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WEEKLY NOTES

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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

We welcome once again at 1100 today a number of our four-legged friends and other representatives of the animal kingdom. Pets and their owners, together others who bring their favourite animal toys, have been a regular feature at this largely informal service for a number of years. The congregation includes members of the regular congregation, and also many others whom we welcome most warmly. Although the service is not exactly sophisticated, it witnesses to an important theological truth: the whole created order belongs to God; and the human race, 'the crown of creation' (so-called), is responsible for the well-being of that created order. In our own day, when there is quite a stress on the importance of 'green' issues, this ought not to need saying, but the fact remains that there is more than sufficient evidence of the misuse of our fellow creatures by human beings, not to mention straightforward oppression and mindless cruelty. The pets brought to church today are loved and cared for by their owners, and they will be prayed for and blessed. We can also spare a thought for all those other animals who only see cruelty in human eyes. '*All creatures great and small*' is a warm-hearted service, and a chance for us to enter into the mood of that lovely canticle, the *Benedicite*, as the whole created order joins to bless the Lord, and to 'praise him and magnify him for ever.' The choristers will be singing a version of it during the service.

The full choir will also be singing more demanding music later in the day, when the summer season of five Choral Evensongs begins. Some lovely music is planned for this period, and the Evensong programme is available on a handbill and on posters. Apart from the organ voluntary (by *Langlais*), all the choral music at Evensong today comes from Church of England sources, including the anthem by Sir William Harris, whose first Organist appointment was here at St Mary's. There is a note below about the unusual setting for men's voices at the Sung Eucharist today.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for the Church in the Province of Southern Africa. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the Diocesan Ministry Course, and for the Principal, the Reverend John Schofield. Within the parish we pray for all who work in the shops, offices, restaurants and pubs in Ewell Village; and in our regular prayer for the people living within the parish boundaries we pray today for those living in Briarwood Road.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0700 MATTINS

Psalm 19

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

Order 1: page 167.
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196.

Common Worship rite
Collect of the Day: page 410.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

Common Worship rite

There is a separate leaflet for this service. The green hymn-books are needed. Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.

This morning the service is sung by men's voices; the upper voices are coming in for the '*All Creatures Great and Small*' service at 1100. The full choir will be singing Choral Evensong at 1700, when the summer season of Choral Evensongs begins.

Preacher: **Mr Iain McKillop**, *Ordinand in Training*.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Durufle*, Missa 'Cum Jubilo.'

This is an unusual and quite difficult setting by this scholarly and refined French composer. Based on the plainsong Mass *Cum Jubilo*, the plainsong melody is interwoven with an organ part of considerable complexity. Copies of the actual melody are available for those who are interested and can read music. Please collect one, if you wish, from the book trolley; they will not be given out with these papers, because not everyone will want one.

Eucharistic Prayer A. Hymns: 390, 513, 433, 420.
Organ Voluntary: Organ Voluntary: Toccata alla Rumba. *Planyavski*. JH

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known, and join us for coffee in church today between the 0930 and 1100 services.

1100 'ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL':

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE.

There is a separate leaflet for this service.

Organ: The Cuckoo and the Nightingale Concerto. *Handel* JH

1700 CHORAL EVENSONG

Book of Common Prayer rite

This is the first service in the series of five Choral Evensongs for summer Sunday evenings. There will be tea available in church from 16.15, and the chance to listen to the choir rehearsing before the service. Apart from next Sunday (the Feast of St Peter and St Paul), there will be a special lectionary for these services: the First Lesson will come from the Book of Tobit, and the Second Lesson from the Letter of St James. There will not be a sermon at these services.

Introit: Glorious in heaven. *Whitlock*

Glorious in heaven are the souls of all saints, who walked in the way of Christ, the Lord Jesus. They loved him, and followed his footsteps, and as they died for their Saviour, losing life for his sake, they reign with him for ever. Amen.

Responses: Green books, page 18 Music: *Smith of Durham*.

Office-hymn: HCE 21 (t.475)

Psalm 1. *The blessings of a righteous man.* Page 144

First Lesson: Tobit 5. *Tobit sets out on his journey.*

Magnificat: page 19 *Murrill* in E

Second Lesson: St James 1. *An introduction to 'practical Christianity.'*

Nunc dimittis: page 20 *Murrill* in E

The Creed (page 20) and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 74).

Anthem: O what their joy and their glory must be. *Harris*

[Words of Hymn 432.]

Prayers. Hymn: HCE 50 [Tune: *Guiting Power*]. Short Reading.

Hymn: HCE 53 (t.447)* The Blessing.

Organ: Incantation pour un jour saint. *Langlais*

* Collections at Evensong are no longer taken 'during the hymn'; instead there is a collection-plate by the font

In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion**

Other events and notices.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.

Tuesday 1430 External Affairs Committee meeting.

Wednesday 1030-1200 **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall; a weekly time for warm fellowship and nice warm coffee. This is the regular weekly slot for members of the congregation to have a period of quality

time together, and also to welcome anyone else who might care to drop in. Regular members of the congregation who have not been before will be especially welcome; they will see familiar and friendly faces. It is always a jolly time. There will be a Bring and Buy Sale this week

Also on Wednesday at **1200: LUNCH-TIME RECITAL IN CHURCH.**

STRING QUARTET RECITAL with:

1st violin, Lucia Siwy; 2nd Violin, Steven Crichlow;
Viola, Katie-Bethan Holmes; and Cello: Judit Berendschot.

Programme: Mozart, Quartet in G, K 387; **Ravel**, Quartet in F major;
Ryszard Siwy, 'Nocturne'.

Ryszard Siwy is the father of the Quartet's first violinist, and a well known composer in Poland; Katie-Bethan Holmes is the daughter of our Director of Music. There is no admission charge for this recital. All welcome.

Dr Patrick Miller would like to thank all who helped with his fiftieth anniversary drinks at the end of the service on Sunday 8 June. He is really most grateful.

Rachael and Stephen Bishop would like to thank everyone for all their support at their marriage a week yesterday. Their wedding photographs may be viewed (and also downloaded for free) on their website: www.bishop.org.uk. If you took photographs on the day please add them to their website so they may be shared with others. Do contact Ian or Kathie on 020 8786 8475 if you need any assistance.

The Weekly Notes are looking somewhat different at the moment, because of the regular printing out of the (almost) full text of the Sung Eucharist. Normally only the readings paper and the hymn-book are now required at this service. We shall carry on doing this until the end of term (on 27 July), and then review it. On balance it seems an improvement and a convenience so far, but it is early days to decide whether this is the best way of doing things. Let's see how we go. W.R.H.

Also, on that point: As a general rule it would be wise to check (as before) in the main Weekly Notes in the framed section at 0930 for any points which may need to be noted in connexion with the service. If people – especially sidesmen – could routinely do this as a matter of course, it should make things much easier for everyone. Most Sundays have something or other which falls into this category, even if it is only to say which hymn-book is needed. We can't put extra announcements on the Eucharist paper; there simply isn't room. It is all very tight, and there is little room for manoeuvre if we are to get everything on a single folded sheet of A4 paper.

The 'Communion hymn.' The hymn formerly at the Invitation is now placed instead during the administration of Holy Communion. However, it is not always needed these days, since the administration may have already finished. A reference is now given on the 0930 service-paper in brackets, with the words 'Hymn for personal reflection.' This means that the hymn can be turned up in the pew and reflected upon quietly; it might or might not be sung. The number does *not* need to go on the hymn-boards, because it is not necessarily required as a formal item during the service, and that is why the entry on the service-paper is actually in smaller print.

A reminder that **Eucharistic Readings** are now available for some considerable time ahead, and, as usual, they are on the left window sill in the Parish Room. Would readers please consult the *green card* to ensure they have the right readings? You go by **date and 'proper' number, NOT by Sunday after Trinity**. The Sunday titles are not the same each year, but when the leaflets were first produced the current year's details were inadvertently put on for two or three months. A reminder too that there are some far from easy readings in the Trinity season this year, as we tackle the Epistle to the Romans. Anyone who wishes to check on the general drift of his or her passage with the Vicar is welcome to do so. Part of our current 'streamlining' of the Sung Eucharist also involves the Epistle readers. Please leave your place towards the end of *Gloria in excelsis* (ideally at 'For thou only art holy' or its equivalent), and go straight to the lectern *via* the side aisle, arriving there in time for the Collect of the Day. You are then ready to start as soon as everyone sits down. There is a more detailed note about this available for readers; it is by the Grand Draw box.

A reminder about the **Inset to St Mary's Guide-Book**. Most members of the congregation will know that we have an excellent guide-book to St Mary's, written at the time of the 150th anniversary of the present church by Eve Myatt-Price. Since the book was written, there have been two major additions to the church: the Millenium-Jubilee Window and the Stations of the Cross and Resurrection. A leaflet has now been issued to supplement the information in the guide-book, and this will be inserted in the unsold copies of the book. Those who already have the guide-book may collect a copy of the leaflet from the office; there is a pile on the right-hand side of the window-sill.

Next Sunday. It is the *Feast of St Peter and St Paul*. Services are at the usual times. Mattins will be 'congregational service' next week. The second of the five Choral Evensongs will be at 1700, preceded by tea from 1615. The music at Evensong includes 'O for the wings of a dove.' The sharp-eyed will detect that today's music at Evensong would be more suited to the festival of the Apostles next week. True, and originally it was; but the availability (or non-availability) of singers has necessitated some adjustments. The revised printed service-lists are accurate.

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