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WEEKLY NOTES

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

There is information on posters and in *Ewell Parish News* about the event in connexion with *Hope 2008*, which is taking place in the grounds of Bourne Hall this afternoon. It seems that there is scarcely a moment today when there isn't something or other actually happening somewhere, and to which the Christians of St Mary's may possibly wish to go; and obviously not everyone will either want, or be in a position, to go to everything. However, the afternoon event is a good piece of Christian window-dressing, and a salutary reminder that 'churches together' is meant to indicate something more than just an association of people with ecumenical interests. Here is a case of 'Churches Together' actually pulling together. The afternoon event will scarcely be over before it is time for *Choral Evensong* here, with its Recital afterwards. It will be good to welcome Jonathan Holmes' remarkable Chapel Choir from Emanuel School, and the music both for the service and for the recital looks very thrilling. It really is quite a day.

The *Soirée Musicale* of choral, instrumental, and organ music on Saturday by Jeremy Cole and our own Parish Choir (see further on in the Notes) deserves the support of members of the congregation for fairly obvious reasons. They have not given a concert as such for a very long time, not least because of the sheer amount of work they do for the liturgical services. Years ago, when they were normally only allowed to sing the anthem at the Sunday services, they used to give at least two concerts a year – I suppose by way of compensation. The nearest thing we have to this is the Reading and Music of the Passion at the start of Holy Week. Saturday's concert will reveal the considerable musical ability and versatility of our singers, some of whom are also quite skilled instrumentalists: Elizabeth Humphries plays the oboe with the National Children's Orchestra. We can look forward to a varied and interesting programme on Saturday, and I hope it will be well supported. It doesn't come for free, because, firstly, just like any other recital or concert at St Mary's, the proceeds go towards the maintenance of the organ, and secondly, we should not think that because they are our own musicians we shouldn't have to pay to listen to them. However, the evening will be cheap at the price, and it is worth remembering that it is only £5 (not £6) if the tickets are bought in advance. They are available today after the services. As usual, there will be interval refreshments. It promises to be a delightful evening. This is an event which is perhaps rather more 'in house' than is the case with, say, a recital by a visiting organist. In that sense it is more specifically aimed at members of the regular congregation, so I hope it will be well supported. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our church and parish, and for its life, worship and witness. In the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray for the Church in the Sudan. We also pray for the General Synod of the Church of England, meeting in York this weekend. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the parishes in the Surrey Heath area of the Diocese. Within the parish we pray for God's blessing to rest upon the event in Bourne Hall grounds today in connexion with 'Hope 2008'; we pray for the local Division of the Territorial Army at Mercator House, and for the people living in Castle Avenue.

SUNDAY SERVICES

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| 0800 | HOLY COMMUNION | <i>Common Worship rite</i> |
| | Order 1 in traditional language: page 207. | Proper 9. |
| | Collect of the Day: page 484. | Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216. |
| 0930 | SUNG EUCHARIST | <i>Common Worship rite</i> |

<p>There is a separate leaflet for this service. The green hymn-books are needed. Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request. Preacher: <i>Mrs Wendy Varney, Reader.</i></p>
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Setting of the Eucharist: Hassler, Missa Dixit Maria.
It is likely that this will be changed to *Harris* in F, now that the holiday season is starting, and there are various 'choral absences'. There is also a change of anthem from what is advertised. It will now be 'Ave verum Corpus' by *Elgar*. The next few weeks are a bit uncertain.

Eucharistic Prayer C. Hymns: 346, 315, 484, [279], 475.
Organ: Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux (Messe pour Les Paroisses).
Couperin JH

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.

1100 CHORAL MATTINS *Book of Common Prayer rite*

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Responses and *Venite* (Shorter form): page 8. Responses: *Ayleward*.

Hymn 234 [Second tune]

Psalm 15 'The gentleman's psalm.' Page 155.

First Lesson: Micah 6: 1-8. Blue book: page 666.

The Lord appeals to his sinful people. (This passage is the starting-point of the famous 'Reproaches' in the Good Friday rite.)

Jubilate (*not Te Deum*): Psalm 100 (page 254). *Britten* in C.

Second Lesson: St Luke 15: 11-end. Blue book: page 665.

The parable of the forgiving father and the prodigal son.

Hymn: 472 [First tune]

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect on page 75).

Anthem: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace. *S S Wesley*

[This is a change from the anthem on the service-lists.]

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the light to thee are both alike. God is light and in him is no darkness at all. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and evermore. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. (*A cento of various Biblical texts.*)

Prayers

Hymn 494 (t.413); Collection.

The Blessing.

Organ: Imperial March. *Elgar*

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HOPE 2008

on the lawns of Bourne Hall this afternoon

'Churches Together in Ewell' are presenting a 'Christianity in the Community' programme on the lawns of Bourne Hall from 1400 to 1630 today. Local churches have varied displays and entertainment. There will be story-telling, bouncy castle, games and crafts, free refreshments, music, parenting courses, dream interpretation, opportunities for people to pray for others and to be prayed for, and plenty more. St Mary's is planning a toddler-orientated gazebo, together with displays of other outreach interests. Everything is free, including refreshments, and St Mary's has been asked to bake cakes for that particular stall. There is further information about it all in the July *Ewell Parish News*.

1700 CHORAL EVENSONG *Book of Common Prayer rite*

This is the third service in the series of five Choral Evensongs for summer Sunday evenings. There will be tea in church from 1615, and normally the chance to listen to the choir rehearsing before the service, though it is possible that today the choir may have a different timetable.

There are special readings for these services from the Book of Tobit and the Letter of St James. There will not be a sermon. Today the service is sung by the Choir of Emanuel School, Clapham, and they will be giving a *recital* afterwards. Details of the Recital are listed after the running-order of the service. There is a retiring collection.

Introit: Jauchzet dem Herrn. *Schutz*
[English translation: Psalm 100; green prayer book, page 254.]
Responses: Green books, page 18. Music: *Rose*
Office-hymn: 426
[The hymn is a metrical version of Psalm 134, a regular feature of 'Night Prayer' or *Compline*.]
Psalm 20 *Confidence in God's power to help.* Page 162.
First Lesson: Tobit 7. *Tobias arrives at the home of Raguel and Edna, and eventually marries their daughter Sarah.*
Magnificat: page 19. *Howells, St Paul's Service.*
Second Lesson: St James 2. *Firm words about Christian conduct.*
Nunc dimittis: page 20. *Howells, St Paul's Service.*
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 75).
Anthem: Beatus vir. *Monteverdi*
[Latin text of Psalm 112; English translation on page 273.]
Prayers. Hymn 364. Short Reading.
Hymn 478. The Blessing.
Organ Voluntary: *to be announced.*

o/c RECITAL

The music at the recital includes:
Palestrina, Missa Papae Marcelli, *Parry*, Blest pair of Sirens,
and *Bax*, Mater ora Filium

In church this week.

There will **NOT** be **Holy Communion** on Tuesday this week.
The Vicar has to be at an important meeting of the Royal British Legion, which is unfortunately happening at the same time as the service, and it has not been possible to obtain cover.
Wednesday 1915 **Holy Communion**. This is before the PCC, but anyone may come to it.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall; all welcome.
At 1100 the Vicar will give a talk entitled '*Sinners of Ewell*.'(!)
2000 Meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

Saturday **1930 SOIRÉE MUSICALE**

This is an evening concert with a difference. It will be an evening of instrumental music, choral music and organ music, by members of
OUR OWN PARISH CHOIR
with
JEREMY COLE, Organ Scholar.

THE ORGAN MUSIC:
J S Bach - Prelude and Fugue in B minor (BWV 544)
Alfred Hollins - Maytime Gavotte
William Harris - Flourish for an Occasion
Grainger (arr. Stockmeier) - Handel in the Strand
César Franck - Chorale No. 3 in A

ALL THE OTHER MUSIC: All to be revealed on the night!

Sidesmen, please. We are expecting a fairly large congregation next Sunday (at least 200) at 1100 Mattins, at which Holy Baptism will be administered. It would help very considerably if we had a few

extra sidesmen or ladies at this service, and it will certainly be mightily inconvenient if we do *not* have any. Offers, please, to the Vicar, the churchwardens or to Mr Malcolm Lawther.

‘Musical uncertainties.’ Today is a fairly good example of what can happen due to unavoidable absences on the musical side of things. It is clear that this time of the year inevitably presents problems when we have a voluntary choir. People’s holidays, school events, and various other things all conspire to make the best-laid plans of mice and men come to nothing, at least from time to time. Whilst we shall try to stick with what is planned, there are bound to be changes of one sort or another over the next few weeks.

Epistle Readers at 0930. Would those who have not picked up a slip (by the Grand Draw Box) please do so? There is a revised drill to ensure that the Epistle begins without a long delay while the reader walks to the lectern. Whilst it is clear that some have read this slip, it is also clear that there are some who haven’t. Today is an ordinary Sunday, and most of the small measures taken to make the service more streamlined should have some effect. The last few weeks have been a bit unusual.

Coffee Morning coach outings. 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.

Next Sunday. Normal timetable, but there is Holy Baptism at Mattins. The fourth in the summer season of Choral Evensongs will be at 1700. It is ‘Sea Sunday’, and (other things being equal) there will be *Sumsion*’s fine anthem ‘They that go down to the sea in ships’ at the Sung Eucharist.

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