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WEEKLY NOTES

27 July 2008

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The choir will be singing a fair amount of 'old faithful' music today, as befits the last day of the choir term, and also, for that matter, the last Sunday of the working year. We could all do with a bit of a rest now. It has been a busy year at St Mary's, with quite a lot to show for it, and it was good indeed to round it all off with such a magnificent Village Fair this year. The old faithful musical stuff includes the choral music at 0930, with the almost legendary *Stanford* in B flat setting and *Mozart's Ave verum*. However, the general feel of the Sung Eucharist will still be that of Sunday normality. This is perhaps less the case at 1100 Mattins, where there is more of a specifically end-of-term feeling to the service. Rudyard Kipling and Roger Quilter's vigorous, if rather stiff-upper-lip, anthem '*Non nobis Domine*' has for some years now been sung in this particular slot as a reminder to congregations in general and musicians in particular that what we have been doing in church is always to the greater glory of God*, and that it is a case of '*Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give the praise* (Psalm 115:1).' We shall also be singing a version of 'Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing,' that doughty old end-of-term warhorse that many of us recall from schooldays. All in all, a nice way to end the choral term; it enables us to realise that we have completed another year of Christian life, worship and service. Of course after a bit of a rest it all starts up again towards the end of August and the next working year will be an unusual one for St Mary's. Even though we shall not actually be singing 'Lord, *behold* us with thy blessing' on 24 August (there will be other hymns because it will be St Bartholomew's Day), the fact remains that we shall be in church on that day all ready to move on. At least, that it how it should be. W.R.H.

* Note: 'AMDG', to the greater glory of God, is the motto of the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits).

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion we pray today for the nine Provinces of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the parishes of St Mary's Frensham and St Mary's Send. In our parish prayer we pray today for the Director of Music and the members of the Parish Choir, and in our systematic prayer for the people of the parish we pray for those living in Castlemaine Avenue.

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. Proper 12. Collect of the Day: page 414.
Eucharistic Prayer C: page 191.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST *Common Worship rite*

There is a separate leaflet for this service. The hymn-book for the service today is *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell*. Crèche available on request.
Preacher: **The Vicar**.
Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in B flat. Proper 12.
Eucharistic Prayer B: page 188
Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus. *Mozart*.
English version:
Hail, O true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who after suffering was sacrificed for mankind upon the cross, and from whose pierced side there flowed a tide of blood.

Be our food in death's hour. O gentle, holy Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.

Hymns: 100, 74, 84 (revised text on slip), [17], 12
Organ Voluntary: Handel in the Strand. *Grainger*.

JH

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1100 CHORAL MATTINS

Book of Common Prayer rite.

Sermon by *the Vicar*.

Responses: page 8.

Music: *Ayleward*

Jubilate (Psalm 100): page 254

Music: *Ireland* in F

Hymn: **AMR** 379

Psalms 8. *God as creator, and man as his agent.*

Page 149

First Lesson from Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Blue book, page 689

Te Deum: page 10.

Music: *Ireland* in F

Second Lesson from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Blue book, page 692

Hymn: **AMR** 283, verses 1-5 and 9

The Creed and the Greeting; then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the

Responses and the three Collects (the first Collect is on page 76).

Anthem: *Non nobis, Domine.*

Quilter

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO STAND AND JOIN IN THE LAST VERSE

Non nobis, Domine;

'Not unto us, O Lord,'

The praise and glory be

Of any deed or word;

For in thy judgement lies

To crown or bring to nought

All knowledge and device

That man hath reached or wrought.

And we confess our blame,

How all too high we hold

That noise which men call fame,

That dross which men call gold;

For these we undergo

Our hot and godless days,

But in our souls we know:

'Not unto us the praise.'

All: O Power by whom we live,
Creator, Judge and Friend,
Upholdingly forgive,
Nor leave us at the end;
But grant us yet to see
In all our piteous ways,
Non nobis, Domine,
'Not unto us the praise.'

*Non nobis, non nobis,
Non nobis, Domine.*

[Words by Rudyard Kipling, for
The Pageant of Parliament, 1934.]

Prayers.

Hymn: 'Lord, dismiss us'; Collection.

[Tune: *Dismissal*]

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing
Fill us with thy heavenly grace;
Take our joyful hymns and anthems,
Grant that they may find their place
With the praises
Of the saints before thy face

Thanks we give and adoration
For thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of thy salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
May thy presence
With us evermore be found.

The Blessing.

Organ: Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain. *Duruflé*

[End of Choir term.]

1800 Evening Prayer

Sunday Evening worship is discontinued during August. It resumes on 7 September.

In church this week.

Tuesday 1000 **Holy Communion.**

This service is also discontinued during August. It resumes on 2 September.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall a time for fine blend and good companionship. 'Have a break; have a coffee.'

The Village Fair. The final figure is not yet known, but the net figure should be around the **£12,000** mark – a wonderful result.

The 1200 monthly Eucharist was originally scheduled for today. The explanation about its cancellation has already been made, and does not need to be repeated. The service is no longer really viable, and it will not appear on subsequent service-lists.

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. Please note that there will be Sunday Coffee during August.

Announcements are getting fewer and fewer as we get close to August. Perhaps this is just as well, since the Mattins entry is pretty long today. If all goes according to plan (which it might not) we should have the rare experience this morning of 'full service' at Mattins, that is, with both the canticles (Jubilate and Te Deum) coming from the same musical setting. We hardly ever do this, but perhaps for the last service of the choir term it might be a nice thing to do. The magnificent organ voluntary by Maurice Duruflé will be a splendid conclusion to the term's music.

Tickets for the Garden Party in Patronal Festival Week are on sale in church after the services, or from the Office during office-hours. The tickets are £4. Last year's Garden Party at the home of Mike and Rosemarie Henson was a great success. This year it will be held at Ian and Kathie Burgess' garden in Beech Walk.

Ewell Parish News for August is available today.

Fund-raising with a difference. For those who missed this announcement a month or so ago, here it is once again. At the Cathedral they are, like us, short of money. However, 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.

Four regular members of the congregation telephoned the church at separate times on the Thursday before last, and the telephone was answered by the Vicar in the Vicarage on his day off. Only about a month or so ago this point was mentioned in the Notes. Apart from a short period some years ago, the office has never really been open on a Thursday, and the Vicar has consistently taken Thursday off (when this is possible). Unless there is a real pastoral or other crisis, would people please not telephone St Mary's on a Thursday? The Vicar would really appreciate not having to deal with routine parish business on his day off. The new Vicar may well be quite firm on this, so it might be worth taking this point on board now; some clergy will not accept *any* calls when they are off-duty. It is different with strangers, but regular members of the congregation really should know this by now, since these have been the normal arrangements here for over twenty years.

Other dates and times. The Vicar will be on leave as from Wednesday afternoon of this week, and will probably not be back in general circulation until Saturday, 23 August, though precise details are not certain as yet. He will be away from Ewell for at least some part of the time. The office will be closed for two weeks, beginning on Monday 11 August, and it will be only intermittently manned in the earlier part of the following week because of various morning commitments. The morning of Friday 29 August will see the office properly functioning, though for the following week the Vicar will be 'duty officer', so things will not be completely back to normal until the week after that, when the Administrator is back in the office. This is a slack period, but we might as well all know what the position is.

Next Sunday. This is the first of the three Sundays when our worship is in its simplest form. Dr Miller is kindly looking after the eucharistic side of things, and Wendy Varney and Reg Saunders will be looking after Mattins. All the singing is congregational, and the choir is on holiday. The 0930 Eucharist will be celebrated at the nave altar, with minimal ceremonial, and Holy Communion will only be given at the front of the nave.

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