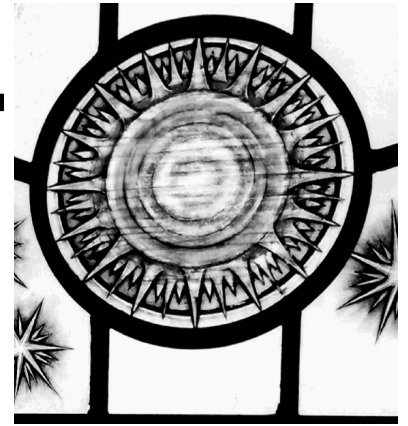




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Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell

NEITHER FUDGING NOR JUDGING

How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach,

.....I love thee with the breath,
Smiles, tears, of all my life! - and, if God choose,
I shall but love thee better after death.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning (1806 - 1861)

"...that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
may be able to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and
height; and to know the love of Christ..."

Letter to the Ephesians, Paul of Tarsus

One would have to be dead or disillusioned not to respond to the romance in Elizabeth Browning's poem, the awe in Paul's letter, the similarity of the English wording, and the uniqueness of love.

Love is bigger than humans, bigger than the earth, bigger than life and death. It cannot be manufactured. It can only be experienced. Which accounts for the feeling that words do not capture it fully.

Words certainly hint at its long term continuity in this world and the next, even suggesting that the pause which we call "death" may not be the defining moment we sometimes think.

Elizabeth's husband, Robert Browning, went so far as to say-

"...life, with all it yields of joy and woe, and hope and fear,...

Is just a chance o' the prize of learning love"

(not an Olympic medal, Cabinet seat, or place in the school of your choice).

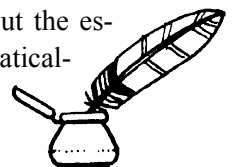
Love happens, its practicalities are learnt in sharing time, space and resources- for us Christians that, under Our Father, we belong to His world wide family.

Love is defenceless, vulnerable and open - and the world we seek to grow is open to all. It is the "blessed hope of everlasting life" - an indivisible unity shared by families, lovers, societies both sides of the grave. It cannot be disconnected like a 'phone line or electric current. It lives in the heart, soul, spirit, part of an "I - Thou" equality, never an "I - It" possessiveness.

Forgiveness is an essential part of love, as is strict adherence to truth. Love knows neither fudging nor judging. It just goes on being. As God does.

The Russian philosopher, Grigory Pomerants, has some wise and calming things to say to those daring to write about God and love-

God is a reality who reveals himself in the heart, in passionate prayer, and fades away in arguments. God is real in the blasphemies of Job who does not understand why God has delivered him into the hands of Satan, and becomes an empty abstraction in the pious arguments of Job's friends. As history proceeds and theologians write more books, the louder become the voices of Job's friends, and the stronger grows the habit of thinking of God and of love in the third person, and the less there is of the reality of God, and of love. This does not mean that we can ban theology. The developed intellect demands food, and it finds it in theological theories. But the essence of faith can never be systematically expounded.



The Vicar writes

I've recently returned from holiday, visiting family members: firstly, my wife Elaine's parents in Cape Town, and then my brother, in Helsinki. Somehow or other, we managed to dodge all the ash clouds and get to our destinations without any hiccoughs.

My Sundays were different from usual Sundays in two ways. Firstly, I was able to sit in the pews, incognito; secondly, I was visiting other parts of the Anglican Communion of churches. In Cape Town, the Anglican church I visited was obviously a thriving church. On the Sunday I was there they were busy collecting blankets and jumpers to give to poorer members of the community as winter draws near. The following Sunday, while staying with my brother, we were over in Tallinn. The Anglican community there is able to celebrate the Eucharist only once a month, when a priest visits. The congregation was very small, but the worship in a beautiful medieval church was accompanied both by pipe organ and by the youth group's string quartet.

In both places- as far south and as far north as I have been- the Sunday Eucharist was extremely familiar, with hymns I knew well.

Of course, the Anglican Communion has more of a point than simply being useful for tourists seeking a familiar kind of church. The Anglican Communion consists of number of independent, self-governing churches. The various churches that make up the Communion belong to a number of bodies that unite Christians together. But the Anglican Communion is special because together, Anglicans share a history deriving from the Church of England; and because membership gives us an international dimension that stretches us beyond our more parochial concerns.

Yet being so diverse and international brings its own challenges. The newspapers tell us (year in year out) that the Anglican Communion is on the brink of collapse as some churches go in directions that others cannot accept: principally on questions of who can be consecrated as a Bishop. No doubt the Anglican Communion will be raised as a concern when the Church of England's General Synod again debates the question of women bishops next month.

'I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church'- as we say every Sunday in church- so questions about the Anglican Communion and other organizations, while they are important, always take second place next to my belief that God's church is one. It is a great privilege to be able to worship with other Anglicans across the world, one I greatly appreciated both in South Africa and Estonia. But it is a greater privilege still to be part of the one great church, that stretches across the centuries and across the continents, to which all Christians belong.

Your friend and Parish Priest

Russell Dewhurst

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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 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

1100 MATTINS

(Usually replaced on the third Sunday in each month by a Sung Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer)

1730 EVENING PRAYER

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

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

Morning and Evening Prayer are *usually* said at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

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St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-12.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

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The churchwardens normally hold two surgeries each month.

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IN CHURCH IN JUNE

On Thursday 3rd June at 7pm there will be a congregational sung Eucharist (the choir being on holiday) for the feast of Corpus Christi, when we give thanks for the Holy Eucharist.

On the first Sunday of the month, 6th June, we will be thinking about Christian stewardship at the 8am and 9.30am services. There is a special service at 11am, the annual Pets' Service: pets are especially welcome to church.

Our monthly evensong falls on Sunday 13th June at 5.30pm.

On Saturday 26th June, at 7.30pm, there will be an organ recital by Simon Gregory of Emanuel School, Clapham: a good chance to hear our 'Mighty Willis' organ being put through its paces.

And, of course, regular services continue as usual, see the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

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PRAYER WALK
MONDAY 21st JUNE 2010 at 8 p.m.

Churches Together in Ewell are planning a Prayer Walk around Bourne Hall and Ewell Village on the date above.

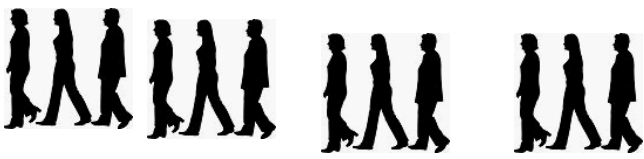
Everyone is very welcome.

The Parish Room at St. Mary's will be open from 7.30p.m. for those who would like to pray for our Village but would rather not walk.

The "walkers" will join them about 9p.m. in the Parish Room for refreshments and closing prayer.

 Please pray for this occasion.

Sarah Stovell



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A STAR

Lynn Reddick, one time Sea Cadet, Police Officer, Library Assistant and, since 1996, at NESCOL, has been teaching students with learning difficulties.



In what spare time she has, she is also a regular Bell Ringer at St. Mary's.

She is the Head of Foundation Learning and is responsible for organising ways and means of giving these students opportunities to gain basic skills and experience as well as developing their self confidence in a variety of vocational subjects. She is responsible for 150 students aged 16 and upwards and for periods of up to 3 years.

She has concentrated on finding outside projects in which they can foster their individual leanings. St. Mary's has benefited from two such projects. Some 8 years ago Lynn got in touch with David Slattery and, as a result, a regular working party 10 - 12 strong have been doing valuable work in the Churchyard every Wednesday, in term time, since then.

A more recent project is Café Nescot. Lynn was looking for a project to improve the catering experience of a group who were keen to get involved in learning some of the skills involved. As a result of a conversation with the Vicar, Café Nescot has been established. The students help to prepare some of the food which is then brought to the Church Hall from the College. Of course, this project relies very much on the participation of parishioners and friends who can enjoy an excellent light lunch at a reasonable price. Incidentally, any profit goes to the Church.

In 2009, Lynn's name was put forward as an entrant in the Response to Learners Needs category of the National Star Awards. Out of the hundreds of entrants, a short list of 10 was selected by a committee of the great and the good from industry and the professions. Lynn made it onto this list. At a ceremony held in London, the short listed nominees and their nominators, with special friends, were hosted by the BBC broadcaster Mike Baker. Lynn Reddick was selected for the Star Award for 2009. She was presented with a glass trophy, a personal cheque and a sum of money for Personal and Professional Development.

Shortly after winning this award she was invited to Downing Street where she was entertained with others at the launch of a White Paper about improving employment opportunities. She spent her Development Money visiting several schools in the USA, which were doing similar work. Several ideas she brought back have already been adopted at NESCOL.

CONGRATULATIONS LYNN REDDICK

Malcolm Pitstow

Parish profile: Our new churchwarden Malcom Lawther



Malcolm has been worshipping at St Mary's since moving to Ewell in 1969 with his wife Jill and two sons. He has always been closely involved in the life and work of his chosen church and after stints on the PCC and numerous committees as well as having been an altar-server, has current duties on the Estates Committee with responsibility for the Church Hall, as Sidesman Team co-ordinator, plus transport and tea and coffee rotas. He also runs the book and music stall at the Village Fair for 35 years for which he hopes to get into the Guinness Book of Records.

After entering the world in Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the height of the Battle of Britain he and his parents moved to Salisbury in the late 1950s where he attended Bishop Wordsworth Grammar School. Subsequently, the family moved to Leatherhead and Malcolm attended Glyn Grammar School leaving in 1959 to enter the world of banking. He then enjoyed a successful career and had managerial positions in London and Surrey before accepting voluntary early retirement.

Since then has had positions as a school bursar, a club secretary and a managing agent. Throughout his life he has participated in and followed sport especially football and cricket. With his sons and their families settled abroad his travel horizons have broadened and has become very aware of the rapid passage of time with his eldest grandchild, Susanna, now 15, about to be confirmed in Norway.

Malcolm is looking forward to the challenges of becoming one of the churchwardens and is fortunate in knowing well most who attend St Mary's and having long-term knowledge of the workings of his parish church.

SUGGESTED PRAYERS

EVENING PRAYER

Watch, dear Lord,
 with those who wake, or watch, or weep to-
 night, and give your angels charge over those
 who sleep. Tend your sick ones O Lord Christ,
 rest your weary ones.
 Bless your dying ones.
 Soothe your suffering ones.
 Pity your afflicted ones.
 Shield your joyous ones.
 And all for your love's sake,
 Amen.

Augustine of Hippo

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the uni-
 verse, who makest the bands of sleep to fall upon
 mine eyes, and slumber upon mine eyelids. May it be
 thy will, O Lord my God and God of my fathers, to
 suffer me to lie down in peace and to let me rise up
 again in peace. Let not my thoughts trouble me, nor
 evil dreams, nor evil fancies, but let my rest be per-
 fect before thee . . . Blessed art thou, O Lord, who
 givest light to the whole world in thy glory.

The Hebrew Prayer Book

My life of the spirit is impoverished
 when I neglect communing with thee.
 A tense silence holds between me and thee
 when I cease to meet thee and confer with thee.
 My spiritual vision is blurred.
 I cannot feel thy presence,
 I cannot see thy radiant face . . .
 Like a land bird that finds no solid object to
 alight upon, when it is out to sea,
 I am lost when I leave thee
 and find no place of safety for my misguided
 soul.
 My life is wrapped up in thee and in thy pro-
 tecting love. Hold me by my hands and guide me
 and I will follow thee wherever thou dost lead
 me. I will serve thee to the end of my life,
 till thou dost call me back from my earthly
 sojourn to my final rest and repose in thee.

M. N. Dhalla

May we not worry but believe in thee, our Great
 Parent.

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FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

HOLY BAPTISM

Born again in Christ

18 April Ryan George Alcock

FUNERALS

Let light perpetual shine upon them

- 17 March Emilia Doris Golding, aged 96
- 26 March Marie Louise Coppinger, aged 89
- 12 April Reginald David Cosham, aged 86
- 21 April Linda Georgina Hird, aged 60
- 26 April Dennis William Boulton, aged 94
- 27 April Ronald Frank Nelms, aged 85
- 1 May Wilfred James Chitty, aged 82
- 11 May Yvonne Gladys Russell, aged 55
- 17 May James Frederick Charles Melrose,
 aged 90
- 19 May Ellen Maud Golding, aged 93

GROUP CAPTAIN JAMES FREDERICK CHARLES MELROSE DFC (1920-2010)

Funeral Address by his son, Peter

Freddie was born in 1920 in Pimlico and died peacefully on 20 April at St Helier's hospital in Sutton, only 10 or 12 miles away. But in his 90 years, he travelled many thousands of miles around the globe. He lived in England, Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Rhodesia, Germany and Peru, and saw war service all over the Mediterranean theatre. An Englishman who fought for his country. But also a citizen of the world. He lived a wonderfully rich life as a railwayman, pilot, diplomat, government servant, sportsman, husband and father.

His father was an engineer working on the railways in Latin America so Dad spent his early years in Mariquita, in Colombia. It was a very rural environment and he described travelling to school by mule. He also spent occasional terms in England at Poole Grammar school when his parents were on home leave. Quite a contrast. The family moved to Argentina in 1933 and Dad went to two of the best English boarding schools in Buenos Aires. When there, he developed his passion for sports, especially rugby. He was a flanker and I suspect a very good one. Later on he could claim to be a Uruguayan rugby international at a time when there was no international team! He told us about his first job as Station Master at Montevideo central railway station. Also that he witnessed the battle of the River Plate and the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee at the start of the war.

The Second World War changed his life. Far from enjoying the comfort and safety of life far away, he volunteered as soon as he could and in February 1940 took ship to Liverpool. At a time when in other circumstances he might have contemplated university (for he was academically bright) he chose service to a country he had, up to then, spent little time in, but whose idea of Englishness shaped him to his core.

He was sent to Canada for flying training, narrowly missing another German battleship (the Bismarck) on his voyage over. A Royal Navy battleship and two destroyers protecting his convoy were diverted to attack Bismarck. There is a well known film about this famous wartime incident. After his return to Bicester for advanced training, he expected his first active role would be low level daylight operations over the Channel. At that time life expectancy for aircrew on those missions was about 3 weeks. It is a mark of the man that he was disappointed to be posted instead to Egypt to fight the Afrika Corps! From May 1942 he flew light bombers with 55 Squadron, based in Egypt

initially, attacking enemy troop formations and other targets in what is now called close air support.

There were the inevitable dangers: anti-aircraft fire, the risks of flying in the desert, heat, flies, scorpions and on one occasion – as he said – ‘the terrible taste of gin mixed with brackish water at El Adem’.

For two months he was in hospital in Alexandria with diphtheria, caught in Cyprus. He also took enemy fire. On 1 April 1943 his plane was hit and one engine seized up. These are his words about it:

‘My oil cooler and hydraulics were hit. I returned on the port engine alone with some difficulty. There was increasing vibration on the starboard engine but I could not feather it without any engine oil. However, luckily, the reduction gear sheared under the strain and the propeller was at least no longer driving the seized up engine reluctantly around, creating a danger of fire. By maintaining control at lower speed with plenty of rudder we were more or less holding height sufficiently to reach base. I was able to make a short cut and get back to our airfield before the main formation, pump down the

wheels and flaps on emergency and land well down the runway, deliberately running off at the end onto the sand without damage, to allow the remaining aircraft of our Squadron to land safely.

He added with such typical English understatement: ‘a few weeks later I learned that I had been mentioned in dispatches for handling the situation pretty well. My crew were certainly very pleased with having avoided the need to force land or bale out, neither of which were attractive alternatives.’

As the allies advanced, Dad flew missions in support of the invasions of Sicily and Italy. In October 1943 he flew his 73rd and last operational sortie with 55 Squadron. He had been with them on active service for 18 months and was told he needed a rest. His reaction? ‘It was useless to argue with them!’ I suspect he did – but maybe not much because Freddie believed in loyalty, discipline and faithful service. I feel huge pride in him to say he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for ‘leadership of a number of very effective operational sorties over a long period’.

For most of the rest of the war he was redeployed as a flight instructor (obviously he was that good a pilot). He was based in Cairo, went on more flying training in Rhodesia, and went to Eskisehir in Turkey to teach the Turkish



Continued from p6. air force to bring into service 72 new bombers donated by the British Government. His engagement with Turkish culture fascinated, appalled and impressed him. His deployment there was a diplomatic act and gave Dad his first taste of what became an important part of his later career. In February 1945 he returned to service with 13 Squadron in Italy but the war was coming to an end and, despite promotion to Squadron Leader, he found that there was 'not much to do'. Not much included: flying into Berlin and seeing at first hand the devastation of the allied bombing and Soviet assault; deployment to Greece to reduce the risk of communist insurrection; flying back to the UK in the bomb bay of a Liberator hoping that the pilot would not open the bomb doors in error!

He demobilised at the very end of 1945 and returned to South America on the famous SS Tamaroa, a ship that took back so many South American volunteers.

On the long voyage back (Dad at the time in plaster) he met a very beautiful WAAF, Audrey Macqueen, who apart from her film star looks, had the nickname 'pints' because she impressed the young pilots by disdaining half pint glasses. Mum often tells the story that she asked him to look after her letters and found him gone when she returned. She says that she spent the rest of the voyage trying to avoid him but we are not so sure. After all, they married in Chile less than a year later! It was a beautiful garden wedding in Villa Allemana, near the coast in the family home and many of Mum's extraordinary and large Chilean family were there. It is wonderful to note that some of them are with us here today.

Returning to England to rejoin the RAF, they lived for a while in the West Country, where I was born in October 1950 (Dad at the time in plaster – rugby this time!). He was then posted out to Rhodesia and the family spent nearly two years there: Dianna being born in Bulawayo in June 1952. This set a pattern for life in the forces: short tours, lots of them, many opportunities for travel, and over 25 house moves in 30 or so years. He had a series of operational roles in the UK and Germany before the chance came in 1962 to join the Diplomatic Service as Air Attaché to Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Ecuador, Colombia and Panama. As a result, and unusually at the time, we enjoyed many holidays all over Western Europe and then South America. Dianna learned Spanish from her time at school in Peru (which has stood her in good stead in her later career) and we both benefitted from an English boarding school education to create the educational stability in our lives that Dad had not enjoyed.

He was extremely well suited to the diplomatic life with his fluent Spanish, natural charm and authority, discretion and zest for new experiences. They were a glittering couple in the role at endless diplomatic functions, as so many photographs from that time show. Three and a half years in Peru gave him a taste for this life and he found the role of Administration Officer at RAF Benson in Oxfordshire in the mid 1960s less interesting. In 1967 he became Defence Attaché in Argentina and they moved to Buenos Aires for the next four years. I imagine he was pleased to be away from England in the swinging sixties – not a social shift he had much time for! Politically, events in Latin America were becoming more fraught and the threat of terrorism had increased. He possessed a side arm, had to vary his routes to work, and was visiting Montevideo the day the British Ambassador was kidnapped by the Tupamaros. In fact Dad

had been due to see him that morning.

But we all enjoyed such a wonderfully privileged life out there because of his job. We travelled widely in South America, visited Mum's family in Chile and built a lifelong attachment to 'Latino America'. I am so grateful to him for this experience. It gave us both the chance to become citizens of the world too.

Mum and Dad returned to the UK in 1972 and Dad soon took early retirement from the RAF, keen to make a contribution on 'Civvy Street'. He landed an excellent job with an Anglo German Shipping conference based in Liverpool and moved up to the Wirral. Sadly this did not work out so well because the political manoeuvring involved did not suit a straightforward military man. In addition, he told me that he could not stomach taking orders from Germans! This was unusual in a man who was very accepting of different cultures and nationalities. After trying one or two other things and surviving a potentially very serious car crash in Spain, he rejoined Government service in the mid 1970s.

He never talked about what exactly he did – or who he worked for – but in these more relaxed times where their jobs get openly advertised, I can say he was in the Secret Service. His boss at the time told me recently that he had been very popular with his colleagues and much respected. Another colleague said to us '*He was a marvellous man, invariably cheerful and unfailingly helpful, and an inspiration to those younger than himself. I have since heard from those who then knew him how popular and respected he was when serving as an attaché overseas.*'

One vivid memory we have of him at this time is on his huge motorbike, clad top to toe in black leather, driving through central London on his way to Whitehall to work. He looked for all the world like a member of the Hells Angels, Foreign Office chapter! He continued working there for around 15 years and, even after his formal retirement at the end of the 1980s; he continued to work as a freelance interpreter, usually for the government. He took part in many visits by foreign dignitaries, ministers, heads of the armed forces and others.

In the early 1980's Mum and Dad moved for the last time to Ashley Drive in Banstead and there began by far the longest time he ever spent in one place. He loved their house and also Walton Heath Golf Club. They joined this church and became faithful members of the congregation. Many friends and neighbours who knew him over these many years are here today. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to many of you for your unfailing care and support to them both, and I want to say thank you, especially to Bob Hunt.

I have said nothing about his own family Melrose, but in truth we know little. He came from two generations of soldiers: his father fought throughout the Great War with the Scots Guards and his grandfather served in the Boer War with the Royal Scots Greys. His sister Betty predeceased him some years ago. Though they were not often together, we shall never forget his selflessness in caring for her in her later years. He would often travel on his motorbike in all weathers from Banstead to Bournemouth to look after her and her affairs.

This was typical of him. Recently, we have come across many letters and notes thanking him for small kindnesses

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Continued from p7. rendered. He was a very generous man. He was also a very private individual – so typical of his generation – and he would be quite embarrassed were he to hear what I have said this morning. He loved proverbs and maxims and those he especially liked, say something of the man. The Catalan proverb “it is better to conceal one’s knowledge than to reveal one’s ignorance” speaks of his modesty. Or another Spanish proverb “keep a good opinion of your neighbours and lock the door” speaks of his friendliness and common sense.

No account of him would be complete without reference to his sporting and musical passions. He was a good rugby player, as I have said, but also a keen tennis and squash player, an angler and, most of all, a very good golfer. At his best his handicap was around 4 and he played into his 80’s, taking great pride in often winning matches and tournaments. He was a member of some famous clubs: Wentworth, Sunningdale and Walton Heath.

He had a great passion for classical music and all through our childhood and beyond; we were used to Radio 3 being

on, usually in more than one room at a time. He loved Bruckner, Mahler, Brahms and Schubert. One could see that it was the less florid and more pure forms of chamber music that moved him especially. It is no surprise that he was the Chair of St Mary’s Music for a number of years. He also read the lesson in this church on many occasions and perhaps some of you can hear him still within these walls.

His life was blessed by a marriage that lasted 63 years and by his 5 grandchildren, all here today. In his later years as his health declined, Mum looked after him devotedly and his main wish was to live peacefully at home with her. He had that wish granted through most of his eighties and, though he became increasingly thin and frail, and at times quite worried about things, I know that he did not fear death. We are grateful that at the end he did not suffer and Audrey was with him just minutes before the end. We shall all miss him but I hope we will be strengthened by the memory of a life so well lived.

Peter Melrose 17 May 2010

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. MARY'S 10 APRIL 2010

It was upon a pleasant April evening that a sizable audience gathered in church for an opportunity to hear the wonderful Willis organ in a full-blown recital. There is rarely sufficient scope for an after-service final voluntary to do more than hint at the terrific range of tone and power of which this instrument is capable. Now, today, in the equally capable hands of our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, we could hear something of this tone and power as will be described below.

In a short speech, Jonathan introduced the works we were about to hear. The first half of the recital would comprise contemporary pieces followed by a representative of 19th century style. Trumpeting Organ Morgan is the slightly Twenties-sounding name of a piece by Dr. Karl Jenkins, probably the best-known of modern British composers. We admired Jonathan's dexterity in this rather under-stated music. Next, a piece entitled Miroir by the Dutch composer Ad Wammes. It received its premiere at Utrecht in 1985. Until I consulted his website I had never heard of Wammes; to those of a certain vintage, however, who may remember Sesame Street on television, Wammes wrote the music. Then three most uncompromisingly modern pieces by the Swiss composer Guy Bovet (born 1942). Bovet taught until a few years ago at Basle. Le Bolero du divin Mozart which somehow manages to combine a melody of Mozart with the familiar bolero style. Hamburger Totentanz is not what happens after a Big Mac but a sinister, staccato dance in jazzy rhythm. Last of all, Toccata Playanovska is a tribute by Bovet to a Viennese friend, in which the chief difficulty is keeping the right hand ever so slightly behind the left without it all sounding wrong. Tonight it certainly succeeded in not sounding wrong.

To conclude the first half, we heard an extended piece by the 19th century concert organist Edwin Lemare, called Introduction, Fantasia and Fugato on Hanover (O Worship the King). Lemare spent most of his life in the U.S.A. and, on the evidence of this piece, certainly knew his Ferenc Liszt. In a way often used by the legendary pianist-composer in his later works, Lemare in his introduction makes all sorts of wispy allusions to the main theme before stating it baldly in octaves. Then came five

quite light-hearted variations on it before he realises he ought to be serious and so brings in the Fugue. It ended the first half of the concert in impressive style.

The second half of the concert was a musical sandwich in which the jam was represented by one of Eric Coates's marches, entitled Calling All Workers, written in 1941. For many in the audience this music seemed familiar, doubtless because it was used by BBC as signature tune in Music While You Work which ran until 1967. It came after J.S.Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 548, one of his greatest and, for me, most challenging works. Having heard the Prelude a few times as final voluntary on a Sunday, it was rewarding to hear the Fugue as well. The Fugue certainly keeps the listener on his toes because of the surprising waywardness of the episodes. Then finally, a major work by a more recent admirer of the music of Bach: Max Reger, his Chorale Prelude on "Wachet Auf!" opus 57 no. 2. Reger's musical lifetime spans the 19th and 20th centuries and one can hear hints of both Brahms and Wagner in his music. The famous chorale is treated in a markedly modern style with all kinds of tonal shifts, and in it Reger calls for maximum volume. This was an exciting experience for those sitting near the organ!

After the sheer exuberance of the Reger, Jonathan's encore employed just the Vox Humana stop. This stop had already been heard briefly but now, in Percy Grainger's Handel In The Strand, it was given much more prolonged usage. It brought the evening to a tranquil conclusion.

Timothy Tomkins

GRAND DRAW TICKETS

The draw will take place at **Ewell Village Fair** on Saturday 17th July.

If possible, cash and counterfoils should be returned by the 9th July.

Christ and Buddha

One thing leads to another: one thought leads to another and becomes a stream of consciousness. A reference in a TV programme to the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam brought to mind the stanza:

‘Myself when young did eagerly frequent
Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument
About it and about: but evermore
Came out by the same Door as in I went.’

One of the doors I entered as a young man was marked Buddhism, and although I made an exit the visit left me with a life-long interest in that subject and a tendency to compare its teachings with those of Christianity. It is often said that Buddhism is a philosophy, rather than a religion, and that is true if consideration is restricted to the practice of meditation and the following of the Noble Eightfold Path, which lays down the eight rules to adhere to in order to lead a moral life. But the Buddha, in the sixth century BC, was brought up as a Hindu, and after his death much was added to his teachings based on Hindu mythology and rituals, making Buddhism more like a religion. In fact, the relationship of Buddhism to Hinduism is rather like that of Christianity to Judaism.

One form of Buddhist meditation is known as Metta and it involves thoughts of loving kindness being directed towards a variety of people, beginning with our nearest and dearest and extending to those to whom we feel indifference and finally those to whom we feel positive dislike. Is that not comparable to the words of Christ in *The Sermon on the Mount*: ‘Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.’?

Charles Abdy

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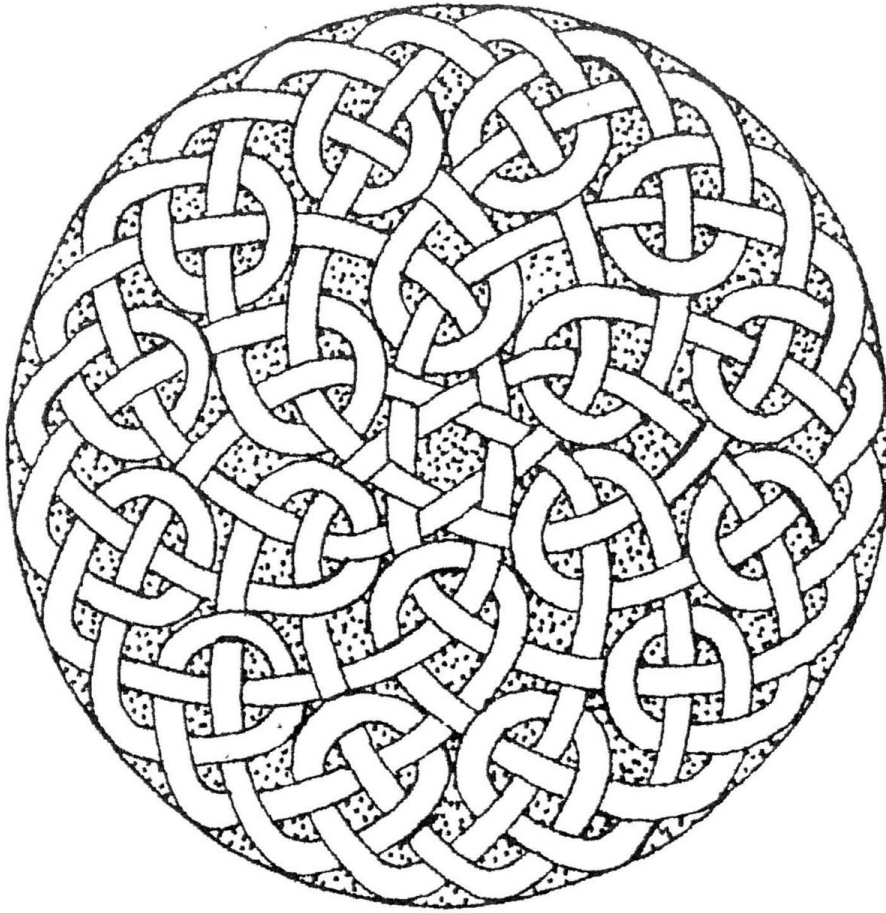
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30 May 2010, Trinity Sunday, John 16:12-15

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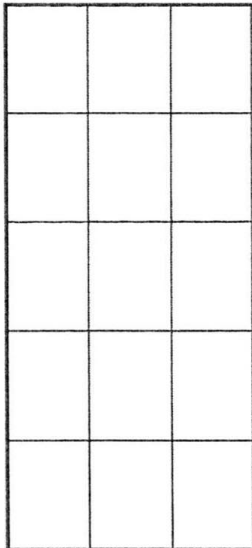


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30 May 2010

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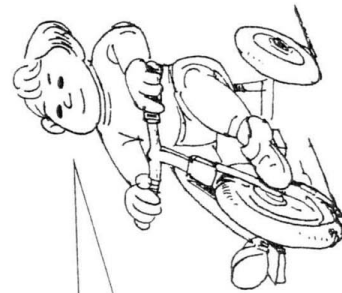
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May the love of God our Father be
in all our homes today;
May the love of the Lord Jesus
keep our hearts and minds
always;
May his loving Holy Spirit guide
and bless the ones we love.
Amen

Wit & Wisdom

"An election is coming. Universal peace is declared, and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry."

George Eliot

"Would be lazy but for absence."

School report

"Laws are like sausages: if you like them, don't watch them being made."

Otto von Bismarck

"Obama, boy, he's feeling like a Toyota driver today. There's no stopping him."

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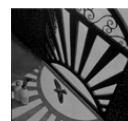
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2000 Meeting of Vicar, Churchwardens and Administrator
- W 2 2000 Meeting of Publicity Committee in the Parish Room
- Th 3 Corpus Christi**
1900 Congregational Sung Eucharist
- S 6 TRINITY 1**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Christian Family Praise Pets' Service
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 8 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
2000 Meeting of Finance Committee in the Parish Room
- S 13 TRINITY 2**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Mattins
1730 Choral Evensong
- T 15 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- Th 17 0915 - 1800 Coffee Morning Outing to Eastbourne
- S 20 TRINITY 3**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 21 Communion taken to the Housebound
- T 22 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room -
Communion taken to 'The Elders'
- W 23 1930 Meeting of Estates Committee in the Parish Room
- Th 24 St John the Baptist**
1200 Holy Communion
- S 26 1930 Organ Recital - Simon Gregory
- S 27 TRINITY 4**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Sung Mattins and Holy Baptism
1200 Choir Barbecue
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 29 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room

Note from the Editor: would contributors please note that the copy date for July EPN is now 7 June.

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