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WEEKLY NOTES

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Sponsor's Note. The Weekly Notes and the Organ Voluntary (the *Boellman* Toccata) at the 0930 Eucharist are sponsored by *Barbara Cannon*, in memory of her husband *Frank*. *Frank Cannon* was a churchwarden here at the time of the Vicar's arrival, and continued to serve St Mary's in many ways in the years following.

The Reverend Ray Leigh recently preached on what I described then as the only normal Sunday since 27 July. However, the fact that he was the special preacher made that particular day distinctive as well. The next normal Sunday is 7 December, at least as far as the actual services are concerned, but even that Sunday will be different in another sense, because I shall be away at the Cathedral that morning. In reality the next totally normal Sunday will be 18 January. There is something curiously appropriate about that, since it will be the first Sunday when the parish is without a Vicar, and that in itself will also be a different aspect of the parish's normality for some time after that. I have listed in very basic form further on in the Notes what makes all the other Sundays between now and then distinctive in some way or other. We have a bit of extra room this week on the Notes to be able to do it, and it should illustrate clearly, and at a glance, the considerably varied pattern of worship at St Mary's. Last week there was the Baptismal rite at the Eucharist. That too was 'normal' in one sense, but it did have a certain in-house character to it, and that, I suppose, served to make it yet another special occasion.

The **Rite of Anointing** at the (0930) Sung Eucharist today is a part of the Church's *Ministry of Healing*. There is a concentration on this ministry at this time of the year, because it tends to get associated with St Luke's Day (18 October), St Luke being, amongst other things, a doctor. He is referred to as 'the beloved physician' at Colossians 4:14. Many will remember that for much of the time that Deacon Antonia Lynn was with us she was the General Secretary of the (ecumenical) Guild of Health, which like the purely Anglican Guild of St Raphael seeks to promote this side of the Church's caring and sacramental ministry. It is a matter of some importance for everyone to realise that this is something to do with what we call the 'sacramental principle', and is not something which is in conflict with medical science. The clue is probably to concentrate more on the word 'wholeness' rather than on the word 'healing', but the one takes in the other. Throughout our lives we all stand in need of the healing grace of God, and this particular rite witnesses to the fact that the grace of God is operational in areas of life where our own human frailty calls out for the help that God alone can provide. Primarily this is a rite more obviously associated with the Ministry to the Sick, and done on an individual basis, but a moment's thought will help us realise that an occasional 'general' participation in this ministry may give us an added awareness of the normality of this rediscovered ministry of the Church. By a coincidence the rite was a feature of last week's Priests' Pilgrimage to Walsingham, in which I took part. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for our own church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for those who belong to the non-Chalcedonian Oriental Churches*. In the Diocese we pray for the priests and people of St Mary's Dunsfold, St Mary's East Molesey and St Mary's West Horsley. In our parish prayer we pray for our local Ward Councillors, and for the people living in Park Avenue West.

* This group of Christians is comprised of those ancient Churches, which did not accept the Definition of the Council of Chalcedon in 451, which established the orthodox Christian doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and (more significantly) the orthodox understanding of the nature of the Person of Christ, which was the principal issue in dispute. They are known as Monophysite ('one nature') Churches, and they include the Syrian Orthodox Church, the Coptic Church in Egypt, and the Armenian and Ethiopian Churches.

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. <i>Please make yourselves known</i> , and join us for coffee in the church hall across the road between the 0930 and 1100 services.
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SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
Order 1: page 167. Collect of the Day: page 421.
Eucharistic Prayer E: page 196. Proper 24.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST with THE MINISTRY OF HEALING AND THE RITE OF ANOINTING. *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.

Preacher: *The Vicar.*

Setting of the Eucharist: *Stanford* in C. Proper 24

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Anthem: Ave, verum Corpus. *Mawby* [English translation at Hymn 289.]

Hymns: 415, 323, 401, [HHE 56 (t.AMR 471), *Veni Creator* and 294], 102, 466

Organ: Toccata from the Suite Gothique. *Boellman* JC

1100 SUNG EUCHARIST *Book of Common Prayer rite*
Setting of the Eucharist: *Caesar*, Missa Brevis Capella Regalis
Creed and Gloria: *Merbecke.*

Sermon by *the Vicar.*

Introit hymn: 149 [Second 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: Philippians 1: 3-11. *Greetings and kind words from St Paul.*

Gradual hymn: 449 [Tune as set]

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 18: 21-35. *'Seventy times seven.'*

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn 295; Collection.

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: O Lamb of God (page 44).

After Communion: the Lord's Prayer and the Prayer of Thanksgiving: page 44.

All stand for Gloria in excelsis.

The Blessing. Hymn 272

Organ: Flourish for an occasion. *Harris* JC

1800 Evening Prayer

In church this week

Tuesday **1000 Holy Communion**

Wednesday **1000 Ewell Grove School Harvest Festival**

Other events and notices.

Monday Holy Communion to the housebound.

Wednesday 1030-1200. The **Coffee Morning** in the Church Hall. All welcome; there is also tea provided for those who care not for the ground bean.

2000 Meeting of the Vicar and Churchwardens on interregnum matters.

Thursday 1800 Vicar attends a meeting of the College of Canons at the Cathedral.

Friday 2000 Meeting of the Ewell Parochial Trustees.

Saturday 1000 Vicar attends a meeting of the Surrey County Committee of the Royal British Legion.

The family of the late **Alfred Goodey** are in church today at the 0930 service, and we welcome them to St Mary's. There is a get-together after the service at 7 Portway, and St Mary's folk who knew Alfred are cordially invited to join them at the house.

Ewell Grove School Harvest Festival on Wednesday at 1000 is a delightful and heart-warming occasion. Although there is always a very full church for the occasion, there is probably room for any members of the congregation who might care to come. The service has an atmosphere all its own, and is well worth coming to. W.R.H.

The Ewell Parochial Trustees are meeting on Friday evening. At the last meeting, **Mr Geoffrey Berry** was elected Vice-Chairman, to serve during the period when the parish is without a Vicar. The trustees administer the ancient charitable endowments of the parish, which are now consolidated in a Charity Commissioners Scheme. Details of these are on the large black board in the north aisle. The Vicar is the only *ex-officio* Trustee, and for that reason he is the Chairman of the Trustees, but we need to have someone officially at the helm until a new Vicar of Ewell is appointed. Clearly someone who has served as Clerk and Treasurer of the Trusts for many years was the obvious choice, and the Trustees are very glad that Geoff Berry has consented to take this on. The present Clerk and Treasurer is Mrs Miriam Massey.

Application forms for the **Gala Dinner** to be held on Saturday 3 January to mark the Vicar's retirement are now available in the Welcome Area. It has to be done this way for security reasons at the T.A., and names and addresses are needed. The forms are easily found: they are in a garish shade of dayglo pink.

Westminster Abbey has kindly sent us a Parish Pass, which admits up to four adults or young people up to the age of 18 free of charge. Children up to 11 are admitted free to the Abbey if accompanied by an adult. We can use this pass up to six times during a twelve month period. The card will be kept in the office, and application for its use should be made to the Vicar or the Administrator. The normal charges for entry to the Abbey are quite substantial, and it is good that the Abbey has taken this welcome step for church people. A covering letter talks of evening pilgrim groups, after the Abbey has closed, for up to fifty people. This may be worth pursuing some time in the future.

'Edna's Teddies. The finished teddies, knitted by members of the congregation, are on the table by the south door. They will be going to very young children in disaster areas and other areas of need. Many thanks to Edna Attwood for getting this under way, and many thanks to those who have taken part in making the teddies.

The church website has a *No to Halloween* poster available for the congregation to put on front doors. There will probably be a few printed off for the back of church as well, but the website one can be down-loaded by those who have the facility for doing so.

The Organ Pipe. This has been placed conspicuously against one of the pillars which supports the west gallery. There is also a leaflet about our very fine organ, describing the instrument, and stressing the need for it to be kept in good repair.

The other 'special Sundays.'

- 26 Oct. Bible Sunday Procession at 0930.
- 2 Nov. All Saints. Procession at 0930. Holy Baptism at Mattins, and at 1700 Choral Evensong with Renaissance music.
- 9 Nov. Remembrance Sunday. Our usual and varied Remembrance Day services.
- 16 Nov. 'The Year's Mind Book Requiem' at 1700.
- 23 Nov. Christ the King. Procession at 0930, Holy Baptism at Mattins, and at 1700 Solemn Evensong with baroque music, followed by Benediction.
- 30 Nov. The Advent Procession at 1700.
- 7 Dec. *Normal*, except for the Vicar not being here. He will be at the Cathedral.
- 14 Dec. Prayer Book Sung Eucharist (at 1100) by exception on *this* Sunday.
- 21 Dec. General Decoration of the church after (brief) Mattins, and at 1700 A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

(Christmas details are not included in this list.)

- 28 Dec. Simple morning services; choir on holiday. Nothing in the evening.
- 4 Jan. Procession at 0930, because it is Epiphany.
- 11 Jan. Procession at 0930, because it is the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Vicar preaches for the last time at the Sung Eucharist . Mattins and Holy Baptism at 1100. **1800** Solemn Evensong, Sermon, Procession and Solemn Benediction. Preacher: The Archbishop of Canterbury.
- 18 Jan. *Normal*, except for the Vicar no longer being here.
- (25 Jan. *Normal* again, except that it is the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.)

Next Sunday. It is the Last Sunday after Trinity, and will be kept here as 'Bible Sunday'. This will be marked in various ways at the morning services. The Parish Choir will be having its half-term break, before returning for a particularly busy and hard-working period between now and Christmas. As the list above indicates, there is a lot on at the parish church. Fuller details are of course on the service-lists, the most up-to-date of which are on the notice-boards in church.

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