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## WEEKLY NOTES

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### FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Once again we are entering a busy period in church, albeit in the non-festive part of the liturgical year. There is something distinctive about every Sunday (except one) between now and the end of choir term on 27 July. Some Sundays are more distinctive than others, but the basic point holds good. There are various handbills available again today. This Sunday we have Holy Baptism at 0930, which is a comparatively rare occurrence, since it tends to be the 1100 slot which is more readily taken up. It is one of the strengths of St Mary's that we have such a varied programme of services and styles, but this approach involves a fair amount of work, and not just for the Vicar. Kathie Burgess and Vicky Gocher are involved in all the preparatory work for the 'Christian Family Praise'; these services do not just happen. Next week is perhaps an almost classic example of the multi-faceted approach to our worship here. Working backwards: Choral Evensong (the first of the summer season) at 1700, 'All Creatures Great and Small' at 1100, and a very unusual setting of the Eucharist for men's voices at 0930, which has not been heard before at St Mary's. Three immensely contrasting services. We may think that the 'early service' speaks of stability, but, strangely enough, that is the service which has the greatest variety of Eucharistic rites. It is partly because we have such a mixture here that the first three Sundays in August are always very low-key. We all need a bit of rest by that time. W.R.H.

**Our prayers today.** We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for the Church in the Province of South-east Asia. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the Hospital Chaplains. In our parish prayer we pray for the Governors, teachers and pupils at Wallace Fields School and St Clement's Roman Catholic School. In our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Bradford Drive.

*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.*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

**0800 HOLY COMMUNION** *Common Worship rite*  
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 410.  
Eucharistic Prayer F: page 198.

**0930 SUNG EUCHARIST with HOLY BAPTISM.** *Common Worship rite*

*There is a separate leaflet for this service.*  
Preacher: *The Vicar.*  
Wayfarers and 'Children's Hour'; Crèche available, if required.  
Setting of the Eucharist: *Howells* in E flat  
Anthem: Cantique de Jean Racine. *Fauré*  
Organ Voluntary: Carillon de Westminster. *Vierne* JH

**1100 SUNG EUCHARIST** *Book of Common Prayer*  
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Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in B flat.  
Kyrie and Creed: *Merbecke*

Sermon by *the Vicar*  
Introit hymn: 232 [First tune].

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: Romans 8: 18-23. *The longing for salvation.*  
 Gradual Hymn: 407  
 The Holy Gospel: St Luke 6: 36-42 . *The parable of the mote and beam.*  
 Nicene Creed: page 34 Biddings to Prayer and Offertory Sentence: page 35.  
*All sit* for the Offertory Anthem. Collection.  
 Anthem: King of glory, King of peace. *Bach-Harris*  
 [Words of Hymn 391.]  
 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: *Agnus Dei* (O Lamb of God).  
 The Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44  
*All stand for* Gloria in excelsis: page 46  
 The Blessing. Hymn 239  
 Organ: Paeon (from *Five Short Pieces*). *Whitlock* JC

## 1800 Evening Prayer

### In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion.**

### Other events and notices.

Monday Copy date for July *Ewell Parish News*. (This has not been in before, but perhaps it ought to be a regular feature.)  
 2000 Meeting of the Finance Committee.  
 Tuesday 1200 Deanery Clergy Chapter meeting at St Paul's, Nork.  
 1500 The Archdeacon comes to visit the churchyard.  
 Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall a time for fine blend and good companionship. 'Have a break; have a coffee.'  
 2000 Village Fair Meeting in the Parish Room  
 Thursday The Coffee Morning Coach Outing to Eastbourne (see below).

**Coach Outing to Eastbourne.** The coach for Eastbourne on Thursday will leave from outside the Church Hall. Due to the parking restrictions the coach can only stop briefly for everyone to board, so please make sure you arrive by **0915**.

There is a **Legal Notice** in position in connexion with an application for a **Faculty** to regularise the laying-down of unsafe memorials in the churchyards. For those who are unaware of this matter – it has been mentioned in *Ewell Parish news* – there is an explanatory notice in the lych-gate leading into Churchyard No.4 across the road.

**Children's Society.** It is once again time for the boxes to be returned to church. In case of difficulty, please telephone Sybil Hale on 020 8393 3507. Thank you. S.H.

**Sunday Coffee.** We need two people to take over (from now) the **second Sunday** in the month for Sunday morning Coffee in the Church Hall. Any offers to Will or Rachel Madell, either in church or on 8394 2801.

**Gardener needed.** Some time ago an item appeared in the Notes about a member of the congregation who is housebound, and in need of a new gardener, and the request was made that if anyone knew of a suitable gardener to recommend, please would he or she have a word with the Vicar in the first instance. Two people did; I remember the one (male), but have forgotten who the other one was. It had slipped my mind, and so I have since told the lady concerned that I had received two recommendations, but would try to follow it up again. If the 'forgotten-about-one' would kindly let me know again, I should be most grateful. W.R.H.

'**All Creatures Great and Small**' is one of our success stories in recent years, and this annual occasion happens next Sunday at 1100. We expect to welcome many visitors. This is a 'Creation

affirming' occasion, warm-hearted and welcoming, and I hope it will be well-supported by St Mary's people as well as by those visitors who respond to the general invitation. It is one of our series of **Christian Family Praise** services, and it is informal in style, though the choristers will be present. At the end of the service there is the blessing of pets.

**Summer season of Choral Evensongs.** This begins next Sunday at 1700, and there is a run of five Sundays when this is happening. This time of year is just right for a leisurely stroll (or ride) to church on a nice Sunday afternoon, to have tea in church, while the choir rehearses for the service, and then to have forty minutes or so of one of the distinctive features of the Anglican liturgy, the choral evening Office. The Parish Choir will be in action, except on 6 July, when we shall be welcoming Jonathan Holmes' choir from Emanuel School, and they will be giving a Recital afterwards; one can either stay on for the Recital or come in for it at about 1745. There is some splendid music planned for the series, and the details are on a special handbill, available today, as well as on the printed service sheets. N.B. The details on the second side of the service-sheets have been moved around, and one or two items changed. Replacement lists are available in the Welcome Area.

**Fund-raising with a difference.** Not here, but at the Cathedral; they are short of money there as well. They have come up with a cunning plan, but it doesn't come cheap. Here is the text of the handbill from the Dean: *'The Angel Candlelit Dinner.* The Dean of Guildford, the Very Reverend Victor Stock, invites you to join him for an enchanting festive candlelit dinner *in the nave* of Guildford Cathedral, on 28 November 2008 at 19.30; Champagne Reception and Gala Dinner. Tickets £80 each, or £750 for table of ten. Proceeds to the maintenance and upkeep of the Cathedral.' They have done this once before. It was a great success, and they made lots of money. Anyone keen on going should telephone the Cathedral on 01483 547878.

**Choir Club.** A partly repeated announcement from last week, but making one or two additional points. There is a separate flyer about it with today's papers – the same one as last week. It is in a decidedly virulent colour, in order to keep drawing attention to its somewhat urgent message. Our young musicians are on the premises from 1800 on a Friday until 2015, when they go home and leave the seniors, who arrive at 1930, to carry on until about 2130. For the first hour the Juniors have Choir Club, which is a mixture of quality free time, when they can play games or 'chill out' (whence came that curious expression?), and also have individual or group tuition in connexion with the *Voice for Life* training programme of the Royal School of Church Music. They start formal rehearsing at about 1900. We are always in need of voluntary support for the earlier part of the evening, ***not least because of the requirements of current legislation in respect of Child Protection.*** Things are very different from what some of us remember as choristers from long ago; the regulations are now quite stringent, and we cannot opt out of them. **If we cannot satisfy the requirements, then we may have to bite the bullet about having a junior choir at all.** That is not an idle threat: 'the law is the law'. It is a real possibility, which is why we are raising the matter again. We would be very grateful for anyone who would be willing to spare an hour between **1800 and 1900 on certain Fridays** simply to be present at the Choir Club (or possibly involved in minor help of one sort or another) as an additional adult, and to go on a flexible rota for this. ***There is a list for volunteers in the Welcome Area.*** There has to be a minimum of two adults present at any one time, and during the 1800-1900 period the music staff are usually very busy with tuition and administration. A few people have now signed up, but we really need many more. W.R.H., D.R.C., J.S.H.

**Next Sunday.** In summary: 0800 and 0930 as usual; 'All Creatures Great and Small' at 1100; and Choral Evensong, the first of the summer series, at 1700.

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