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WEEKLY NOTES

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SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT.

Sponsors' note. Today's flowers are sponsored by John and Gilda Everson in warmest thanks for the support and many kindnesses you have all shown them in recent times.

It is most unusual for there to be three Sung Eucharists on a Sunday at St Mary's, though in fact this would not have been the case were it not the third Sunday in the month, when we normally have the Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100 instead of Mattins. It is the evening Eucharist which is the unusual one. It is '*The Year's Mind Book Requiem.*' The Year's Mind Book was re-introduced in 1983 at St Mary's, after having been abandoned for some years, for reasons I have not discovered. (An older book is still in existence here.) Each Sunday one or more names is called from this book, and those concerned are prayed for once again in the General Intercession. It is now time for this book to be revised, to take into account the fact that many names will now be unknown to most – in some cases all – of the congregation. Tonight's service will therefore have two purposes. Firstly, a number of names will be called at this Mass for the last time, and henceforth they will be included, albeit not by name but by general intention, in the Requiem for Past Worshippers, which always occurs during the Patronal Festival. Secondly, because *all* in the book will in fact be prayed for (though, in the case of those who are to remain, not aloud and by name), we have a chance once more to pray for those who have been known to us as friends and as fellow-worshippers here at St Mary's during the past 25 years or so. I have recently been giving a series of talks at the Wednesday Coffee Morning, entitled '*Sinners of Ewell*' (the final one is yet to come, on 26 November), based on names from this book, and these talks have brought back many of these names to mind. Many of these names will remain in the book, but since names from the book are called virtually every Sunday it is a matter of some importance that the usage of the book is realistic, and so names which are now almost totally unknown to members of the present congregation will be removed after the Requiem on 16 November. There will be some exceptions to this, and the book will now indicate when this is so, for example, in the case of someone who held some parochial office. I hope that those who hold many of our parish dead in affectionate remembrance will be able to come tonight to offer the Holy Eucharist for them, and to pray once more that they may rest in the peace of Christ. All Souls Day is for *all* the dead; this service is for those of our local parish family, who are now in another part of God's family. Because most (if not all) of those attending this service are likely to have been in church earlier today, Holy Communion will not be given at this service. The choir will be singing the music of *Fauré's Requiem* at the service – a well-known and much loved work in the choral repertoire. W.R.H.

Our prayers today. We pray for this church and parish, and in the worldwide Church for those who belong to the Baptist Churches. In the Diocese of Guildford we pray for the parishes in the Runnymede and Chertsey area. In our parish prayer we pray for our twinned parish of Corriverton in Guyana, and for Fr Marcus Simon the parish priest and his people. Locally, we pray for the people who live in Portway.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION *Common Worship rite*
Order 1 in traditional language: page 207. Collect of the Day: page 497.
Eucharistic Prayer A: page 216.

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST (Nave Altar) *Common Worship rite*

There is a separate leaflet for this service. The green hymn-books today, and <i>More Hymns for Today</i> . Crèche available on request.
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Preacher: **Mr Reginald Saunders, Reader.**

Eucharistic Prayer A.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Laloux*, Missa Sancti Ignatii.

The service is sung today by the Upper Voices of the Choir.

Anthem: Gaudent in coelis. *Dering*

Hymns: 500, 499, 490 and probably 491, (493), MHT 179.

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 548). *J S Bach.* 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 SUNG EUCHARIST (of Trinity 26*). Book of Common Prayer rite

[*The readings are those appointed for Epiphany 6.]

Setting of the Eucharist: *Byrd*, Three-part Mass

Gloria and Creed: *Merbecke*

Service sung by the Lower Voices of the Choir.

Hymns from the small *red* hymn-books today and also from *A Hundred Hymns for Ewell.*

Sermon by *the Vicar*

Introit hymn: HHE 100

[Tune: *Deganwy*]

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: 1 St John 3: 1-8

A simple statement that the love of God overcomes all evil.

Gradual hymn: HHE 89

[Tune: *Glovernia*]

The Holy Gospel: St Matthew 24: 23-31

'The signs of the end': the Matthaean apocalypse.

Nicene Creed: page 34.

Offertory Hymn: AMR 405

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: AMR 416

[Choir use OEH 335]

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: AMR 423

[Tune: OEH 604 U]

Organ: Prelude and Fugue in B minor (BWV 544).

J S Bach JC

1700 SUNG EUCHARIST OF REQUIEM FOR PAST WORSHIPPERS AT ST MARY'S: 'THE YEAR'S MIND BOOK REQUIEM.'

There is a special leaflet for this service.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Fauré* Requiem.

Because most people (if not all) attending this service are likely to have been in church earlier today, Holy Communion will not be given at this service.

There is a special leaflet for the service. Green hymn-books today.

Preacher: **The Vicar.**

Eucharistic Prayer B, with Preface of the Dead.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Fauré*, Requiem.

Anthem: Russian Contakion of the Departed. *Kiev melody.* [OEH 744]

Hymns: 327, 329 (Choir use OEH 356 *Dun Aluinn*), 283.

Organ: Pavane. *Fauré.*

JH

In church this week.

There are no liturgical services in church this week. A list is available (a copy is on the west door) with details of the Tuesday Eucharist between now and 6 January. However, this is the last week when the service is not on. Back to normal next week.

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 Coffee Morning in the Church Hall. All welcome.
'Have a break; have a coffee.' (Or tea, if you prefer.)

<p>Saturday. THE ANNUAL GIFT DAY <i>for external charities</i> 1000 – 1300</p> <p><i>This year the Gift Day is in aid of:</i></p> <p> The Mission to Seafarers Sight Savers Mission Aviation Fellowship The Princess Alice Hospice</p> <p> <i>There is a display in the Welcome Area.</i></p> <p>The Vicar will be in the sanctuary in church to receive the gifts for our four nominated charities. There are four different charities supported each year in this way. Later, at Christmas, our cash collections will go to two children's charities.</p> <p>There is a raffle, Bring and Buy, and quality coffee drinking time.</p>

At least some of **the Christmas leaflets** ought to be ready for folding on Saturday. In the midst of everything connected with the Gift Day it would be splendid if some people would be prepared to commence the annual 'fold-in'. It will continue the following Tuesday after the Eucharist, and the speaker at the Wednesday Coffee Morning that week will also not look askance at any further activity on that front. It may be something of a chore, but this is the one occasion in the year when we try to contact the whole parish, and remind everyone that their parish church is busy over Christmas, and would like to welcome them all to church.

Does any one use a laundry? We need to have some large altar cloths laundered more or less now, and for various reasons we do not want to fix up an ongoing commitment. Please would anyone who can help in this way contact the Vicar or the Administrator? It may be a dreadful pun, but it really is a pressing matter. W.R.H.

The Vicar is away for much of the week, attending to matters in Wales. After this week he is unlikely to be away again before he leaves in the New Year.

A liturgical curiosity. Although the Sundays after Trinity in the *Common Worship* scheme of things finished on 26 October, in fact in the *Book of Common Prayer* scheme they are still going on, and have another week to go. Because Easter was so early there is the maximum run of 27 Sundays after Trinity this year. So at 1100 today we are keeping Trinity 26. However, the *BCP* only caters for 25 Sundays, and the last one has to follow the provisions for Trinity 25 (with its famous 'Stir up Sunday' prayer and readings), and when this happens one has to return to the 'green' Sundays after Epiphany which were missed out because of the early Easter, and working from the latter end of that season. This year Trinity 25 was last week, with the readings of Epiphany 5; *this* Sunday, Trinity 26, has the readings for Epiphany 6. Probably by design, the compilers of *Common Worship* have given us the old Collect from the *BCP* as the Collect for the 'Second Sunday before Advent', and so we have at all the services today (except for the evening Requiem) the same Sunday Prayer, even though it has arrived at 11 o'clock by a curiously circuitous route.

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.

Posters for the **Carol Service** in aid of *CHASE hospice care* on 10 December have now arrived. This promises to be a splendid evening. It is organized by – and more importantly *through* – the well-known magazine *SURREY LIFE*. Whilst many members of the congregation will doubtless want to come, it is clear that there will be quite a large congregation from all over Surrey, so one will probably need to book fairly *pronto* for this. You actually pay to go to church, for once: £10, or £15 if going on to the party afterwards. Max Clifford and Dame Jacqueline Wilson will be there. To reserve tickets and for more information please call 01903 703745. **N.B. This is not being arranged through the Parish Office.**

Members of the congregation will be interested to hear that our former Director of Music, **Julie Ainscough**, has been appointed Director of Music at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in Dorking. She will be giving a short recital on the historic 1766 Thomas Parker organ at St. Mary & St. Nicholas, Leatherhead at 1400 on Saturday of this week, as part of an "Organfest" to introduce this newly-restored instrument to the wider public. The programme will include music by Byrd, Purcell, Sweelinck and composers from Spain and Naples. Admission is free.

Next Sunday. It is the **Feast of Christ the King**, the festival at the end of the liturgical year which proclaims that, in spite of all appearances to the contrary, the final victory belongs to Christ. It is good that the Christian Year now ends on a note of assurance and confidence in the modern calendars; it wasn't always thus. Then it begins all over again the following Sunday as Advent begins. Next Sunday's services are festive and joyful: a Procession at the Sung Eucharist and *Harwood's* splendid anthem 'O how glorious is the kingdom,' postponed from All Saints Day, and just as appropriate on this occasion. There is Mattins and Holy Baptism at 1100, and at 1700 there will be Solemn Evensong with some particularly lovely baroque music and concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A reminder too that on the following Sunday at 1700 there will be the **Advent Procession**, with the Choir of Emanuel School once again giving us some lovely seasonal music.

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