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WEEKLY NOTES

25 May 2008

CORPUS CHRISTI.

First Sunday after Trinity.

The centrality of the Eucharist in Christian life and devotion is something which cannot be overstated. It is the action of Christ; it is the action of his people. As 'the food of men (and women) wayfaring', as a well-known hymn puts it, it is the Bread of Life, in a very real sense the necessary centre of the whole Christian life, both for the Church in its earthly universality and for each Christian in particular. Through the Eucharist Christ sanctifies the world, and Christians worship the Father through Christ in a Mystery of Faith. In the course of the Christian Year the central events of our redemption are recalled in the Eucharist, so that in some way they are made present realities to us. To the Eucharist each Christian brings his or her life, with all its faults and failings and fears, with all its hopes and prayers and thanksgivings, so that God's grace in the sacrament can touch and sanctify the Christian at the altar of God. In a word: all actions and works of the Christian are, in the end, related to the Eucharistic celebration: leading up to it, and by the grace of God flowing from it. The participation of the Christian in the Eucharist is both a right and a duty, for we are incorporated into Christ's saving death and resurrection by virtue of our baptism. Christ instituted the Eucharist – and entrusted it to his Church – as a perpetual showing-forth of his passion and resurrection, thus enabling us to gain the fruits and graces that flow from his own risen life into our own baptismal life, so that (as a familiar prayer puts it) we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, for its life, worship and witness. In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Church in the Philippines. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the retired clergy in the retirement home of *Manorstead* at Hindhead, and for those who care for them. Within the parish we pray for our Communion Assistants and Altar Servers; and we pray for the people living in Bevan Park.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION (of Trinity 1). *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 408.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

0930 PROCESSION AND SUNG EUCHARIST OF CORPUS CHRISTI.
Common Worship rite

<i>There is a separate leaflet for this service.</i>	
Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.	
Order 1: page 167 .	Collect of the Day: page 407 .
Eucharistic Prayer B : page 188 .	
Setting of the Eucharist: <i>Howells</i> , Collegium Regale	
Anthem: Let all mortal flesh keep silence.	<i>Cashmore</i>
Organ: Rhapsody No.3. <i>Howells</i> .	JC

<i>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.</i>

1100 CHORAL MATTINS (of Corpus Christi)
Sermon by *Mrs Wendy Varney*, Reader.
Responses: page 8. Music: *Gibbons and Barnard*.

Venite
 Hymn: 292 [Second tune]
 Psalm 43. 'I will go unto the altar of God.' Page 190.
 First Lesson: From Exodus 16. *The manna in the wilderness.* Blue book: 921.
 Jubilate (Psalm 100; page 254). *Stanford* in B flat.
 Second Lesson: St John 6: 53-58. Blue book: page 922.
Greater food than the manna: Christ the Bread of Life.
 Hymn: 268, part 1. [Tune 202]
 The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer,
 the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 73).
 Anthem: Sacerdotes Domini. *Byrd.*

Sacerdotes Domini incensum et panem offerunt Deo; et ideo sancti erunt,
 erunt Deo suo, et non pollutent nomen eius. Alleluia.
English version: The priests of the Lord offer incense and bread to God; so
 They are holy to their God, and shall not dishonour his holy name. Alleluia.

Prayers
 Hymn 272; Collection. The Blessing.
 Organ: Fugue from Variations on an original theme (Op.73). *Reger* JH

1200 HOLY COMMUNION (of Trinity 1). *Common Worship rite*
 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 408.
 Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196. (N.B. See note below).

1800 Evening Prayer

In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**

Other events and notices.

Monday The Vicar plans to be at the National Pilgrimage to Walsingham, where he will
 concelebrate at the 1200 Eucharist at which the Bishop of Chichester presides. The
 Bishop of Plymouth preaches the afternoon sermon, which is followed by the
 Procession through the village to the Shrine Church for Benediction.

Wednesday 1030-1200. Coffee Morning in the church hall. Tea-drinkers should not feel
 excluded: the leaf is provided as well as the bean. A pleasant and relaxing time with
 familiar and friendly company. It is an open occasion; anyone can come. And **this
 week there is a GRAND BRING AND BUY SALE.** Please try to contribute towards
 this special event by bringing and buying something. 'Edibles' are always popular.
 There is also a flyer about this.

And other things too... A considerable amount of what goes on at St Mary's each week normally
 never appears on the Notes, because those concerned know all about the particular times and places. It
 is worth noting these things occasionally, especially (as today) when there is sufficient space on the
 Notes to do so. It is quite a list. We have three Toddler Groups on three different days. Nescot
 students regularly help in the churchyard on Wednesdays. Flower arranging takes place in church on
 Friday mornings, and Choir practice takes place in the evening. There is Open Office on most Friday
 evenings, when (amongst other things) callers arrive to fix up weddings or christenings. The Bell
 Ringers are in on Tuesdays. There is the Tuesday evening Fellowship Group. Some form of voluntary
 or professional cleaning takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. There are regular
 and occasional hall lettings. The guides and brownies are here on Thursdays. There is the busy
 routine life of the office, in which it is seldom the case that any plans for the morning continue as
 arranged: callers, telephone and computer all conspire to make it all turn out differently. Other
 important things happen off the premises as well, like the editing and the electronic preparation of the
Ewell Parish News. Whilst many people realise that this is the case, perhaps not everyone does, and it
 worth pointing it out from time to time. One thing that sometimes get forgotten, even by regular
 members of the congregation, is that **the office is not normally open on Thursday**, and it is also the
 day when the Vicar is not normally on duty. The telephone rings in both places, which on a Thursday
 can sometimes be a problem in more ways than one.

The Fair Springboard 2008. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the Fair Springboard. This was a trailer for the Village Fair on 19 July, and it was a most enjoyable morning. The plants and cakes in particular were a great attraction, and together with the other stalls helped to bring in receipts **which have now reached £586.** Thank you to all stall-holders and the refreshment ladies.

Valerie Smither and Sarah Stovell.

The monthly 1200 Eucharist. The future of this service is now in doubt. In recent years it has been maintained almost entirely for the benefit of one family, for whom this was in practice the only service they could possibly attend. Members of that family now receive the Holy Communion at home. Being realistic, it will be impractical to maintain this service after January next year, at least until after the new Vicar has arrived, when there will no doubt be an assessment of the need for additional services of this sort. In the meantime the service will continue to be advertised as taking place until the present printed service-lists run out in the summer, but it will not feature on the lists after that, and the details on the standing matter in *Ewell Parish News* will also need to be changed. From time to time the 1200 service has also been plugged as an example of the Church exercising a ministry of *misericordia*, giving people a chance to have an occasional lie-in on a Sunday morning, but not often has that opportunity been taken up, even though there was certainly no real danger of old-fashioned looks from the celebrant. W.R.H.

Ewell Parish News for June is available today.

The leaflet at 0930. This week things are slightly different, because we are using the material from last year, and this includes readings and hymns. Normally this will not be the case, since the attempt (begun last week) is to get all other material on to a single folded sheet of A4. Next week may be different again (see 'Next Sunday' below), but the basic idea should apply on all normal Sundays whenever possible. It remains to be seen whether it is workable or not. W.R.H.

Coffee Morning coach outings. There is a flyer with the Notes today about the Eastbourne outing on Thursday, 19 June. A reminder that there are **two** further coach outings this year. They are on Thursday 11 September to **Chichester and Bosham**, and on Friday, 28 November to **Portsmouth** for the *Victorian Festival of Christmas*. Further details in due course, but book the dates now. J.B.

A week next Sunday (8 June). An interesting occasion at 0930, when Dr Miller celebrates the Golden Jubilee of his turning his collar around. He was made Deacon on 8 June 1959. By a remarkable coincidence the Vicar was also made Deacon on the same calendar date five years later. Dr Miller's priestly anniversary (the big one) occurs next year, but this conjoint Diaconal Anniversary is worth at least a liturgical observance. Dr Miller will celebrate the Sung Eucharist, and the Vicar will 'do deacon' and preach.

Next Sunday. Services are at the usual times, though the 0800 Eucharist will be according to the *Book of Common Prayer rite*. This was originally scheduled for the following week, but has been brought back a week to get us back on track for the 0800 readings, where there has been a minor complication.

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