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WEEKLY NOTES

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

(It is also 'Sea Sunday'.)

The decision of the General Synod of the Church of England to admit women priests to the episcopate will be welcomed by very many, and also regretted by quite a significant number. It is not quite clear what the proposed safeguards for the minority constituency actually are. The Synod seemed content to make only minimal provision in this respect, far less (in fact) than was advocated by the two archbishops. We shall see what happens in due course, when the matter comes before the Synod next February, but the fact remains that 'codes of practice' do not have the force of law, and the future looks uncertain for those who were hoping for a more accommodating outcome. The decision is of no immediate and direct concern to the people of St Mary's, not least because the first such consecrations will certainly not take place during the remainder of my time here. It will, of course, have clear personal implications in due course for myself, as most people realise, and I shall have to consider such things at some time in the future, but I shall be out of office by that time. Meanwhile, as far as St Mary's is concerned, everything carries on as normal.

The Village Fair will be with us once again on Saturday, and I have little doubt that we shall all have a marvellous time once again. I am so grateful to all those who do so much at the Fair; many have clocked up years and years of faithful and devoted service on the stalls or in the kitchens and in a host of other ways. The Fair is always a splendid occasion, and it is much envied by surrounding parishes. Ian and Kathie Burgess have done an extra year as organizers of the Fair (it is normally a three-year stint), and they have put their own distinctive stamp on it. However, we have all known for some time that this is their last one, and at the moment we have to come to terms with the fact that unless someone (usually, but not necessarily, a husband and wife team) surfaces to take it on, then this will really be the last Ewell Village Fair. An article in *Ewell Parish News* has already made this plain. So far no-one has evinced any interest in taking the job on. The implications are serious: the loss of up to £10,000 in revenue, when we are already running at a £20,000 a year deficit is serious enough, but it is even more serious when such a crisis occurs just before the parish becomes vacant. A priest who may be interested in coming here may well demur on hearing such tidings, and in the process of finding a new parish priest such things are bound to come out into the open. Please give some serious thought to this matter, before it is too late. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the Anglican Communion for the Church in Tanzania; we also pray for those now arriving from overseas for the Lambeth Conference (starting on Wednesday). In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the parishes of St Mary's Cuddington and St Mary's Ewshot, and for their clergy and people. In our parish prayer we pray for the young children being baptized at Mattins today, and for our representatives on the Epsom Deanery Synod (Norman Hale, David Hill and Julian Varney). In our systematic prayer for the people living within the parish boundaries we pray today for the people of Castle Way

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 Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 412.	<i>Common Worship rite</i> Proper 10. Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.
0930	SUNG EUCHARIST	<i>Common Worship rite</i>

There is a separate leaflet for this service. *'More Hymns for Today'* is the hymn-book in use at the service today. Wayfarers and Children's Hour; Crèche available on request.

Preacher: *The Vicar.*

Setting of the Eucharist: *Wood* in the Phrygian Mode.

Proper 10. Eucharistic Prayer E. Hymns (MHT): 131, 157, [106], 200.

Offertory Anthem: They that go down to the sea in ships. *Sumsion.*

They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters; these men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep; their soul melteth away because of the trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits end. So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, he delivereth them out of their distress, for he maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad, because they are at rest, and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. (*Psalm 107: 23-30*)

Organ: Toccata from the Fifth Symphony. *Widor* JH

After the Eucharist, the ashes of the late *Dennys Guillum Scott* will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance. A procession will leave *via* the south porch at the end of the service, and anyone who wishes to attend should just follow on.

1100 MATTINS AND HOLY BAPTISM *Common Worship rite*

Congregational service. There is a separate leaflet for this service.

The baptism of: *Cameron Urquhart Henderson, Rico Robert Roman, Harry Edward Silverstone, Isabel Yasmin Teale, Annabel Lily Mallinson Winter.*

1700 CHORAL EVENSONG *Book of Common Prayer rite*

This is the fourth service in the series of five Choral Evensongs for summer Sunday evenings. There are special readings at these services from the Book of Tobit and from the Letter of St James. There will not be a sermon; there will be a short reading instead.

Introit: Cantate Domino. *Pitoni*

*Cantate Domino canticum novum; laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit illum, et filiae Sion exsultent in rege suo.
Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the congregation of the
saints. Let Israel rejoice in him who made him, and let the daughters of
Sion rejoice in their king. (Psalm 149: 1,2)*

Responses: Green books, page 18. Music: *Gibbons and Barnard*
Office-hymn: 426

Psalm 34 *An alphabetical psalm about the graciousness of God. Page 177.*

First Lesson: From Tobit 9 and 10. *Tobias prepares to return home.*

Magnificat: page 19. *Byrd, Second Service*

Second Lesson: From St James 3 & 4. *Further vigorous admonitions.*

Nunc dimittis: page 20 *Byrd, Second 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: Geistliches Lied. ('Spiritual Song.') *Brahms*

English version: Let no sad thought oppress thee; fear nothing, trust God's own will, and be thou still, my spirit. Heed not with care and sorrow the morrow. Our Father, who all doth see, shall give to thee thy portion. From

righteous paths then range not, and change not. Be steadfast, for God is just;
give him thy trust, for ever. Amen.

Prayers. Hymn 340 [Second tune]
Hymn: 354 (for 'Sea Sunday').
Organ: Chorale No.3 in A minor.

Short Reading.
The Blessing.
Franck JC

In church this week

Tuesday **1000 Holy Communion**

Other events and notices.

Monday 0900 Vicar at Ewell Castle Junior School Leavers' Assembly.
Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. Time for a relaxing
break, a chat and a coffee. (Tea, if you prefer.)
Thursday 1230 Vicar at an emergency meeting in town of the Executive of
the Federation of Catholic Priests.
Friday Evening: setting-up for the Village Fair. Many hands make light
work; please help us, if it is at all possible.

Saturday	St Mary's once again presents THE EWELL VILLAGE FAIR in the grounds of Ewell Castle School. The most recent handbill about this is being given out again with the Notes today for the benefit of those who haven't already seen it, and also for our many visitors at the 1100 service.
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Goodies for the Fair. There is only a limited amount of space available in the Welcome Area, because we need rather more room than usual today at the 1100 service, so that parents and godparents can have sufficient space. Please do not put anything outside the obviously designated area, but if it fills up, please put other items, firstly, under the older trestle-table just by the south porch, and then, secondly, on the (unoccupied) seats in the south aisle. At least that will keep things in more or less the same general area.

The words of the anthem at the Sung Eucharist will in future be printed out on the Weekly Notes (unless they are very brief) and not printed on the leaflet containing the rest of the service. It is still the aim to keep the text of the Sung Eucharist on one folded sheet of A4, and this cannot be done when the anthem is 'wordy rather than repetitive.' Today's vigorous anthem by *Sumsion* for 'Sea Sunday' is a case in point. Since everyone will have the Weekly Notes anyway, it is not exactly an inconvenience.

The ashes of the late **Olive Freeman** will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance on Wednesday at 1100. Anyone who would like to come would be very welcome.

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*. There is further information about this in the current *Ewell Parish News*. J.B.

Sunday Coffee. We still 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.

Christmas at St Mary's (*sic*). It may seem a bit premature to mention this, since Christmas is almost six months away, but plans have to be made well in advance here, because of our varied programme of regular and special services. I am thinking of laying on a fairly traditional Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at 1700 on either Sunday 21 December (or, possibly, though less likely) 14 December, possibly with some 'seasonal refreshments' afterwards. However, a considerable amount of work is needed to produce this, including – naturally – what the choir is likely to be called upon to do, so I do not think it right to proceed, unless I am clear that there is a reasonable amount of support. A paper is available at the back of the church (somewhere) for people to sign: the sentence runs, 'I would wish to attend a Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in December, if one is laid on.' Please sign up, if you are keen; I think I am looking for a minimum of about 35-40 names, otherwise it won't happen. W.R.H.

Today's Post-Communion Prayer is a modern version of what is perhaps better known to us as the hymn 'Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken.' We sing the hymn quite often. In its English form in *Common Worship* it is the work of the present Bishop of Gloucester, but the prayer itself is very old, and comes from the ancient East Syrian (or Persian) rite, known as the *Liturgy of Addai and Mari*. In its original form it was said by the Deacon during the people's communion, and it makes a very good post-Communion prayer or hymn.

Next Sunday. Normal Sunday arrangements, with the monthly Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100.

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