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THE WAY AHEAD

Hell is full of followers of every known religious and anti-religious sect, protesting loudly how right they were on earth, and how members of other sects are responsible for them being where they are. The Devil can't get a word in.

Heaven has awed arrivals being introduced to other beings of God's creation (to mutual delight at the unexpectedness of it all). God seems to have time for a chat with everyone.

Back on earth food is getting short and expensive. Some farmers, in both rich countries and poor, have committed suicide. Politicians equivocate about what can be done. They count votes, or prevent votes being counted. Businessmen break banks in both Monte Carlo and the City; then finance politicians to keep the show on the road. But now everybody realises it is only a show, an uneasy pause on the way to an uncertain end.

As so often, Shakespeare has been before us. Listen to his Porter of Hell-gate in Macbeth letting in new arrivals-



"Here's a farmer that hanged himself on the expectation of plenty,"

"Here's an equivocator that could swear in both scales against either scale, who committed treason enough for God's sake, yet could not equivocate to Heaven."

Then, deciding Glamis Castle too cold for hell, says "I'll devil-porter it no longer; I had thought to let in some of all professions that go the primrose way to the everlasting bonfire,"

And leaves us with those freezing, daunting words-
"I pray you, remember the porter."



A little less daunting perhaps to remember Jesus' words.

31 ¶ When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

35 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

42 For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

St Matthew 25.



THE VICAR writes

OMEGA...

'Omega and Alpha He,
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.'

Those are words of a Christmas carol. We don't normally say 'Z to A', but 'A to Z' in English. The same goes for the Greek; it is normally a case of 'A and Ω', the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, and not 'Ω and A.' Yet it makes great sense to say it either way, when we talk of the One who is both the Beginning and the End. Eastertide comes to an end on Whitsunday, this year on 11 May, but only does so in a restricted sense. On that day the Easter Candle is transferred at the end of the Sung Eucharist to its position by the font, as a constant reminder that we are baptised into the new life first revealed in the risen Christ. It is lit for baptisms throughout the year, and (just as significantly) for funerals as well. When Eastertide begins each year on Easter Night, the Easter Candle is marked with various signs, including the date of the current year, and these powerful symbols A and Ω; the alphabet 'encloses' all that can be written. Christ is both God's *first* word and also his *last*. God has nothing more to offer us now, for in Christ he has given us everything. The spoken text at the lighting of the Easter Candle runs: 'Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, alpha and omega; all time belongs to him.' This is a statement that all time meets in the victorious Christ of Easter. And so it does: Easter lasts for fifty days, 'a week of weeks', ending with Pentecost, the Fiftieth Day. But it does not stop there. Whitsunday is not an annual *omega*, for Easter goes on constantly, week in week out. Every Sunday is a mini-Easter Day, a weekly commemoration of the resurrection of Christ. It is only the Biblical chronology, given us by St Luke, which comes to an end on Whitsunday. The liturgical year then eases off, and we are in 'ordinary time' until *The Son's Course* (the title of a devotional book by Fr Gerald Vann) begins all over again towards the end of the year, as Advent leads us into Christmas.

The often-quoted expression of St Augustine of Hippo, 'We are an Easter people, and our song is Alleluya', perhaps needs to be balanced by some clever phrase to denote the way in which this Easter life is actually lived out. Something like, 'We are a Spirit-filled people, and our song is *Renew the face of the earth*.' 'Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth' is a quotation (more or less) from Psalm 68, and it has been regularly used as a 'Versicle and Response' in Christian worship for centuries. When Pope Paul VI came to this country, he used it to great effect at the end of a sermon. Those in the know were doubtless uplifted by the rousing use of a familiar text, but I recall how diverting it was to observe the uneducated reporters' comments the following day, as they spoke of the former actor and his wonderful way with words, and the marvellous end to the sermon; but the words were not original – they were Holy Scripture. Whitsunday is all about the way in which the Holy

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SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

0800 HOLY COMMUNION

0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Creche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday mornings, and a chance for members of the congregation to meet or visitors to be welcomed to St Mary's.

1100 MATTINS

(Third Sunday in each month SUNG EUCHARIST to the Book of Common Prayer Rite)

1200 HOLY COMMUNION

(On Greater Festivals and on the last Sunday of the month except in December)

1830 EVENING WORSHIP

Either at St Mary's or at Ewell United Reformed Church. Details are on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

ON WEEKDAYS

The Eucharist is normally celebrated at present on Tuesdays at 1000, and at other times as printed on the Weekly Notes. Most of the Weekday services take place in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

THE PARISH OFFICE

Administrator:

Mrs Lynne Yuille 020 8393 2643 (Office)
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This is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church and is open from 0930 to 1300 on Monday to Friday, (though at present it is not usually open on Thursdays). Also on Friday evening from 1830 to 2000, except in August, the office is open particularly for routine enquiries about Baptism, Banns of Marriage, Confirmation, or fixing up later appointments.

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APRIL IN PARISH

An unexpected sight met our eyes when we woke on April 6 to find a snowy Ewell. The snow didn't last long but the children had fun while it did!

Spirit enables those who are 'in Christ' to be constantly empowered by the grace of God to be the living Christ in the world. The second most important festival of the Christian Year, for that is what Whitsun is (Christmas only comes third), is all about the power of God, mighty in operation, real and active in the world, coming upon us, just as long years ago it came in great and enabling power upon the first disciples on the Fiftieth Day of Resurrection. It is the festival of Holy Spirit in Holy Church. Whitsunday, eclipsed in the national consciousness because of earlier meddling with Bank Holidays, still remains a time of confidence for the Church, a time for realizing that the Holy Spirit does not take the place of an absent Christ, but effects his abiding presence with us until the end of time. It is a day of encouragement, but it reminds us equally strongly of the Church's constant call to mission, evangelism, and to holiness of life.

... AND ALPHA

Nigel Bird has contributed an item to this month's paper about the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral. It was a dramatic and moving rite, with a fair number of candidates for Confirmation (and some for Baptism), including some from St Mary's. It was for that reason that the Easter Vigil did not take place at St Mary's this year; we went instead to the 'mother church.' However, the Easter Vigil is the climax of the liturgical year, and what is described in Nigel Bird's article is substantially the same as has been happening at St Mary's certainly for the past quarter of a century. It is an atmospheric service, with a feel to it which is quite different from any other occasion in the year, since it proclaims the Risen Christ to his people, as they give thanks for his victory over sin and death. There were lots of appreciative comments on Sunday, 6 April, after the Sung Eucharist, at which 'something new' appeared to be sung by the choir that morning. The anthem by John Ireland, 'Greater love hath no man', was indeed new to the 0930 congregation, but for the last twenty-five years it has in fact been a regular feature of the Easter Vigil here, being sung almost at the conclusion of the rite, as the well-chosen biblical text sums up the paschal mystery which we have been praising. What happened at the cathedral at Easter, and what normally happens here as well, is unique in the liturgical year, and whilst it will never have the popularity of the Midnight Mass of Christmas it is an infinitely greater event in the unfolding pattern of the Christian Year. I am grateful to Nigel for writing about it. Next year, no doubt, others may wish to enter into that experience as well; and one does not have to go all the way to Guildford to do so.

As last month: happy continuing Easter.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Richard Hanford

NEWS FROM GUYANA

In addition to the reports that we get in *El-Dorado*, the Guyana Diocesan Magazine, news has been received from the Venerable Marcus Simon and our twinned parish of Corriverton in Guyana. Father Simon has received our cheque for £818. 73 safely, and he writes to express his gratitude to us for this assistance. Our Lent Project last year was for work in his vast parish, particularly for the building of a new and permanent church at Holy Epiphany, Orealla, for the Amerindian community some fifty miles up country. His parish also includes the churches of St Margaret, Skeldon, St Mary, Leeds, and St Agnes New Market. Father Simon will in due course provide details of how the money has actually been spent. He writes, 'In the meantime, please thank Richard Hanford and the people of St Mary's, Ewell, for their kind generosity.' *K.G.F.*

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MAY MUSIC NOTES 🎵

Firstly, the second of the 2008 series of Organ Recitals on our splendid Father Willis instrument. This will be at 1930 on Saturday, 17 May, and will be given by

Michael Bonaventura, Organist of All Saints Blackheath

There is a varied programme, which will include two works by Messiaen, since it is the centenary year of Messiaen's birth. The second of these (in part 2) is from his *magnum opus*, the *Livre du Saint Sacrement* of 1984.

1 Charles Tournemire - Paraphrase-Carillon (L'Orgue Mystique, No. 35)

2 Olivier Messiaen - Apparition de l'Eglise Eternelle (1930)

3 Cesar Franck - Choral No. 3 in A minor

~~ Interval ~~

4 George Crumb - Pastoral Drone (1982)

5 Judith Weir - Two Pieces

i) Ettrick Banks (1985)

ii) Wild Mossy Mountains (1982)

6 J.S. Bach - Passacaglia {BWV 582}

7 Olivier Messiaen - Priere apres la Communion (Livre du Saint Sacrement, 1984)

8 Paul Patterson - Brumba (2007)

Admission is £6.00, payable at the door (under 16s get in free!) or £5.00 in advance from the Parish Office or after services on Sundays.

Secondly, at the liturgical services there is once again a significant amount of new material this month. Ascension Day and the Sunday following will have new music by *Stanford* and *Finzi*, and Whitsunday sees a further addition to the repertoire of Eucharistic settings in the form of the *Missa Brevis Capella Regalis* by *Anthony Caesar*. Caesar is a distinguished priest-musician, who was for some years the Sub-Dean of the Chapels Royal at St James's Palace. Although an older man, he and the Vicar were in fact contemporaries at St Stephen's House at Oxford, where both received their pastoral training, and he was present at the Vicar's Induction at St Mary's. Corpus Christi on Thursday 22 May sees a return visit by the Choir of Emanuel School, under the direction of our own Jonathan Holmes, who is the Head of Music at the school. They will be singing *Vierne's* powerful Mass in C# minor at the service, which begins at 1900, and *Baird's* famous setting of 'Let all mortal flesh keep silence.' Organ voluntaries at the service include a wide range of musical styles, from the jolly Jig Fugue in G by *J S Bach* (on 18 May at 1100) to *The Ride of the Valkyries* (on 4 May at 0930). There is only one Choral Evensong during May (but see below); this will be at the beginning of the month, on 4 May at 1700, and will be sung from the West Gallery by the Choir Seniors. It will include the delightful Short Service by the Tudor composer *Causton*.

A reminder that full details of the choral and organ music for the term are available on the detailed service-papers, which may be found in the Welcome Area at St Mary's. Advance notice that towards the end of June, there will be a five-week season of afternoon Choral Evensongs, running from 22 June to 20 July. The plan is for there to be tea in church from about 1615, with the bonus of listening to the choir as they rehearse for the service.

FAIR SPRINGBOARD

A date for your diary

Date Saturday 17th May 2008

Time 10a.m. --- 12 noon

Venue St. Mary's Church Hall, London Road, Ewell

Stalls : Cakes, Books, Bric a Brac, CDs, Summer Fair Raffle Tickets and our wonderful Plant Stalls.

Evelyn Jarrett writes

As in recent years there will be for sale quantities of annuals ready for beds and containers. They will include, in mixed colours, geraniums, Busy Lizzies and, for the first time, a lovely double petunia called Double Fantastic. Tomato plants will also be available. Large tables, inside and out, will be laden with a wide selection of perennials and shrubs, as well as house plants. Please pot up soon divisions, root cuttings and spare "anythings"! Make this a real "exchange and mart" and increase the variety of plants in your gardens very economically. Please bring your plants to the Hall on the day, ideally before the event opens. Thank you very much.

All proceeds are towards the cost of the Summer Fair on 19th July 2008

Admission is Free. Coffee/ Tea and Biscuits are 50p

Contributions for the Stalls will be most welcome.

Valerie Smither [8393 2468] and Sarah Stovell [8393 0786]

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

Yes, it is that time of year again! Once more we are enclosing two books of Grand Draw tickets with the May edition of Ewell Parish News hoping it will be possible for you to sell some on our behalf. The draw will take place at the Summer Fair on Saturday 19th July and, if possible, cash and counterfoils should be returned by the 12th July to either your EPN distributor, direct to the promoter or placed in the 'blue box' at the back of the Church. We quite understand that not everyone will feel able to buy or sell tickets but will be most grateful if you can help.

Coffee Morning Coach Outings

The coach outing to Eastbourne is planned for Thursday 19 June.



The coach will depart from outside the Church Hall at 9.30 sharp- please note that due to parking restrictions you must be there by 9.15.

We should arrive back in Ewell at 18.00- 18.30

Seats cost just £10 each and bookings are now being taken.

To ensure your seats please give names together with the money to Joan Boulden at the Wednesday Coffee Mornings or in church on Sundays or to Lynne Yuille in the office.

The last day for booking (subject to seats being available) is Wednesday 4 June.

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Remember - the proceeds go to the Jeel Al Amal Boys' Home in Bethany as usual.

10.30 -12.00 in the Church Hall.

Hope to see you there!

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble thanks For all thy goodness and loving-kindness To us, and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; But above all for thine inestimable love In the redemption of the world by our Lord- Jesus Christ; For the means of grace, And for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, And that we shew forth thy praise, Not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, And by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

PSALM 23 FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush;
he makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,
he provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity.
He leads me in the way of efficiency,
through calmness of mind;
and his guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day
I will not fret, for his presence is here.
His timelessness, his all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of activity,
by anointing my mind with his oils of tranquility;
my cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be
the fruits of my hours
and I shall walk in the pace of my Lord,
and dwell in his house for ever.

Toki Miyashina

A PRAYER OF SURRENDER

Take, Lord, all my liberty,
my memory, my understanding,
and my whole will.
You have given me all that I have,
all that I am,
and I surrender all to your divine will,
that you dispose of me.
Give me only your love and your grace.
With this I am rich enough,
and I have no more to ask.

Ignatius Loyola

APRIL IN PARIS



I think everybody who attended the above event will agree it was a triumph! From the fine food, as good as you would get from any master chef kitchen to the entertainment!

From an insider perspective I can tell you that the preparation that goes into organising one of these occasions is very time consuming and requires the dedication of a number of unsung heroes in order to pull it off as successfully as was achieved. On the day I was commandeered to assist in the setting up the hall with David Dance to ensure everyone had a seat and that Sue and Lucy (the servers, who should be commended for their hard work) could move comfortably between the tables. With every ticket sold we knew the logistics would be challenging but knowing everyone attending were a friendly bunch the proximity of being cheek by jowl would just add to the atmosphere, which incidentally it did! Meanwhile Rosemarie, Jenny and Kathie worked valiantly to prepare the food for the evenings delectation! The tables were then dressed and Sybil very kindly arranged some elegant table displays.

The three-course meal started with a spinach roulade that had been lovingly prepared by Gilda and Lucy to perfection and tasted as good as it looked. It was followed by mouth-watering chicken pesto parcels served with dauphinois potatoes accompanied by carrots julienne and florets of broccoli. Homemade Pavlova, cheesecake and fresh fruit salad then further enhanced the meal. There were also cheese and biscuits for those who still had room to spare! The food was complemented with a fine Pinot Grigio and a Pinot Noir. It makes you wish you were there doesn't it!

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As the conversation flowed between courses we were invited to be entertained by the beautiful voice of Sarah Bradley very ably assisted by Arthur Matthews an uncovered talent who stepped into the breach at short notice and did an excellent job both as the accompanying pianist and stand-up comedian! Sarah, as some of you may recall, used to be head chorister at St. Mary's and she travelled especially from Berkshire to entertain us with a varied repertoire from "April in Paris" to "The Gas Man Cometh". Arthur had St. Mary's Hall seeming like a night at the proms, with banners raised, so that guests could join in on the chorus to "The Money Rolls In" interspersed with the odd joke and ending with a prom favourite "Land of Hope & Glory" which was joined in by everyone. The night's proceedings ended with a table draw for the flower arrangements



Special thanks should also go out to Jonathan Gocher for acting as master of ceremonies, which he delivered in a warm and inviting way, helping the event to be the success. Post the event we should also thank all those who helped especially the ladies in the kitchen who beaver away in the background and are an essential part of the team for making the evening one to be remembered.

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Mike Henson



THE EASTER LITURGY AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GUILDFORD

On Easter Eve 2008 Christians from throughout Surrey and probably beyond gathered at Guildford Cathedral for the Easter Vigil. On arrival we were met by 'our' steward, Gill Bird. Before the service we listened to the Choir until they left the Chancel and the lights began to dim, then at 8pm the choir re-entered, almost unnoticed in silence. The Dean welcomed us all from the lectern and introduced the Girl Choristers from Guildford Cathedral who were to sing at the service, a first for the Cathedral.

As the bishop and clergy entered and passed down the nave everyone turned to face a nave lectern from which the first verse of Genesis was read. At the phrase 'and there was light' a candle was lit beside the lectern. The Bishop of Dorking read a prayer and introduced the vigil before addressing the candidates. Having ascertained with questions and responses that either they wished to be baptized, or were baptized and were ready to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ, the Bishop called upon the whole congregation asking that they welcome them and uphold them in their life with Christ. The Bishop invited us to hear records of God's saving deeds and we listened to the story of the Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and the verses from Ezekiel where the Israelites are told how they are to be restored to Israel. After each lesson a prayer was read.

The lighting was further reduced and the bishop and clergy moved to the West end of the nave where a fire was lit, prayers said and the Easter Candle marked and studded to represent the wounds of Christ. Once the candle was lit the Deacon raised it high and said 'Christ is our Light' to which the congregation responded 'Thanks be to God'. As the procession made its way up the nave this was repeated twice and the light taken from the fire was gradually transferred to the candles of each of the congregation. Once the Easter Candle was in its stand the Easter Acclamation 'Alleluia! Christ is risen' was made by the Deacon to which we all responded 'He is risen indeed. Allelu-

ia!' The Exsultet was sung, then the organ played loudly, the lights came on and the Gloria was sung joyfully by the choir to a musical setting from the *Missa Pascha Nostrum* by David Davies. After the collect the lesson from Romans reminded us of the meaning of Baptism and the Gospel from the last chapter of Matthew recounted the dramatic events at Christ's tomb on the first Easter Day. The Alleluias in the four acclamations before the Gospel and a further three before the Bishop of Dorking's sermon, served to remind us that 'Alleluia' is firmly back after its absence during Lent. The sermon was based around the themes of death and resurrection linking the gift of the resurrection with God's grace working in the confirmation candidates, and the gift of grace in the bread and wine.

The Baptism candidates were signed with the sign of the cross by their own vicars, including Caroline Louise Holmes from St Mary's and a series of prayers took us to the Profession of Faith in a question and response version of the Creed before the culmination of the baptism Liturgy.

The bishop warned us all that he would either 'get us' from the front or the back as he sprinkled us all with water from the font, and made a special attempt to cover the 'naughty vicars' in the chancel.

The confirmation liturgy followed and each candidate including those from St Mary's, Clare Chubb, Maria Harradine, Paul Hill, Caroline Holmes, Elizabeth Humphries, Sarah Johnson and Hannah Phillips received the laying on of hands from the bishop. We stood to support our candidates during their special moments. Prayer and the welcome followed and we moved into the familiar Liturgy of the Eucharist with settings from the Messe Basse by Gabriel Fauré.

The service ended with the newly-confirmed joining the procession down the nave to the back of the Cathedral, and out into the chill night of an early Easter.

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Saturday 17 May 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 24 May 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 7 June 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 14 June 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Saturday 21 June 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Review Day (Guildford)

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In the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit

6 April Zachary Michael FitzGibbon
George Neil Walter Pearson
Joseph Simon Potter
Stanley Andrew Simpson

CONFIRMATION

Come, O creator Spirit, come

At the Cathedral Church of the Holy Spirit, Guildford, 22 March 2008 at the Paschal Vigil, by the Bishop of Dorking

Claire Ann Chubb Maria Jane Harradine
Paul Michael Hill Caroline Louise Holmes
Elizabeth Margaret Humphries Sarah Elizabeth Johnson
Hannah Marie Phillips

FUNERALS

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

20 March Henry John Fulker, aged 86
1 April Eileen Rosalind Jennings, aged 76
3 April Irene Ward, aged 85
7 April Joyce Frances Maud Blore, aged 94
16 April Dennys Leonard Guillum Scott, aged 89

The Fifth Annual Hymnathon – News

The Hymnathon is one of the main fundraisers to get preparations started for the Summer Fair and this year 18 singers managed to raise £636.10. A big THANK YOU and WELL DONE to all who took part and those who supported the day.

Rosemarie Henson

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

From Margaret Howard to all her friends at St Mary's for their prayers, cards and wonderful support they have given her since she had her stroke last November. She has been utterly overwhelmed by their kindness: so many people have been to see her, and she has been showered with lovely gifts of all kinds including a magnificent bouquet from the church.

Her most grateful thanks to you all, more than she can ever say.



Hats for Sailors

A regular part of our Lenten Project has been to knit hats for the Sailors Society. These hats are needed for seafarers in colder countries. This year's "trawl" produced 50 multi-coloured hats which have been dispatched to the international charity where they will be put to good use. Edna has asked us to pass on her thanks and that of the Sailors Society to all the knitters.

CHINA

The new threat from the East: Christianity

Asia Times (Hong, Kong)

Europeans are scared of being swamped by Islamists, says Spengler, but Islam itself doesn't stand a chance against the new threat from the East: Christianity. Look at the figures. We're used to eyecatching statistics from China, but the most striking of all is that 10,000 Chinese become Christians every day. A "stunning" report by a US magazine, the National Catholic Reporter, estimates that by mid-century, the number of Christians in China will have doubled to 200 million, making them the largest concentration of Christians in any one country. The huge evangelising power of Christianity, especially American-style Pentecostalism, is proving irresistible to the millions who feel themselves cut off from the old certainties by the disorienting effects of rapid economic growth and mass migration. And the "world-changing" impact of such mass conversion will be felt first of all in China itself. Barred from worshipping publicly, Christians meet in their own homes, and the resulting network of meeting points is creating a "leaven of democracy" that is proving far too pervasive for the communist regime to control. "These fearless grassroots evangelists will do more to bring democracy to the world than all the bluster of President George W Bush and his neocon advisers."

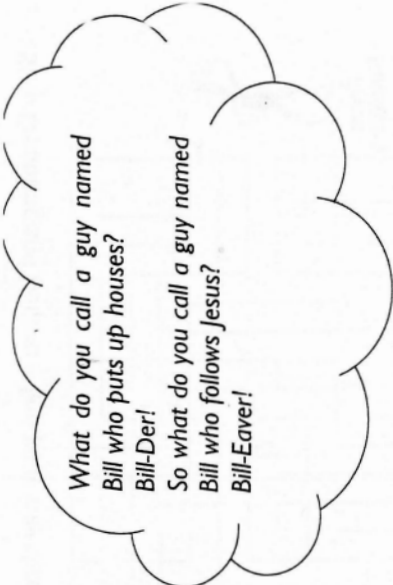
Young Church Mag

30th March 2008: Second Sunday of Easter: John 20: 19 to end



Thomas didn't believe until he saw Jesus

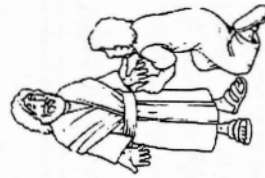
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What do you call a guy named
Bill who puts up houses?
Bill-Der!
So what do you call a guy named
Bill who follows Jesus?
Bill-Eaver!

Can you find the words in the wordsearch?

P X A L S S X R X T H O M A S
M X I D U K E X C U M P I D I
Q X N S V H L Y E Q H W L W V
W A E S T M M V L S I G N S W
H J Z E V F I B W Z R J A L Q
Q X G S S G T R D L O C K E D
T O G U H I M I A X F Q Y B I
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S D M C Z L I E C Z Z E O T I
I O G V O E I F D K Z P S H P
D O F E I R I E E Q U G N J L
E R X E H R D D V H V T G I E
R S J B Y X A E Q E C G X N S
D O U B T I N G D B D S N O K



- disciples
- hands
- believe
- together
- side
- signs
- doors
- Thomas
- miracles
- locked
- Jesus
- doubting
- recorded
- showed
- touch
- life



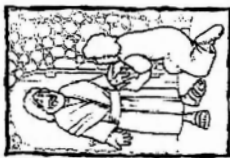
Risen Jesus, make yourself known
to us all in due time
So we may know for sure the joy of heaven!
Amen

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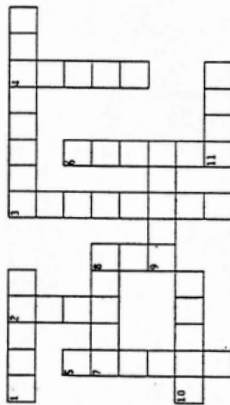
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"Stop doubting and believe!"

John 20:19-31 (NIV)



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ACROSS

1. To believe in something for which there is no proof
3. A follower of Jesus
7. The body parts at the end of the arms
9. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
10. To be in a state of pleasure or delight
11. An entrance into a building or room

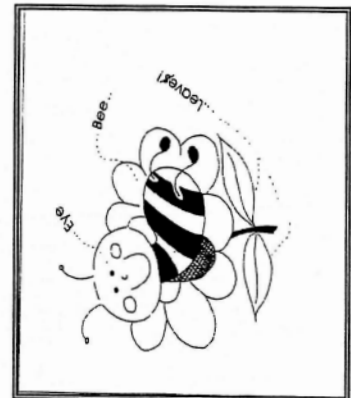
DOWN

2. One of two babies born at the same time
3. Unwilling to believe that something is true
4. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war
5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. Not open
8. Breaking a religious or moral law

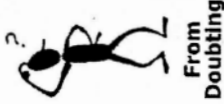
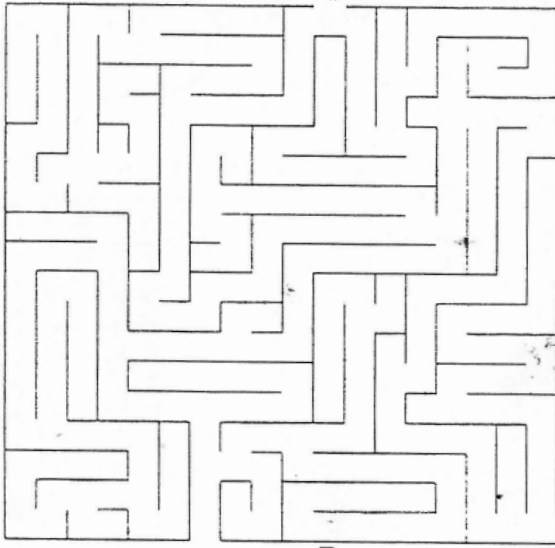
Words Used

door	sin	Thomas	nails
closed	hands	happy	disciple
peace	doubting	faith	twin

I believe!



Stop Doubting and Believe -- find your way through the maze



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."
John 20:27

Wonderful news! Jesus is ... what?!

Solve today's riddle-me-ree to find out what!
My first is in **glad** and **happy** and **praise**
My second's in **light** and **candle** and **blaze**
My third is in **swim** and **dive** river
My fourth is in **very** and **loving** and **giver**
My last is in **ears** and **eyes** and **voice**
My whole is the reason we all shout, "Rejoice!"

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Calendar for May



- Th 1 **ASCENSION DAY**
1000 **Holy Communion** (High Altar)
1930 **SUNG EUCHARIST**
- S 4 **SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
(Sunday after Ascension)
1700 Choral Evensong, *sung from the West Gallery.*
- W 7 2000 Meeting of Children's Support Group
- S 11 **THE DAY OF PENTECOST (Whitsunday)**
Normal Sunday arrangements on the second most important festival of the Christian Year. Transfer of the Easter Candle to the font at the end of the Eucharist. Eastertide ends today, and the Easter Garden will be removed afterwards.
- T 13 2000 Meeting of Pro Musica
- W 14 0900 Ewell Castle Junior School Service
1900 Epsom Clergy Chapter dinner
2000 Meeting of Interregnum Planning Group
- Sat 17 **FAIR SPRINGBOARD:** see page 4
1930 **Organ Recital** by *Michael Bonaventure* of All Saints, Blackheath. (See 'May Music Notes' on page 4)
- S 18 **TRINITY SUNDAY.**
Book of Common Prayer Sung Eucharist at 1100
- M 19 Holy Communion to the housebound.
- T 20 2000 Deanery Synod
- Th 21 **CORPUS CHRISTI**
1900 Sung Eucharist (see page 4) with the choir of Emanuel School, Clapham
- S 25 **CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY (Trinity 1)**
0800 Eucharist of Trinity 1; the 0930 and 1100 service are of Corpus Christi. Additional Eucharist at 1200

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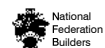
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