

# Calendar for July



- W 1 2000 Meeting of Parochial Church Council in Parish Room
- S 5 **TRINITY 4**  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 Christian Family Praise - All Creatures Great and Small
- T 7 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
- S 11 0930-1030 Churchwarden's Surgery at 'The Larder'  
1930 Organ Recital - David Stevens
- S 12 **TRINITY 5**  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 Mattins Congregational  
1730 Choral Evensong
- T 14 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]
- S 18 1030-1530 EWELL VILLAGE FAIR
- S 19 **TRINITY 6**  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662
- M20 Communion taken to the Housebound
- T 21 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]  
Communion taken to 'The Elders'
- S 26 **TRINITY 7**  
0800 Holy Communion (said) Common Worship rite  
0930 Sung Eucharist - with a crèche  
1100 Choral Mattins
- T 28 1000 Holy Communion (said) [in the Parish Room]

## HOW TO FIND THE WILL OF GOD

- 1 Pray.
- 2 Think.
- 3 Talk to wise people, but do not regard their decision as final.
- 4 Beware of the bias of your own will, but do not be too much afraid of it. God never unnecessarily thwarts a man's nature and likings. It is a mistake to think that His will is in line with the disagreeable.
- 5 Meantime do the next thing. Doing God's will in small things is the best preparation for doing it in great things.
- 6 When decision and action are necessary, go ahead.
- 7 Never reconsider the decision when it is finally acted upon
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*Henry Drummond (1851-1897)*

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## The Churchwardens write

### THE CHURCHWARDENS' REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2008

(presented at the Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting April 2009)

This is, by design, a brief review. 2008 was, without doubt, a year to remember as we geared up to say goodbye to Father Richard and many of the services were grander in nature as a result. Ash Wednesday saw the Allegri "Miserere" sung for the first time at Ewell in living memory; we had Sung Eucharist in Welsh on St David's Day and Corpus Christi was sung magnificently by the Emanuel School Choir to the setting Vierge in C# minor. Lent also featured another excellent and well-attended course led by Patrick Miller on different denominations. This enabled much productive debate and enhanced learning and understanding both for church people and visitors alike.

March saw St Mary's host the Women's World Day of Prayer service and hold our usual fund-raising Hymnathon.

It is important as a community to enjoy ourselves and the Social Committee organised some memorable events including "April in Parish" and, due to the weather, the autumn Garden Party at the Burgess' was successfully held indoors. Jonathan Holmes arranged a series of excellent organ recitals; playing two himself. The Fair Springboard was held, as usual, in May to help pay for the expenses of the Village Fair.

In June we celebrated Patrick Miller's Golden Jubilee of being made a Deacon with a parish reception and July saw another magnificent Village Fair in the grounds of Ewell Castle School organised for the last time on their 'shift' by Ian and Kathie Burgess. There is little doubt that their energy and enthusiasm has taken the Fair to new heights and we are greatly in their debt. July also saw a series of summer Choral Evensongs and, regrettably, a poorly attended Choir Soiree.

The start of the Michaelmas Term saw the usual run of Festival Sundays and we enjoyed a good Patronal Festival. At the end of September we had a marvellous concert performance of "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" given by the choirs of some of the local schools and our Junior choristers. This gathering of the local schools is becoming a very popular feature of the musical life of the village and the church is usually packed. This form of community outreach is something we as a church should be doing far more of and we need to consider, in conjunction with our new priest, how to achieve this.

Advent and Christmas were celebrated in style and everyone pulled together to help produce some memorable moments. We hosted a marvellous carol service for the "Surrey Life" magazine in aid of the charity CHASE and, for the first time for a number of years, we also had our own service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which was well-supported.

Just before Christmas, the choir went out robed into the village carol singing as part of the traders' Village Evening.

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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)

### 1830 EVENING WORSHIP

1700 - Choral Evensong (2nd Sunday in the month)

1830 - Evening Prayer at the United Reform Church on other Sundays  
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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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 9.30-13.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

The postal address is:

C/O Ewell Vicarage, Church Street, Ewell KT17 2AQ.

### CHURCHWARDEN'S SURGERIES

The churchwardens normally hold two surgeries each month. Please see the calendar on the back page for details.

### The Last Word

All animals, except man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it.

*Samuel Butler (1835-1902), novelist*

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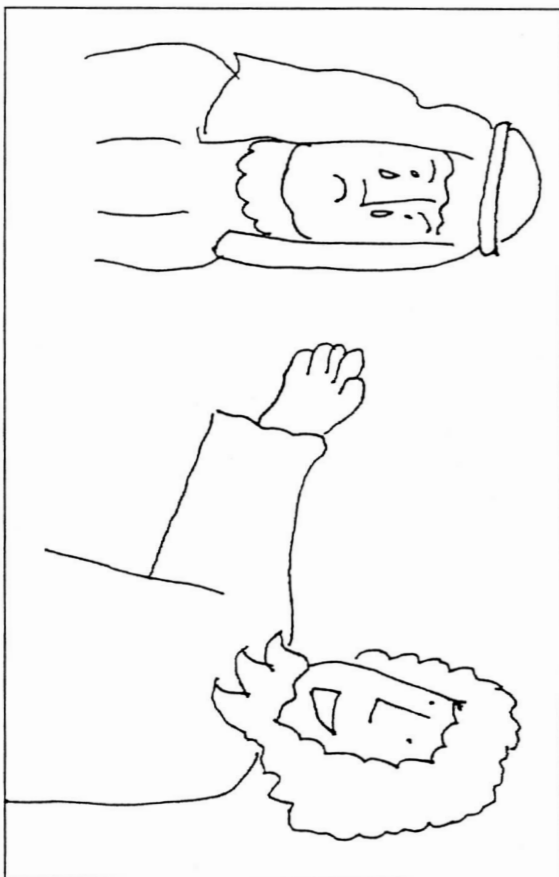
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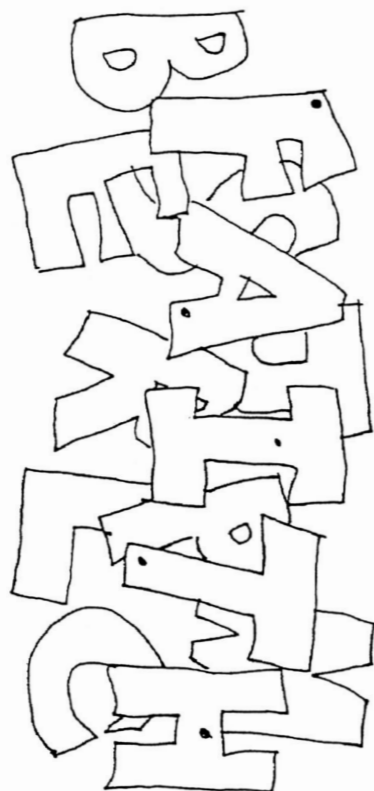
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The little girl died and Jairus was very sad

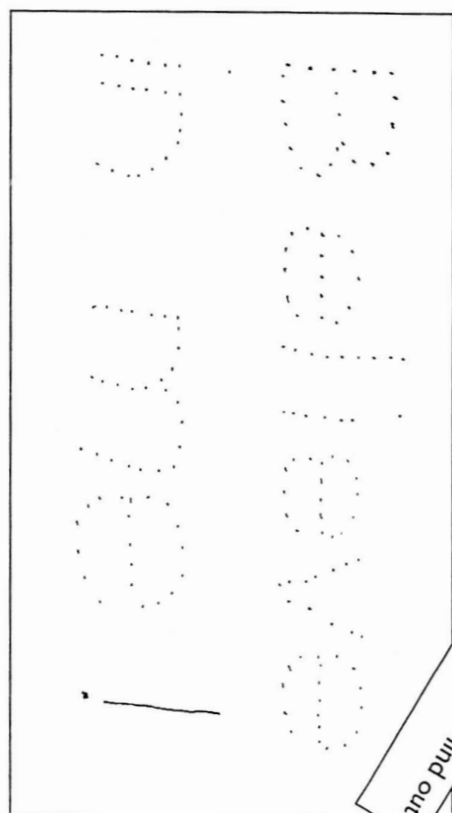


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The weather this year was much better than 2007 (when the heavens opened) and our efforts were greatly appreciated - not the least because we were the only choir to turn up! Whilst not being allowed to collect money (as we didn't have a licence) £32 was forced on us outside the "Green Man" - a sum donated to St Mary's Christmas Charities.

We have had our usual share of joys and sorrows: we had two in-house weddings last year with Paul Hill and Caroline Holmes wed in July. Then Nigel Bird married Maria Harradine in September and we were delighted to celebrate with them. Our sorrows have meant our saying Goodbye in this life to Lynn Blicke, Joyce Cox, Olive Freeman, Alf Goodey, Dennys Scott, Dora Scott, Brian Willis and, in 2009, Margaret Rocca, Joyce Saunders and Jack Sherman.

It is only right to record a big "Thank you" to Father Richard for his 26 years custodianship as Vicar of Ewell but he would not have been able to have achieved half as much without the help of an ever-willing band of volunteers. Of these, our pair of Readers and Patrick have taken on a heavy load and achieved much as a result. All our Committees have worked hard for the mutual benefit but 2008 saw an excellent result of the Quinquennial with a glowing report; testament to the exceptional work done by the Estates Committee. Many thanks to all who have worked so hard for St Mary's and its links into the community; talking of which, the students from NESCOL continue to assist us once a week during term time with a variety of jobs in the churchyards. Without them we would have to spend a lot more of our ever-decreasing finances.

So far in 2009, we have held the retirement gala dinner for Father Richard and Susan (which was a triumph for the Social Committee) and an unforgettable last Sunday when the music and ceremony of Choral Evensong was something we are unlikely to witness again here. A memorable sermon by the Archbishop of Canterbury capped the occasion.

Since then, we have moved forward with services deliberately simplified and the re-found team ethic with everyone pulling together is very pleasing. Our band of visiting priests have found a welcoming church (a fact on which they have all commented) and we have been honoured with Bishop Christopher coming to be with us on one Sunday morning. Also, it was so good to have a volunteer come forward as Chairman of the External Affairs Committee. We have also noted that the numbers attending has risen slightly, which is pleasing, with a number of former members of the congregation returning.

As Churchwardens, we are most grateful for the support we have and look forward to this continuing during what is, undoubtedly, an unsettling period for us all. Effective teamwork is essential to be successful and we are certainly benefiting from everyone pulling together in many ways. With this in mind, we would be grateful if people would bear in mind that we only had one volunteer to run the Village Fair in 2009. Rachel Gunton bravely stepped into the limelight to offer her services as she didn't want the Fair to fail to happen with the resulting loss of kudos to the church. However, she is a single mum with two small children and works full-time. We have taken the view that, even if the total raised this year is vastly less than in the recent past, it is better than not raising anything and, if the worst happens, we will not be willing to listen to any complaints. We would like to think that, amongst the large number of retired people in our congregation, we might find one or two volunteers to help Rachel out with the pre-Fair arrangements of ensuring everything is in place. We look forward to hearing from you very soon.

We have got this far by being a good team. Let's continue to pull together.

David Crick Jonathan Gocher

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# OUR ARCHBISHOP MAKES HAY-ON-WYE

The archbishop dazzled the audience at the Guardian Hay festival in conversation with AN Wilson. Their starting point had been Dostoevsky - whom Williams jokingly called "a hairy maniac" - but they also talked about George Eliot, who received a moral reprieve. While Eliot had been condemned by her clergyman brother for living with George Henry Lewes out of wedlock, Williams offered her the milk of Anglican understanding, saying: "I think the judgment that she was an immoral person on the basis of that would be an incredibly shallow one. I don't think she was right but I recognise her motivation was rooted in her own integrity."

Williams also touched on the culture of Anglicanism - quoting EM Forster's damning phrase "poor chatty little Christianity". Perhaps surprisingly for the Primate of All England, he confessed a "strong Quaker surge which comes upon me" during the wordier manifestations of Anglicanism. He added: "A church that took God seriously would be moving in and out of silence like that a lot more than we seem to be doing."

Williams and Wilson ranged widely through the literary canon, alighting not just on Eliot, but also Austen, AS Byatt, Ian McEwan and Philip Pullman - and the archbishop found traces of God in these most secularist of novelists.

He talked about the idea of the "daemon" - the human soul manifested in animal form in Pullman's His Dark Materials trilogy.

"What's fascinating about Pullman is the way the health of human beings rests on relationship with daemons ... that's almost a way of saying that a whole human being, is one in which the internal conversation is going on, the internal criticism, the internal challenges ... I feel that awareness of inner conversation has to be part of sensible modern discourse about God."

*Charlotte Higgins, Chief Arts writer*

## SUSPENSION OF DISBELIEF

*Taken from the Telegraph 19.1.09*

Sir - "There is probably no God," it says on the outside of a London bus.

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*Ann Weiner - Reigate Surrey*

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## Young Church Mag

28 June 2009, the Third Sunday after Trinity: Mark 5: 21 to 43

Jairus was a synagogue leader. His daughter was ill and he asked Jesus to heal her. A crowd followed Jesus to Jairus's house.

Can you draw a crowd around Jesus and the woman?

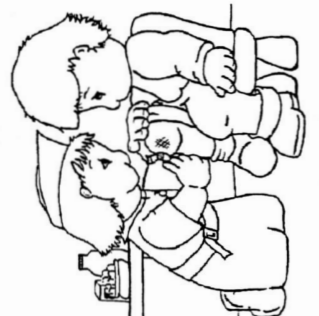
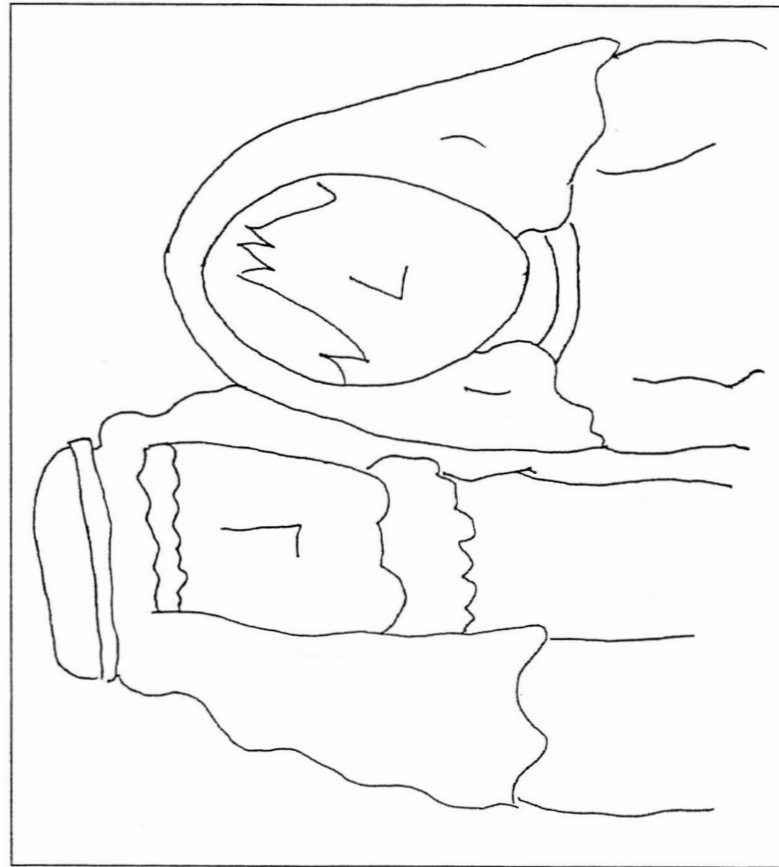


A woman in the crowd believed that just touching Jesus would cure her illness!

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Jesus brought the little girl back to life. Everyone was really happy!

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Thank you, God, for doctors, nurses and the many other people who help sick people to get better. Please bless their work of healing. Amen.

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## How do Sunni and Shia Muslims differ?

From Peter Denton

The divisions between Sunni and Shia Muslims date back to a conflict over who should succeed the prophet Muhammad after his death in 632.

There are some theological differences but essentially, Sunnis, who make up about 90% of the worldwide 1.5 billion population of Muslims, claim to follow the custom of the prophet – the sunna – in seeing their religious authority as deriving from the caliphate of Abu Bakr, the man originally chosen to succeed Muhammad by the prophet's followers in Madinah after his death.

By contrast, Shias believe the leadership of Islam legitimately descends through Muhammad's heirs, specifically his son-in-law and cousin Ali ibn Abi Talib, the man who was not chosen.

In the 7th century the rivalry between the two groups over the succession produced a series of leadership challenges: Abu Bakr died within two years, to be succeeded by Umar ibn al-Khattab who expanded the Islamic empire across the Middle East, he in turn was succeeded by a third caliph, Uthman, who was assassinated and replaced by Ali, who was himself assassinated in 661. Uthman's descendants, his family the Umayyads, became hereditary leaders of the Islamic empire.

Ali advocated a strict adherence to the commands of the prophet Muhammad as expounded in the Qur'an and traditionally, Shia Muslims place greater emphasis on the authority of the imam, as part of a spiritually perfect, even infallible, elite, chosen by God.

This has led to powerful and uncompromising religious leaders such as Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran – most Shia Muslims live in Iran – but also to a greater fissiparousness within the sect. The Shia see themselves as standing for the core religious values of the prophet. They tend to look down on Sunnis, viewing them with distaste if not as heretics.

In Iraq, Shias make up just over half the population, but Iraqi regimes have traditionally been Sunni led and have kept the Shia firmly down.

Stephen Bates [Guardian]

## A brief recital of recitals - and more to come

St Mary's is fortunate to have both a wonderful organ and also expert musicians who are able to use it and other musical skills for the benefit not only of the regular church services but also at special recitals.

The 2009 series of musical events, which began with the performance of Steiner's Crucifixion (as reported in the May edition of the EPN), continued with two organ recitals in May. The first, at the beginning of the month was given by our director of Music, Jonathon Holmes, and comprised seven pieces by different composers, including J.S.Bach, Robert Schumann and Cesar Franck. If the evening can be detailed in terms of wine, it was a rich Burgundy, full of ripeness and depth.

The second at the end of the month, was given by Jeremy Cole, an Organ Scholar, whose talent and musical qualifications belie his youth – he is now awaiting A Level results! His programme consisted of contrasting halves; the first comprised pieces by such historic figures as J.S.Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, and might be described as a claret – with great intensity and subtlety; the second by more modern composers such as Edward Elgar and Widor could be seen, in wine terms, as Alsace – apparently lighter but with real body and significance.

An unexpected follow-up was a short recital at lunchtime on 10 June in church by the Kaxan String Quartet, comprising final year students from the Royal Academy of Music, including Katie-Bethan Holmes, daughter of our Director of Music. The spirited performance of Haydn's "The Dream", and the third movement of a string quartet by Dvorak, was – to continue the analogy with wine – a Champagne interlude in a working week, full of sparkle and vitality. It was good to see the Quartet back in Ewell after their visit last year.

Various factors make it possible to have these musical events at St Mary's – buildings, musical instruments, financial resources and individual people all need to come together in – to use an appropriate term – harmony in order to produce the musical programme available. For example, the endowment of the Organ Scholarship over the years through an individual donation, has been an important element. Perhaps what is proper to stress now is that the musical programme for 2009 continues. By the time this article appears, the recitals on 13 and 27 June will have taken place but further organ recitals are planned for 11 July and, at the Patronal Festival week, for 12 September – the latter by Jonathan Holmes once more.

October will see the choir, in conjunction with choirs from local schools, performing "Jonah Man Jazz", at what has become a very popular autumn attraction. Finally in November the choir will sing Handel's "Messiah" – a fitting climax to our season of recitals for 2009. So "all ye that have ears to hear" – use the opportunities!

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*St Thomas Aquinas*

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*

O God, who hast ordained that whatever is to be desired, should be sought by labour, and who, by thy blessing, bringest honest labour to good effect; look with mercy upon my studies and my endeavours.

*Samuel Johnson*

Direct, control, suggest this day,  
All I design, or do, or say,  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In thy sole glory may unite.

*Bishop Thomas Ken*

O God, father of all mankind, teach us by thy mercy, how we thy children can learn to live together in unity, according to thy holy will. Amen.

Lord, the scripture says: There is a time for silence and a time for speech. Saviour, teach me the silence of humility, the silence of wisdom, the silence of love, the silence of perfection, the silence that speaks without words, the silence of faith. Lord, teach me to silence my own heart that I may listen to the gentle movement of the Holy Spirit within me and sense the depths which are of God.

*Frankfurt Prayer*

## PARISH PROFILE: ANGIE SAMWAYS AND FAMILY

Angie was born in Blundellsands near Liverpool but when only a few weeks old moved to the Wirral, eventually ending up with her parents in Cheam at the age of 10. She attended Sutton High School and was a member of St. Dunstan's, Cheam where she was confirmed.

However, as the years passed she became friendly with Francis Davis whose Father was the Vicar of St. Mary's so then attended Church in Ewell.

Her father insisted she attend a secretarial college to be "set up for life" so a year at Mrs. Hoster's in South Kensington ensured a well rounded education. This year was followed by various secretarial posts in television and advertising but she always had itchy feet and in 1964 became an Air Stewardess for British Eagle where she met her husband on a flight to Perth, Australia. He was not impressed she had managed to soak the feet of the front row of first class passengers and so began a very interesting life. When British Eagle folded her husband joined Middle East Airlines so it was off to Beirut for ten years, where their four children were born - only leaving that lovely country the day after the twins' first birthday in 1975 under shell fire. Church attendance in Beirut was very infrequent as St. George's was down by the Port and the family lived in the hills, often cut off by the various factions having altercations and blocking the roads by burning tyres. From Beirut the family moved to Malta when Trevor joined Air Malta and a very happy 10 years passed there with the four children all being altar servers at The Cathedral and all being confirmed there - the twins had the honour of being confirmed by the Archbishop of Papua New Guinea who happened to be passing through.

1986 was the move back to UK and Angie started working for Mid Surrey Health Authority, commenced worshipping at St. Mary's and met Barbara Pinchin who many at St. Mary's know well. Barbara's



husband had become very unwell and she had to give up work and so asked Angie to come and meet her boss at West Park, the District Medical Officer, who had also started life in Liverpool. Angie worked for him until 1997 when he retired and then continued with the new Doctor. The office has moved several times from West Park and is now based in Leatherhead and is part of the Health Protection Agency.

Angie is a current member of the PCC and was on the sidesmen's rota for some time, only coming off when her medical problem made her unreliable to do her duties. However, she has always helped in the kitchen at the Summer Fair doing various jobs and helps on the Cake Stall at the Fair Springboard and Christmas Event.

The twins Adam and Craig became a member of the choir and altar server respectively. Adam spent many happy choir holidays, outings and visits to other Churches, one highlight being when the choir sang in St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. He gained his St. Nicholas Award and was Head Chorister for some time. He has continued with his singing and brought a small group to sing one evening at St. Mary's. He now lives in London. Craig's employment took him into the airline world and so altar serving came to an end but still attends St. Mary's when he is able. His baby son Oliver is to be Baptised at St. Mary's on 30th August 2009. Emma became a teacher which she had vowed to be from an early age. She was married at St. Mary's in 2006 and she, Harvey and son Tristan live in West Ewell. They attend St. Mary's and Epsom Methodist Church as Harvey has attended the Methodist Church since he was small. Both Tristan and Oliver are members of the St. Mary's Friday Toddler Group. Lucy became an airline pilot, now flying 747's for Virgin. She was married at St. Mary's in 1997 and now lives with her husband on the Staffordshire/Derbyshire Borders. He is also a pilot.

### BOOK REVIEW

**Surrey Bedside Book: A Collection of Prose and Poetry**

Selected and Introduced by John Janaway  
Published 2002 ISBN 1 904349 07 2

160 pages and 15 illustrations

John Janaway's *Surrey Bedside Book* certainly achieves what the author set out to do: "to



fascinate the mind without over-stimulating the brain" and to "relieve the memory of irritations and over-demands of the day just ending". He writes for readers who find that

a book at bedtime is one of the most pleasant ways of ending the day, and is exceptionally well-qualified to do so, having been the Surrey Local Studies Librarian, based at Guildford.

His varied and imaginative selection of prose and poetry relating to Surrey is logically arranged under subject headings such as *Landscapes and Character, Some Questions of Antiquity, The Towns, Journeys, All People Great and Small*. There is something for everyone who might want to read about the County of Surrey, whether or not they are residents.

The engravings and line drawings at the beginning of each chapter enhance the text and illustrate aspects of the social history of the County.

The book is published by the Dovecot Press Ltd, Stanbridge, Wimborne, Dorset, and costs £7.95

*E.M. Myatt-Price*

### LAST CALL FOR THE GRAND DRAW

Enclosed with the May edition of Ewell Parish News were two books of Grand Draw tickets. Many counterfoils have been returned with the appropriate cash and it is not too late to send yours to the promoter - as detailed on the tickets - or via the 'blue box' at the back of the Church.

We are immensely grateful to all who have supported the Grand Draw either by donating prizes or buying and selling tickets.

### FUTURE ORGAN RECITALS 2009

July 11 David Steves (Christ Church, Southgate)

Sept 12 **Patronal Festival Organ Recital**

Jonathan Holmes (Director of Music, Ewell Parish Church)

Oct 10 **"Jonah Man Jazz"** - St Mary's Choir with local schools

Nov 14 **Handel's "Messiah"** - St Mary's Choir

All recitals are on Saturdays and start at 7.30 pm with the exception of that on 10 October which has a 7.00 pm start. Further details can be obtained from the church website

([www.stmarysewell.com/music events.html](http://www.stmarysewell.com/music events.html))

### COFFEE MORNINGS

WE MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY  
FROM 10.30 am – 12 noon  
IN THE CHURCH HALL  
DO COME AND JOIN US

#### SPECIAL COACH OUTING

A coach outing to the historic town of Christchurch is planned for Thursday 10 September.

Part of the town dates back to Saxon times and is dominated by the magnificent 900 year old Priory Church.

You can enjoy a waterside walk, stroll along the quay, visit a museum or while away an hour or so in one of the restaurants, cafes or tea rooms.

The estimated journey time is 2 1/4 hours. We plan to depart from outside the Church Hall at 9.30 sharp (please be there by 9.15) and leave Christchurch for the return journey at 17.00.

Cloakroom facilities will be available in the Church Hall from 9.00 as usual.

The price will remain at £10 each for this outing, but it is important that we have a full coach in order to "break even" and cover the cost.

Bookings are now being taken, so to secure your seats please give names together with the money to Joan Boulton or Lynne Yuille.

**DON'T DELAY – BOOK TODAY!**

*A Coffee Morning Treat*

We shall be serving Homemade Scones with tea or coffee at the Coffee Morning on Wednesday 8 July

– COME AND ENJOY!.