



WEEKLY NOTES

The Fourth Sunday of Lent &

Mothering Sunday

3rd April 2011

You are warmly invited to coffee & cakes in the church hall (just across the road) between the 9.30 & 11 services, in celebration of Eve Myatt-Price's 90th birthday.

Sunday Prayer Cycle

We pray today for the church and for the world, and especially in the Anglican Communion, for the province of Melanesia; for our mother church, the Cathedral and its ministry, and for the Dean (The Very Rev Victor Stock); in our parish, for the leaders and members of our three Toddler Groups; and for all who live in Portway.

Collect and Post-communion Prayer (at 8 & 9.30am only)

Merciful Lord,
absolve your people from their offences,
that through your bountiful goodness
we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins
which by our frailty we have committed;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Lord God, whose blessed Son our
Saviour gave his back to the smiters
and did not hide his face from shame:
give us grace to endure the sufferings
of this present time with sure
confidence in the glory that shall be
revealed; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

REGULAR SERVICES THIS WEEK

IN CHURCH <i>(all welcome at these services)</i>	Morning Prayer	Holy Eucharist	Evening Prayer
Monday	-	-	-
Tuesday	9am	10am (parish room)	-
Wednesday	9am	-	-
Thursday	9am	-	-

NEXT SUNDAY

10th April – Fifth Sunday of Lent (*Passion Sunday*)

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist

11am (*no service*) Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

5.30pm Music of the Passion – Stainer's Crucifixion

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am HOLY COMMUNION (*Common Worship*)

The service begins on page **167** of the black book.

Eucharistic Prayer **B**: page **188** with the proper preface on page **308**.

We continue with the Lord's Prayer on page **178**.

9.30am SUNG EUCHARIST (*Common Worship*)

Mass Setting: *Hassler* – Dixit Maria

INTROIT HYMN: NEW ENGLISH HYMNAL 161 (TUNE NEH 385)

The Gloria is omitted in Lent.

First Reading: Ephesians 5.8-14

GRADUAL HYMN: NEH 282

The Holy Gospel: St John 9.1-41

Sermon: The Vicar.

OFFERTORY HYMN: NEH 457

Eucharistic Prayer: **B** with proper preface

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed:

Anthem: *Ave Maria - Jenkinson*

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum;
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: NEH 186

Organ: Festival Toccata - *Fletcher* [JSH]]

11.00am CHRISTIAN FAMILY PRAISE

A separate booklet is provided for this service.

5.30pm Evening Prayer (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Psalm 31; Micah 7; James 5

NOTICES

Garden Equipment: A member of the congregation (Janice Marrs) who moved from the area last September, donated various items of garden equipment to be sold in aid of Parish funds. Chief among these are a very powerful Bosch shredder and a leaf collector. They have been tested and will be on display **next Saturday morning** (9th April) between 10am and 12noon outside the parish room (or inside depending on the weather). Members of the congregation are invited to make a bid as a donation for church funds. George Jarrett, Chairman of the Estates Committee, will record your offer/donation and award the goods to the best offer at noon.

The revision of the electoral roll is now complete. Please check your entry in the revised roll at the back of church, and let the Office know of any errors. The roll is frozen until the conclusion of the APCM on 10th : corrections only in this period.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday: Café NESCOL, 12-2pm, lunches at very good prices in the church hall. This is the last NESCOL lunch before Easter. It will then re-open on Tuesday 3rd May.

Tuesday evening: Lent Course. 'Seeking Common Ground– Some Major World Faiths.' 7.30 pm – 8.30 pm, coffee from 7pm, in St Mary's Church Hall. Led by the Revd Dr Patrick Miller. This week *In the Footsteps of Buddha* - Gen Kelsang Sangye, Resident Teacher Dorjechang Centre. All welcome!

Wednesday: Coffee morning in the church hall, 10.30-12, all welcome. Followed by **Lent lunch.** Church hall from 12.15 to 1.45pm, £3.50 per person, in aid of Age Concern. Donations for the raffle and bring and buy are most welcome.

FUTURE DATES

Next Sunday: The Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 11am. You are encouraged to attend as we reflect on the past year, and elect representatives for the year ahead. The Accounts are displayed at the back of church.

Next Sunday: 5.30pm Stainer's Crucifixion. An act of worship for Passiontide. This popular piece will be sung devotionally, with the congregation invited to join in the well-known hymns. **Saturday 30th April:** Recital by our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, of Popular organ classics, including Elgar, Purcell, and Holst. Tickets on sale now.

Saturday 21st May: Spring Market- plants and stalls, 10am-12, in the church hall.

Also Saturday 21st May: Eve Myatt-Price celebrates her 90th birthday with a variety concert in church at 7.30pm.

Thursday 16th June: A coach outing to Bournemouth has been arranged. Details later and from Joan Boulden and Lynne Yuille.

Holy Week & Easter Services

19 th Apr	Holy Tuesday	10am Holy Communion.
20 th Apr	Holy Wednesday	11.40am Litany. 12noon Holy Communion (1662).
21 st Apr	Maundy Thursday	8pm Sung Eucharist of the Last Supper (& watch till 11pm)
22 nd Apr	Good Friday	11.15 Children's Stations of the Cross 12noon An hour at the Cross (hymns and addresses) 7pm Sung Liturgy of Good Friday
23 rd Apr	Easter Eve (Sat.)	8.30pm Easter Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter
24 th Apr	EASTER DAY	8am Holy Communion 9.30am Procession and Sung Eucharist 11am Choral Mattins

Our services in Holy Week and Easter take us through the greatest events in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and so they are the most important of the church year. On Maundy Thursday evening, after the Eucharist, there is a watch until 11pm and all are welcome to come and go through the evening and to watch a while with Christ. The services on Good Friday all bring us to Jesus' on the Cross. Then the joy of the resurrection bursts forth at Easter. On Easter Eve the new fire is lit, we renew our baptismal vows, bless our new Paschal candle, and celebrate the First Eucharist of Easter. Our Easter celebrations continue on Easter Day itself.