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FAIR OUTLOOK

Childrens Fancy Dress Competition. We would love to have as many entries as possible so that we can have a fantastic parade around the fair ground. There is no theme – children can dress as whoever or whatever they want.

We will also have two **Cake Competitions - Best Fruit Cake and Best Victoria Sponge.** They are open to everyone of every age, so budding cooks out there please get your pinnies ready! More details next month.

If you need to clear out your cupboards please donate it to us so that we can have masses of stock for the **bric-a-brac, jewellery, linen, toy and book stalls.** Also, if you have any bottles for the **bottle tombola** they will be most welcome. We are hoping to put together a hamper of

goodies for the **raffle**, so if you have anything you would like to donate we would be very grateful.

We will list timings and lots more information next month....and thank you in advance.

IMPORTANT DATES

3 July	Welcome Area available for Fair donations
9 July	Working party to renovate and repair the sideshows
15 July	Fair set up from 6pm
16 July	Fair

The Vicar writes

I am just back from a few days' holiday in Ireland. By the time you read this, I understand that Her Majesty the Queen, the Prime Minister, and the President of the USA will have followed my lead-- but, as far as I know, that is purely coincidental!

One of the most spectacular sights of our holiday was one we didn't get to see at close range. Skellig Michael is a steepy and rocky island in the Atlantic, about ten miles from the Irish coast. Weather conditions meant that no boats were sailing the day we visited, but we could just make out the towering, vertiginous island and its smaller sister through the midday mist.

Astonishingly, in the 7th century, a group of monks chose this remote spot to be their home for the rest of their lives. And the monastery persisted, through Viking raids and the daily onslaught of the elements. Over the centuries, the community, never more than about twelve monks, carved great staircases out of the stone, and built beehive-shaped buildings, including, of course, a church. Every day, the most basic things of life would have been a challenge on that inhospitable rock, coaxing vegetables to grow, occasionally augmenting them with a seagull's egg.



Why, I wondered, as I looked across the ocean at the misty shape of the island, why did those monks found a monastery there? What was it like to spend a lifetime on Skellig Michael? Was the weather and the location a privation, a daily scouring and act of peni-

tence? Or did the monks see and hear God's glory in the wind and the view and the company of puffins? Was the experience one of purging, or one of being on the threshold of heaven?

As I write, I am just returned home. From the sightseeing of a holiday, the new experiences, the out-of-the-ordinary, I'm back. Back in the familiar routine. Home. Normality. 21st century Ewell-- as different from the life of a seventh century monk on Skellig Michael as one can imagine. It was the vocation of those monks (as it is of many today) to find God in the extraordinary, on the frontier, on the edge of the world. But for most of us, it's our vocation to find God in the here and now, in our

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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 Crèche 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 SERVICE

There is a wide variety of services in our 11 am service. Sometimes traditional Choral Mattins or a traditional Sung Eucharist, at other times we have a short and lively toddler service, baptisms, or a family service. See the calendar on the back page for more details.

1730 EVENING PRAYER (as advertised)

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 prayer is *usually* said at 9 am 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).

THE PARISH OFFICE

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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.

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familiar surroundings and our familiar lives. That isn't necessarily easy, but God is present, reaching out to us, already closer than we can imagine. We don't need to travel to find God. Wherever we are, God is in the midst of us, and to find him, we need only open our eyes.

JUNE IN CHURCH

Thursday 2 June is Ascension Day, the Christian festival in which we recall Christ's ascension into heaven. There will be a said celebration of Holy Communion at 12 noon, and a Eucharist with hymns at 8pm. The preacher in the evening will be the Revd Lynn Hellmuth, and this will be a joint service with the other two parishes in our "cluster": Stoneleigh and Cuddington.

We are keeping Sunday 5 June as "Stewardship Sunday" at all three morning services. This gives us an opportunity to reflect on Christian stewardship: how we can use our talents and resources to support the Church and for the common good. There will be information available for those who would like to find out more about ways to give to St Mary's.

On Saturday 11 June there will be a concert in church at 7.30pm: our Director of Music, Jonathan Holmes, presents "A piano fest- 8 hands or more on 2 pianos". This promises to be a very enjoyable evening.

Then Sunday 12 June is Whitsun or Pentecost-- one of the greatest festivals of the Christian year, when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. At the 9.30 Sung Eucharist this morning there will be a talk aimed at all ages. In the evening, at 5.30pm, there will be a special service of "Songs of Praise". This will be an opportunity to sing favourite hymns, and an opportunity to hear members of our community and local churches speak for a minute or two about why particular hymns are their favourites. I hope this service may attract people who don't usually come to St Mary's but who enjoy singing a good hymn!

On Sunday 19 June, Trinity Sunday, the 11am service will be the second in our new, regular series of Sunday toddler services, now called "Toddle Up", and we hope this will be as popular as last month's. All toddlers are welcome, along with their friends and families, to this short and very informal service aimed especially at the very young. Then, from 12-3, the whole of the St Mary's family is invited to a parish picnic in Glyn House grounds (next to the church). Free entry, bring along your own picnic lunch and enjoy the games and activities, or just chat and enjoy the weather.

Saturday 25 June sees an addition to our regular programme of concerts and recitals, continuing our 'piano' theme for the month. Phillip Dyson, the international concert pianist and local resident, will be giving a recital to mark the launch of his new CD recorded in St Mary's Church. The recital begins at 7.30pm, and is expected to be very popular.

On Sunday 26 June, the 11am service will be our annual Pets' Service. As usual, you are invited to bring along your pet to this informal service. In the afternoon, from 3.30pm, "Churches Together in Ewell" will be putting on 'Hope', a free event for all ages in Bourne Hall grounds, with a band, stalls, and activities for all ages.

... and looking ahead to July, don't forget the Village Fair on Saturday 16 July, one of the most popular events of the year in Ewell. Make sure it's in your diary!

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i TODDLE UP i



15 May saw the first of our regular services in church for the very young. "God gives us Homes" involved lots of "play house equipment" as well as action songs, musical accompaniment, a quiz with clues enabling the congregation to guess "Whose home it was". The Vicar told a story using doll's house furniture and the young audience were very keen to arrange to furniture and bedding to their liking.

The service concluded with light refreshments in church.

A big THANK YOU to Fran Siddle who produced posters and song sheets as well as the ideas for the service. Everyone both young and old enjoyed themselves.

The next "Toddle Up" will be at 11.00am on 19 June. The theme will be "God gives us Food" and the service will be followed by a family picnic in Glyn House grounds next to the church. Please bring your own picnic. There will be games and fun for all. See you there!

LENT COURSE 2011

St Mary's 2011 Lent Course addressed the difficult subject of 'Seeking Common Ground'. The five-evening course had erudite speakers from some of the major religions of the world: Hinduism, Judaism, Islam and Buddhism with a final session, led by Revd. Dr Patrick Miller, helping us to find common ground between these faiths and Christianity. Each speaker brought with them a distinctive flavour of their religious belief, enabling the audience to gain insight into the foundations and practice of their religions as well as exploring some areas of common ground.

Each session was very well supported, with approximately 60 people attending each week, including many visitors. We are extremely grateful to the speakers for their careful preparation and thoughtful presentations. Each speaker had their own approach to Patrick's request for them to help us seek common ground, and we hope that they found their visit to us as rewarding as we found their talks.

Our deepest thanks go to the Patrick Miller, whose idea the course was, who booked the speakers, and led the final session which was accompanied by detailed notes. There are a few printed copies available of these notes at the back of the church and electronic copies are available by request from the Parish Office.

Unless one has organised similar events it is not possible to truly appreciate the amount of time and effort required to deliver a course of this nature as smoothly and efficiently as this one. THANK YOU PATRICK MILLER.

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FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

HOLY BAPTISM

Born again in Christ

1 May Lydia Grace Dennis
Toby John Hammond
Benjamin William Gaunt
Matilda Daisy Jacob
Zachary James Henry
Webb

CONFIRMATION

**Strengthen them, we beseech thee, O Lord,
with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter
(BCP Confirmation rite)**

*At St Paul's Church, Howell Hill on
15 May 2011, by the Bishop of Dorking*

Noel James Burns Sarah Lorraine Hobbs

HOLY MATRIMONY

**'That theirs may be the love that knows no
ending, Whom thou for evermore dost
join in one.' (AMR 463)**

30 April Matthew Lodge and
Laura Stammers

FUNERALS

In sure and certain hope (BCP Burial rite)

27 April William Thomas, aged 77
5 May Jean Muriel Rackham,
aged 82
12 May John Michael Henry
Butler, aged 63

COACH OUTING TO BOURNEMOUTH

The coach for Bournemouth on Thursday 16 June will depart 9.00 sharp from outside the church hall- Please be there 8.45. for boarding.

It will leave Bournemouth 17.00 to return to Ewell, arriving around 20.00

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understanding to know thee, dili-
gence to seek thee, wisdom to find
thee and a faithfulness that may finally
embrace thee.

St Thomas Aquinas

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be;
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

William Cowper

Father, forgive the cold love of the years,
While here in the silence we bow,
Perish our cowardice, perish our fears,
Kindle us, kindle us now.

Lord, we believe, we accept, we adore,
Less than the least though we be;
Fire of love, burn in us, burn evermore
Till we burn out for thee.

O for a passionate passion for souls,
O for a pity that yearns,
O for a love that loves unto death,
O for the fire that burns;

O for the pure prayer power that prevails,
That pours itself out for the lost,
Victorious prayer in the Conqueror's name:
The Lord of Pentecost.

Amy Carmichael

I offer myself to thee, O God, this day, to
do in me, and with me as to thee seems
most meet.

Bishop Thomas Wilson

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou
deservest; to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil
and not to ask for rest, to labour and not to
ask for any reward save that of knowing
that we do thy will.

St Ignatius of Loyola

KEY IN, PLEASE !



In order to provide a new side show for
Ewell Village Fair I need to collect a large
number of redundant cylinder keys, the
'Yale' type (but any brand welcome) that
you would use in a front door. If you have
any odd ones which could be donated
please let me have them.

Nigel Bird
020 8393 5794

JEAN MURIEL RACKHAM 1928 - 2011

Jean Muriel Rackham, nee Mel-
lows, was born on the 18 September 1928 in East Finchley. She went to boarding school in 1935 for a year while her parents were in New York. On their return to the UK Jean went to St Michael's convent North Finchley and then went on to the City of London School for girls.

That entire school was evacuated to Keighley, Yorkshire at the end of October 1940. All the girls were boarded out. The family Jean lived with loved her like a daughter, and kept in touch, even being welcome guests at Jean's golden wedding anniversary celebration in 2001.

Jean had always enjoyed reading, writing, the theatre and film world. On leaving school she enrolled at the Ada Foster's stage school in Golders Green.

Her experience at the school resulted in her turning from a schoolgirl into an elegant and talented young lady. In time this led to film and stage parts including pantomime.

Jean's family moved from Finchley to Ashstead after the war and it was there that she joined the Ragged Revellers and The Ashtead Amateur Dramatic Society. She was also in a group called the Cavendish Players. The Players put on a variety of productions at the Fortune Theatre, Drury Lane in the West End of London and it was there she met her husband to be, Bill Rackham.

Bill had fallen in love with Jean from the moment he first saw her and their togetherness in the world of amateur dramatics allowed their romance to blossom. They were married at St Giles church Ashtead on 22nd September 1951. At their golden wedding celebration Jean and Bill's eldest daughter Gillian noted to family and guests 'My mother got to know my father in a play called 'Love in the Mist', and he has been in a haze ever since!'

Jean and Bill settled in Ewell Village and spent their entire married lives there. They have three daughters Gillian, Christine, Fiona and a son David. Jean was fully occupied with the family but she did manage to



continue treading the boards taking part in operatic shows such as Oklahoma and Annie Get Your Gun, once the children were out of the pram stage!

The children attended local schools and Jean became a Sunday school teacher at St Mary's. She continued her love of books and reading, something she has passed on to her children.

Jean was an excellent swimmer and enjoyed walking and outdoor pursuits. Holidays were spent mainly on the south coast and Cornwall, with occasional trips to the South of France, Italy and Spain.

As the children began to leave the nest, Jean took a short office skills course and for many years worked part time.

Jean had eight grand-children. They were always a source of delight and she played an active role as a grandmother.

As she grew older, periods of forgetful and absent-mindedness became more frequent and worrying. Jean was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and although the disease gradually became worse Jean still managed to lead an active life, enjoying holidays, walks and particularly family occasions.

Despite the care and devotion by her loving husband Bill, Jean eventually had to be hospitalised and then moved to the Royal Alfred home in Woodmansterne, to spend the last two and a half years of her life there. Even as the disease took a stronger hold Bill's song and dance routines would elicit recognition, smiles and laughter.

April 7 was the last full day of their 59 years and 199 days of married life. It was a beautiful spring day, Bill and Jean took advantage of it with Bill taking Jean in her chair for a walk around the grounds. They returned for Bill to give Jean her supper and see her settled for the night.

In the early hours of Friday April 8 she passed away.

Jean will be remembered for many things by many people but all will remember her for being such a kind, caring, gentle and sensitive soul.

BEQUEST

St Mary's is very grateful to have received a generous bequest from the estate of Virginia Johnson, long-time and much-loved member of the 11 o'clock congregation with her husband Ron. Part of this benefaction will enable us to make improvements to the paths in the Garden of Remembrance in our churchyard.

A RECITAL OF POPULAR ORGAN CLASSICS

The evening of Saturday 30 April saw a well-attended organ recital, given by the Director of Music at St. Mary's, Jonathan Holmes. The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton had taken place the day before and the celebratory mood was continued in a suitable programme of popular classics. British music had played an important role on the Royal day and this theme was carried over into the recital at St. Mary's.

The evening began with an organ arrangement of a very popular and familiar piece of British music, 'Jupiter' from the The Planets suite by Gustav Holst. The piece was originally composed for orchestra between 1914-1916 and includes the well-known 'I Vow to Thee, My Country' theme, which Holst himself set to the hymn in 1921. Also on a British theme was the March from Caractacus by Edward Elgar, arranged for organ by the English organist Edwin Lemare. This piece had been used at the Royal Wedding in 1986 and was therefore a suitable addition to the programme.

We were treated to a delicious arrangement of Saint-Saens's 'Danse Macabre', in another transcription by Lemare, which retained all the wonderful character of the orchestral original. On a lighter but every bit as worthy note, the superb 'Handel in The Strand' by the Australian composer and arranger Percy Grainger closed the first half of the recital. Grainger collected and arranged many folk-tunes in his career, the most well-known perhaps being 'Country Gardens'. In Handel in The Strand, Grainger uses the theme from Handel's 'Harmonious Blacksmith' variations (a piece which is rumoured to have had a folk origin) to delightful effect, producing music filled with

good humour and fun. Continuing the light theme, three marches by the American composer and conductor, John Philip Sousa, opened the second half of the recital. Other popular and tuneful pieces performed included music from Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel, a Toccata from the French organist Marcel Lanquetuit, and the Andantino in D flat by Edwin Lemare.

Continuing the British theme that ran through the evening were two works by the English composer York Bowen (1884-1961). The first was his Melody in G minor and the second his Fantasia. The audience was also treated to a movement from the organ sonata by the English composer and organist Percy Whitlock (1903-1946). He was a student of Vaughan Williams and composed his sonata in C minor between 1935-36. It is a work conceived on a symphonic scale and is full of wonderful orchestral colours.

The recital concluded with a wonderful piece of Wagner, the mighty 'Meistersingers Overture', one of his most popular works. Grand in structure and sound, the piece provided a suitably magisterial conclusion to the recital.

Interval refreshments were provided courtesy of Arthur Mathews, who continues to do a superb job promoting these events and raising money for the organ fund. Anyone who has yet to attend a recital at St. Mary's would be well-advised to do so. It is a chance to hear the Willis organ in all its majesty and by attending you are helping to preserve this magnificent instrument and ensure that it remains a central part of St. Mary's in the years ahead.

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THE ORGAN - NEWS UPDATE

As reported in a previous edition of EPN, an organ fund was set up in July 2008 to help with the maintenance and improvement of our magnificent Father Willis Organ.

Extensive work has already been successfully completed, renewing the leathers which control the foot pedals and eliminating air leaks, thus improving the tone of the organ.

The finance has now been raised to renew the out dated Diode Switching System, the electronic brain which controls the organ. Unfortunately it looks as if this project will have to be put on hold as the swell underactions, which control the top key board, have started to fail much earlier than anticipated. They cannot be repaired and must be replaced now.

It would be financially advantageous to replace the swell underactions at the same time as the Diode Switching System. At the moment we do not have enough finance to cover this extended project so the drive is now on to raise the extra finance as soon as possible.

Arthur J. Mathews

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LOVE

Love doesn't pay the rent. But it transforms everything else. And makes the rent worth paying. Some say love is the rent we ought to pay for living on earth. Certainly life without love is hardly worth living. For anybody. Citizen Kane (often considered the finest film ever made) is clear about this.

Yet love is hardly mentioned in prime political, economic, or even religious debate today. Too difficult. Too risky. Too hard to get words round. Safe in the folds of a novel or short story, targeted at "a particular reader or market", the attempt may be made. And judged accordingly. But a blunt up-front proposal to say that love is what we all need is to invite wry hesitation at best, outright derision at worst. Even a charge of lunacy, and certainly an inability to define terms.

To say that it is what we all need all the time must encourage some readers simply not to read on. Yet St. Mary's makes the paradoxical point that this is exactly what God does - loves all of us all the time. So why don't we respond? Why don't we rush to God's love as to the lottery?

Well, most of us are too clever. We know that there isn't a God and that most of our acquaintances, far from loving us, actually try to use us for their own ends in some way or another. Besides we know that we ourselves don't love everybody. Some we actually hate. So why fly in the face of the evidence? Even those of us who do believe in God often find ourselves unloved and unloving. The hurdle remains. Can we actually love even our neighbour, let alone public tyrants or that person who wounded us so deeply all those years ago?

We let doing what we want prevent us from doing what we all need. We want to hate; we want to hang on to the bitterness of years; we want to keep our pride. We do not want to

let go. We certainly don't want to risk trusting others who have already proved untrustworthy. Once bitten, twice shy. And so the invisible cold barriers remain between individuals and nations.

While all the time politicians and social services (a whole army of them now) are attempting to "build bridges" or "restore normal relations"! But the very diplomats and community workers engaged in the exercise are limited by professional guidelines and legal constraints. Any wonder things get worse under the guise of better-sounding names; United Nations, Common Market, New World Order.

A prime contributor to the tragedy of The Middle East is the fact that people and leaders will not talk to each other, and a host of outsiders manipulate each. Do we know, nearer home of similar situations? And the results? In family life? Property?

St Mary's emphasises sin, repentance, forgiveness, redemption - a New Testament religion, centred on Jesus re-iteration of the "Golden Rule" to treat everybody in the manner we'd like them to treat us. Love is another name for this.

In every situation of conflict human beings need to stop. Then stop the engine that's whirring inside them. Then let the love of God fill their silence. Then re-start with an entirely different set of attitudes. This is love. It turns the world upside down by turning each one of us upside down first. It is the only way to get the world right side up.

THE CHALLENGE OF ABBOTABAD

In 1847 the tribes along the North West Frontier between India and Afghanistan wanted freedom from Sikh domination. In that year Abbot arrived in the wildest part of the frontier. He convinced the tribal leaders that Britain would be faithful to them. Together they drove the Sikhs from power and Britain took over the Punjab and land right up to the frontier where, for the next hundred years, the greatest empire on earth allowed the tribes to run their affairs their own way inside their mountain fortresses. Abbot founded the town of Abbotabad in the lower hills in 1853.

Such was their respect for Abbot that Sikh and Muslim soldiers later fought for Britain in two World Wars. He is one of many to whom we Ewell-ites of today owe a great deal of our inheritance.

In 1967 the British Council ran a Language -Teaching Seminar in Abbotabad. My wife and I took part on our way back to the plains from a honeymoon in the higher mountains.

I had visited Abbotabad in 1960 to meet with a Muslim family committed to building unity with Hindus, Jews, Christians, Parsees and others, and stayed in the Pakistan Military Academy as a guest of a Pakistani soldier similarly committed.

The struggle between Muslims committed to a world order inclusive of all, and those committed to a Muslim-only world, took a dramatic turn in 1979 when another ideology, Russian

Communism, came from Central Asia, (where Abbot and others had contained them) and swept down into Afghanistan. The single most telling outcome of that invasion was the radicalisation of a 22 year old Osama bin Laden who, over the next twenty years, shifted his emphasis from anti-Communism to anti-Westernism.

Readers will well know what has happened since, down to how he left the scene in Abbotabad. Like Hitler, Stalin and other ideologues he bequeaths emphasis on two materialist truths -

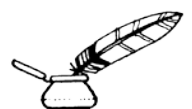
1 Don't mess with Americans.

2 Don't go to Afghanistan (not even if you are a US or Saudi billionaire)

The question he leaves us with is -"Am I as committed to finding The Holy Spirit's development of Jesus' ideas as much as these evil ideologues were to theirs?"

Ewell, like Abbotabad, is a calm peaceful place in which to contemplate our answer. St Mary's is the base (Al-Qaeda means "the Base") from which we share the love of Christ with the people of Ewell.

The Editor



Ewell St Mary's Morris Men

The formation of Ewell St Mary's Morris Men (ESMMM) is well documented, but for those unfamiliar with the history the following is an extract from the Morris website, www.ewellmorris.co.uk

"It all started purely by chance in 1979 when the (then) Vicar of Ewell (Peter Hogben) prevailed upon his Young Wives Group to volunteer their husbands for a "mock-morris" event for the village fete.

The wives thought it would all be a bit of a laugh and issued the necessary instructions for their men to report down to the Scout Hut at West Street – not realising they were saying goodbye to 25 years + of re-decoration and a farewell forever to odd-jobs & weekend shopping in season!!

The truth was that the lads got bitten by the bug and soon decided to form a 'proper' Morris side – with the help of the nearest Morris side, Thames Valley. They eventually "qualified" by dancing into The Morris Ring (The international association of Morris Men) at Harthill, Notts in 1986.

Practice nights are Thursdays at the 2 Ewell Scout Hall 'out of season,' and apart from dancing out at the many excellent Surrey pubs which the lads regard as a home from home - they also do various tours, most in the UK but at least one a year on The Continent where they have had tomatoes thrown at them at a Boulogne Market place - have terrorised the burgers of Bruges with a cycle tour, and impeded a Cycle race in West Flanders!

Today three of the original members, Chris Pottinger, Peter Collins and Nigel Bird are still involved. Our 'season' has just started and as I write, on May Day, memories of an early start to greet the dawn on Box Hill are fresh in my mind.

We gathered at 5am, with dancers from Spring Grove Morris Men (Kingston), Thames Valley Morris Men (Claygate), and Rampant Rooster (Dorking). In the dim light we processed from the car park to the summit, where we proceeded to take turns to dance. ESMMM started with a favourite, 'Gustav's Dance', a lively stick dance to a well-known tune Personent Hodie, arranged by Gustav Holst and better known to St. Mary's regulars as the tune to 'God is Love'.

As the darkness subsided we also danced 'Three-around-three', 'Washing Day', together with two with handkerchief

dances 'Soldier's Joy', and 'Old Black Jack'. The various sides' dances were interspersed by massed dances, and before we knew it the time was 6.30 and we joined together for a traditional farewell dance 'Bonny Green Garters' before heading to the viewpoint for the obligatory photographs.

The day ended with a full English breakfast in 'The Wheat-sheaf' at Ewell, complete with a few jigs, some songs and the presentation of rosettes to one of our 'newer members' who had recently 'danced in' - signifying his graduation in to the Morris team proper.



Other recent events include Ewell's Herald of Spring and our annual St George's Day tour. This is normally in the City of London, but as St George's fell on a Saturday this year we visited May-fair, St. James' & Westminster instead. A glorious day - and being the week before

the Royal Wedding the area was heaving with appreciative tourists. We danced outside several pubs and had numerous photos taken before heading to the Tate Gallery, Pimlico. The evening was spent at the ever-welcoming 'Willoughby Arms' in Kingston.

A rather unusual gig this spring was the making of the new Pimm's advert. Morris men feature, and you may recognise some of the better-looking ones as ESMMM members!

During the summer we dance out each Thursday at carefully selected Surrey pubs. The programme can be found at www.ewellmorris.co.uk or I can provide a paper copy. New members are always welcome, age is no barrier, phone, drop me an e mail, or catch me after church one Sunday if you want to find out more. Although dancers are male ~ musicians of any gender are equally welcome.

Nigel Bird

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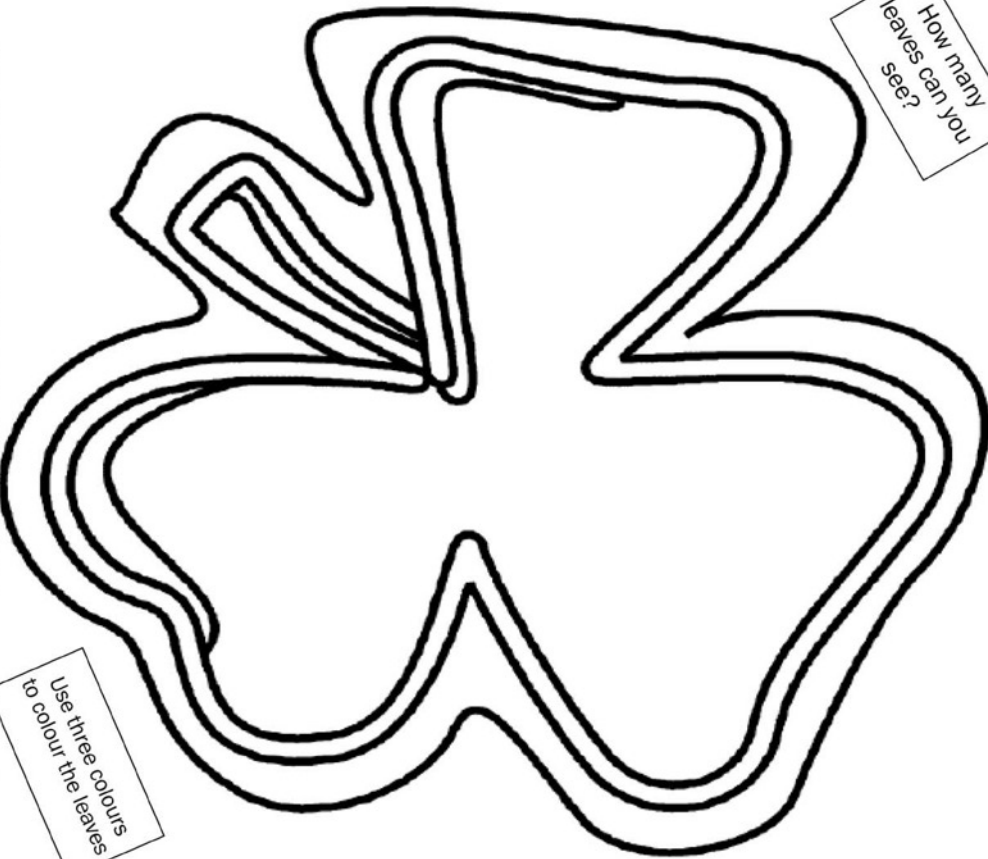
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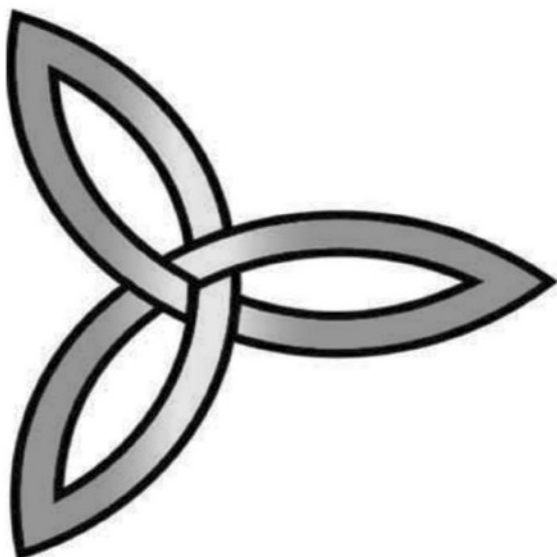
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Calendar for June

- T 2 Ascension Day**
1200 Holy Communion
2000 Sung Eucharist
- S 5 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Choral Mattins
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 6** 2000 Meeting of Parochial Church Council
- T 7** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
2000 Meeting of Pro Musica
- W 8** 2000 Meeting of Publicity Committee
- S 11** 1930 Piano Fest with two pianos and eight (or more) hands
- S 12 PENTECOST**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Procession and Sung Eucharist with all-age talk
1100 Mattins and Holy Baptism
1730 Songs of Praise – favourite hymns
- T 14** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- T 16** 0900 – 2000 Coach Outing to Bournemouth
- S 19 TRINITY SUNDAY**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Toddler Service
1200-1500 Picnic in Glyn House grounds
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 20** 0930 Communion taken to the Housebound and to 'The Elders'
- T 21** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 25** 1900 Philip Dyson Concert
- S 26 TRINITY 1**
0800 Holy Communion
0930 Sung Eucharist
1100 Pets' Service
1530 'Hope 2011' – Churches Together at Bourne Hall
- T 28** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room



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