choir is singing; people should watch their opportunity for going through.
(*These arrangements are, at the moment, experimental.*)

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

Anthem: O Word immortal. *Gibbons*

[Words of Hymn 303; the original Greek text is ascribed to the Emperor Justinian.]

All stand for the Post-Communion Prayer: page 402.

The Mutual Salutation, The Blessing and Dismissal.

Hymn 146

Organ: Pomp and Circumstance March, No.4. *Elgar* JC

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1100 SUNG EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer rite*
Setting of the Eucharist: *Sumsion* in F (Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke*)

Sermon by *the Vicar*.

Introit hymn: 146

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)
 For the Epistle: Revelation 4: 1-11. *A vision of celestial glory.*
 Gradual hymn: 360
 The Holy Gospel: St John 3: 1-15. *Early Trinitarian theology.*
 Nicene Creed: page 34.
 Offertory Hymn 373; Collection. [Tune: 376 Kingsfold]
 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: 269, part 2
 During the Communion: O Lamb of God (page 44)
 Anthem: O Word immortal. *Gibbons*
 [Words of Hymn 303; the original Greek text is ascribed to the Emperor Justinian.]
 After Communion: the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44.
All stand for Gloria in excelsis.
 The Blessing. Hymn 466.
 Organ: Fugue à la Gigue (BWV 576). *J S Bach* JH

1630 EVENSONG AND HOLY BAPTISM
There is a separate leaflet for this service.

In church this week

Tuesday **1000 Holy Communion**

Thursday **Corpus Christi.**

1900 SOLEMN EUCHARIST, PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND BENEDICTION.
Service sung by the Chapel Choir of Emanuel School.
St Mary's Communion Assistants and Altar Servers' Festival
 Setting of the Eucharist: *Vierne*, Mass in C# minor.
There is a special service leaflet.

Other events and notices.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.
 Tuesday 2000 Epsom Deanery Synod
 Wednesday *Quite a busy day:*
 1030-1200. The **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. All welcome; there is also tea provided for those who care not for the ground bean.
 1100 Vicar attends a Royal British Legion Committee at Leatherhead.

1200 Violin-Viola Recital in church
 by *Katie-Bethan Holmes* with *Elizabeth Burgess*, piano.

Programme details are on *one side* of the flyer given out with today's Notes. (The other side has details of last night's Organ Recital.) The time has been chosen so as to be suitable for people at the Coffee Morning, who might feel like a bit of culture before going on to lunch. It promises to be a delightful occasion.

Katie-Bethan Holmes is the daughter of our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes. There will be another lunch-time recital, by a String Quartet, on 11 June. These two recitals are in addition to those advertised on the poster 'The 2008 series of Concerts and Recitals.' There is no admission charge for these two recitals.

1815 Vicar attends meeting of the Cathedral Council, and at 2000 attends a lecture at St Nicolas, Guildford, on the Church of England mystical writer, Evelyn Underhill (See April *EPN*, page 4).
 Friday There will not be the usual Friday evening Open Office. The Vicar will be in Oxford all day.

Corpus Christi. The framed announcement above should be self-explanatory. We are doing the same as last year. It should be a lovely occasion, though the nature of the rite will be unfamiliar to some. The choir from Emanuel School will be in the gallery to sing the very powerful *Vierne* Mass. The Corpus Christi feature of a Procession and Benediction at the end of the Eucharist witnesses to the reality of Christ in his sacramental presence. I hope that many will be able to come on Thursday evening for a distinctive and unusual act of eucharistic worship. There will not be a sermon.

The recent ‘streamlining’ of the 0930 Sung Eucharist seems to have been fairly successful. If the small measures which have been taken are continued, this ought to ensure that the service does not overrun unduly. On some occasions the service is bound to be longer, as when seasonal features occur in the rite, or if the sermon is a bit longer, but by and large we should be aiming for the service to be not all that much in excess of an hour. This enables the choir to have an adequate break before the next service, and also enables the change-over at the book trolley to happen without too much hassle. It also gives the Vicar time to catch his breath, and perhaps have a hasty coffee. We always have a very busy Sunday morning here.

Next Sunday. We shall be keeping the ‘External Solemnity’ of Corpus Christi at 0930 and 1100, but the Eucharist at 0800 will be that of the First Sunday after Trinity. The monthly 1200 Eucharist will also be of Trinity 1. At 0930 the Vicar will be repeating a sermon delivered at Corpus Christi a couple of years ago (possibly longer), and for which there were some requests to have the actual text. Unfortunately it was not typed, and not very legible; perhaps it will be typed up in due course, but in the meantime it will be delivered again for the benefit of those who appreciated it last time. This is the sermon about ‘rations and treats.’

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