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WEEKLY NOTES

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SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

HOLY INNOCENTS DAY

Holy Innocents' Day used to be known in England as 'Childermas.' There are very basic Notes today. The Sunday paragraph resumes next week. This is always a very simple Sunday here after all the Christmas activity, and the choristers are having their post-Christmas break today. The 0930 service is at the Nave Altar by the Crib, and there is no evening worship at St Mary's today. We had a very good Christmas at St Mary's, and I am very grateful to all those who helped to make it so, and also to those who so kindly remembered us at the Vicarage one way or another. W.R.H.

Our prayers today: We pray for our church and parish, and in the worldwide Anglican Communion for our fellow-Christians in the Church of Burundi. Also, as we hear in the gospel at the Eucharist about the massacre of the Innocents, so we recall and pray for our Christmas children's charities, *Toybox* and *The Rainbow Trust*, and pray for all children in need – of whatever sort. In the diocese we pray for two other 'St Mary' parishes: St Mary's Shalford and St Mary's Thorpe. In the parish we pray for the members of the Children's Support Group, and the people who live in Redwood Court.

SUNDAY SERVICES

0800 HOLY COMMUNION (of the Sunday after Christmas).

Common Worship rite

Order 1: page 167.

Collect of the Day: page 381

Eucharistic Prayer A: page 184.

Other Christmas material: page 302

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST (of the Holy Innocents)

Common Worship rite

There is a separate leaflet for this service. Crèche available on request. The choir is on holiday today, and all the singing is congregational. As is usual on this particular Sunday, the Vicar is doing more or less everything at this service.

Preacher: *The Vicar*

Eucharistic Prayer A.

Setting of the Eucharist: *Shaw*, Folk Mass.

Hymns: 39, HHE 72 (on readings paper), 20, 25

Organ: Balletto del Granduca.

Sweelinck

Welcome to any visitors or newcomers to St Mary's today. Please make yourselves known. An announcement will be made as to whether or not there is coffee in the hall after the Sung Eucharist.

1100 MATTINS (of the Holy Family) *Book of Common Prayer rite.*

'Village Mattins' today. The service is 'said with hymns.'

Responses: page 8. Metrical Venite: Card B, No.1. [t.388 i]

Psalm 85 Grace, mercy and forgiveness from God. Page 239

First Lesson from the Book Ecclesiasticus. Blue book: page 455

Metrical Benedictus: Card B, No.2. [tune 401]

Second Lesson from the Gospel according to St Luke. Blue book: page 456

Hymn, *on leaflet*: In stature grows the heavenly Child.

The Creed and the Greeting (page 12); then all kneel for the Lord's Prayer, the Responses, the three Collects (the first on page 56), and the Prayers.

Sermon by *the Vicar*.

Hymn, *on leaflet*: Within the Father's house. Collection.

The Blessing.

In church this week. Change of plan: the Vicar will be away from this afternoon until Tuesday evening, so there will not be a service on Tuesday at 10'oclock this week. Could the word get round, please?

Other events and notices.

Wednesday 1030-1200 The Wednesday Coffee Morning resumes today in the Church Hall. A time for fine blend and good companionship. There will be warm mince pies this week.

Last Sunday and Christmas Day. Last Sunday may seem quite long ago by now, but it was good to see so many people taking part in the General Decoration of the Church, many more in fact than in recent years. The very short Choral Mattins also seemed a 'curiously positive' occasion. The church is looking very splendid this Christmas. Also it is clear that the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols was a great success, both in terms of numbers attending – including many visitors – and also in terms of the excellence of the singing. A special word of thanks must go to Richard Verth-Brown and Elizabeth Humphries for some magnificent solo work in the course of the service. All in all, a very good Sunday. The Christmas services were, as expected, well attended, and we had lots of visitors. The choral singing at the Midnight Mass, with the demanding setting by *Langlais*, was quite memorable, and it is not surprising that by the following morning one or two items had to be changed as everyone was beginning to feel worn out! I am most grateful to all who have worked so hard, and contributed so much in time and talent over this period. W.R.H.

The evening service on 11 January. A handbill is available today, giving details of arrangements for reserved seating for members of the regular congregation, since we expect quite a number of visitors. Tickets are available today.

The Office will only be open intermittently this week, and closed on Monday and Tuesday.

Next Sunday. The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord. Liturgical Procession at the Sung Eucharist, but there will not be 'The Procession of the Three Kings' this year. Choral Mattins at 1100, and Evening Prayer will be said at 1800.

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