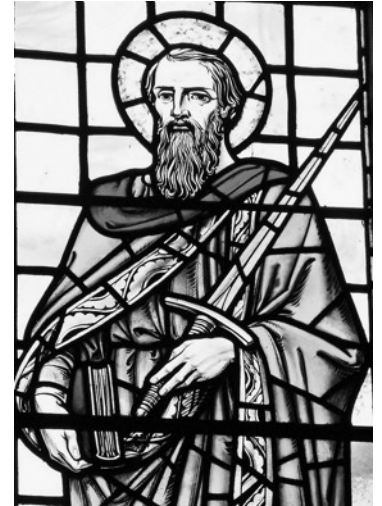




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## The Vicar writes

A recent editorial by the Archbishop of Canterbury in a political news magazine created more of a stir than "The Vicar Writes" columns in the EPN ever seem to. I am glad that the Archbishop and other Christian figures speak and write-- and are read and listened to. This is as much true when I disagree with them as when I agree. I simply can't comprehend the idea that "the church shouldn't meddle in politics". A huge amount that Jesus taught about-- right and wrong, rich and poor, how we should live and how society should be-- has profoundly political consequences. You simply can't talk about the gospel without stepping into areas that are 'political'.

That's not to say any church should be partisan. I think it's very unfortunate when particular local churches become identified with one political party: something which I'm told happens in the USA to a much greater extent than here. There should be no membership tests of that kind on church membership; our belonging in Christ is of much greater importance than our political allegiances. Of course there have been times and places where a political stand is demanded of Christians-- standing up against injustice or oppression-- and we see that in the world still. The proper desire not to turn the church, which belongs to us all, into a club for people who think a certain way, should not lead to a fear of stating any opinions that might be deemed political.

Speaking out, even when we run the risk of being unpopular, is never easy. But it's something that every one of us might be called to do in our own lives. We don't need to be an Archbishop or a public figure. We do need to consider, prayerfully, with humility and grace, whether speaking out about an issue is the right thing, and will do more good than harm. It's always easier to stay quiet. For the earliest Christians, charged with spreading the good news and building up the church, silence was not an option. If we speak up, sometimes, no doubt, we'll get it wrong. But the alternative-- never to speak up-- is surely much worse.

## JULY IN CHURCH

Sunday by Sunday we hold our services at 8am, 9.30am, and 11am, and week by week many other regular activities take place. But in this column I try to highlight each month additional main events happening in church, and particular things to watch out for in the programme of Sunday worship.

On Saturday 9, our 7.30pm recital by Director of

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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.

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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Music Jonathan Holmes is in celebration of Franz Liszt's 200th birthday-- there's an exciting programme that includes some 'request' pieces.

On Sunday 10, the 11am service will be one of our now regular series of toddler services, "Toddle Up"-- the last one before the summer break. All toddlers are warmly invited along with their family and friends. At 5.30pm there will be a service of Choral Evensong.

Saturday 16 of July is of course the Ewell Village Fair. I enjoyed this event immensely last year (my first EVF), and I'm greatly looking forward to it again this year. It's amazing to see so very many people coming along to Glyn House grounds and enjoying a fantastic day in what must be the main event in Ewell's annual calendar. I hope to see you there this year!

On Sunday 17 the services at both 8am and 11am will be Holy Communion according to the Book of Common Prayer, and our regular pattern of services continues through the rest of the month.

Your friend and Parish priest

Russell Dewhurst

## FIRST COMMUNION



Young members of Children's Hour who were keen to take their First Communion have taken part in a special course created for them at St Mary's. At monthly meetings that began last September the group received an hour of discussion, activity and explanation designed to give them greater understanding of the Eucharist. They also took away each time a range of study materials prepared by Kathie and Ruth, who in participating learned much themselves from Father Russell, from the group's interactions and from assembling the course materials.

With the knowledge and insight they had gained, the group members celebrated their first communion on Easter morning in what we hope was a memorable experience for them, their friends and families.

In July, Owen, Samantha, Jenny, Sophie, Emma and Luiba, with their families will have a celebration tea at the vicarage.

Please remember them in your prayers as they grow in faith.

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## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

'At the font we were marked with the Cross on our brow, Of our grace and our calling the sign.' (AMR 541)

12 June Oliver Paul Harrison  
James Patrick David Higginbottom  
Ben Thomas O'Driscoll  
Chloe Elizabeth Pearson

### HOLY MATRIMONY

Till death us do part

11 June John Plowman Brown and  
Linda Walker

### FUNERALS

I will come again and take you to myself  
(St. John 14:3)

19 May Gillian Dorothy Greenfield,  
aged 72  
15 June Ramaya Subba Rao, aged 81

## A SPECIAL GOLD-FINCH IN EWELL

Abbeyfield, Ewell, offers sheltered housing and support to older people. one of its two houses, Grove Cottage in the Cheam Road, was originally set up by St Mary's Parish Church and friends from the United Reform Church in 1974 in the house which had been a doctor's surgery for Dr Anthony Trevan and his partners. (Anthony and Kathleen Trevan have been devoted supporters of Grove Cottage over the years.)



At Grove Cottage, May 2011 was special because on May Day itself, one of the residents for the past eight years, Mrs Rene Goldfinch, celebrated her 100th Birthday. The actual day was spent with her brother and his family but on 7 May there was a special celebration at Grove Cottage attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell, Councillor and Mrs Clive Smithson, by volunteer helpers -including several from St Mary's, and by other friends.

Rene clearly greatly enjoyed the occasion; a large helium balloon - inscribed with 100 -was attached to her armchair, and she was presented with a splendid bouquet. She deftly cut the first slice of her large birthday cake. She also had a too special presents to display - a congratulations card from the Queen and, by special request, a signed photograph of her hero, Colin Firth! All her friends were delighted to join the Mayor in drinking a toast to this remarkable lady.

NMH

## DAVID CRICK Dip RSCM



Heartiest congratulations to David Crick on the award of his Diploma from the Royal School of Church Music in Sacred Music Studies. This is indeed a suitable acknowledgement of his services to the church in the field of music.

## WIT AND WISDOM

I can't say much for my past, but my future is spotless.

*Jim Newton*

## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

O God, the giver of all good gifts, I thank thee for all the many blessings such as friendship, home life, health. Give me always a contented mind, a cheerful heart, a ready will, that I may spend and be spent in the service of others, after the example of Him who gave his life a ransom for many, our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Thou who hast given me so much,  
Give one thing more, a grateful heart.

*George Herbert*

### For work to do for God

O God, grant that we may walk amongst men,  
Thy messengers, thy warriors,  
Thy perfect knights,  
Thy ministers consecrated to thy service,  
Serving thee with unswerving loyalty and single eyed devotion.

O Lord that lends me life,  
Lend me a heart replete with thankfulness.

*William Shakespeare*

Grant unto us, O Lord, the royalty of inward happiness and the serenity which comes from living close to thee. Daily renew in us the sense of joy, and let thy eternal spirit dwell in our souls and bodies, filling every corner of our hearts with light and gladness; so that bearing about with us the infection of a good courage, we maybe diffusers of life and may all meet a life's ills or accidents with gallant and highhearted happiness, giving thee thanks always for all things.

*Miss L. H. M. Soulsby*

### 23rd Psalm for Busy People

The Lord is my pace-setter, I shall not rush,  
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals,  
He provides me with images of stillness, which  
restore my serenity.  
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through  
calmness of mind,  
And His guidance is peace.  
Even though I have a great many things to  
accomplish each day  
I will not fret for His presence is here,  
His timelessness, His all importance will keep  
me in balance.

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If you are able to help in any way – by donating stock for the stalls or helping on the day please contact the stall holders. We need as much to sell as possible, particularly plants, cakes, bric-a-brac, toys and prizes for the bottle tombola and Grand Draw hampers. Donations can be left in the Welcome Area from 3 July. Any help on the day would be very much appreciated to cover stalls, sideshows and the church. Please also encourage as many people as possible to come along and enter the Children's Fancy Dress and cake making competitions.

Thank you very much

Alison 020 8393 6148

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## POETRY AND PROSE

Matthew Arnold's sonnet on Shakespeare is a most useful weapon in trying to do the impossible – understand God.

Take each sentence, each phrase, slowly, one at a time, and try to apply it to your understanding of God. I find a friendliness and humility in the words which make the exercise peaceful and pleasant, even if daunting, and ultimately overwhelming.

### *Shakespeare*

*Others abide our question. Thou art free,  
We ask and ask: Thou smilest and art still,  
Out-topping knowledge. For the loftiest hill  
That to the stars uncrowns his majesty,  
Planting his steadfast footsteps in the sea,  
Making the heaven of heavens his dwelling-place,  
Spare but the cloudy border of his base  
To the foil'd searching of mortality;  
And thou, who didst the stars and sunbeams know,  
Self-school'd, self-scann'd, self-honour'd, self-secure,  
Didst walk on earth unguess'd at. Better so!  
All pains the immortal spirit must endure,  
All weakness that impairs, all griefs that bow,  
Find their sole voice in that victorious brow.*

Don't rush through it. Go back again and consider who are the "others" you have admired as philosophers, painters, musicians, scientists, writers, thinkers, theologians. And see their limitations when it comes to your WHOLE life.

The gentleness of the last two lines about "weakness" and "griefs" is greatly God-directed in the word "victorious".

The luminous magic of one poet writing about another poet contrasts starkly with the straightforward statements of prose-writers setting out their religious signposts as in these quotations from a book of morning readings.-

The way to the union of Christendom does not lie through committee rooms... It lies through personal union with the Lord, so deep and real as to be comparable with his union with the Father.

*Archbishop William Temple*

### LAST CALL FOR THE GRAND DRAW

You will remember that enclosed with the May edition of Ewell Parish News were two books of Grand Draw tickets. We have had many counterfoils with the appropriate cash but 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, of course, immensely grateful to all who give support to the Grand Draw either by donating prizes or buying and selling tickets.

Teamwork and the life of a community are impossible without absolute moral standards which keep every relationship redemptive. Honesty is one great key — about my own sins, not the other person's. This often calls for honest apology as well, the golden key to teamwork. It also means never harbouring attitudes we know to be less than Christlike... In the same way teamwork and community need purity, so that all relationships are Christ-centred and all motives clear; unselfishness so that we are keener on what others can achieve than on what we can do ourselves... and love, which embraces even the sharpest corners on our friends, and moves closer to our heavenly Father with them.

*K D Belden*

Or this from the great scientist and evangelist, Henry Drummond (after a carefully argued treatise)-

It comes to pass, therefore, that there are two great classes of people in the world of Christians today.

- (1) Those who have God's will in their character;
- (2) Those who have God's will likewise in their career.

The first are in the world to live. They have a *life*.

The second are in the world to minister. They have a *mission*.

Time to think. That is what we all need. Time to think. Modern suburban life conspires against it. Even our garden, where we are supposed to be "nearer God's heart than anywhere else on earth", can produce enough weeds to divert us.

But thank God for writers of poetry and prose who give us such material about which to think.



## RECITALS & CONCERTS 2011

There has been a marked increase in support for the concerts and recitals which have taken place already this year, which is very encouraging. C.D.s of the "Armed Man" and Jonathan's "Popular Organ Classics" are now available at a cost of £5 each.

Looking forward to September, do you have a favourite piece of music which you would like to hear played on our magnificent Father Willis Organ? Jonathan Holmes would like to include some sponsored pieces in his Patronal Festival Organ Recital on September 10. A fee of £20 (which includes the price of a ticket) would secure a place on the programme for your favourite piece of music.

If you would like to purchase a C.D. or discuss sponsoring music for the September recital please speak to Arthur Mathews in church, or by telephone on 020 8337 2160, or email [treasurer@stmarysewell.com](mailto:treasurer@stmarysewell.com). All proceeds will go to the Organ Fund to help with the cost of the urgent repairs required to the underactions.

AJM

# AN EVE OF INFINITE VARIETY

On a warm, sunny May evening, a large audience was at St Mary's for a special musical event. The Mayor and Mayoress of Epsom and Ewell, Councillor and Mrs Clive Smitherson, attended as their final official engagement of their year of office.

The gathering included many from St Mary's congregation and from other local groups. The occasion was a musical Variety Concert in aid of the Mayor's charities and St Mary's Organ Fund. The programme was under the direction of Jonathan Holmes, the St Mary's Director of Music (who also officiated on the organ) and Arthur Mathews organised the front of house arrangements and the delicious interval refreshments. Most of the items featured members of the Parish Choir, both as a group and as soloists (one in splendid costume); the Ewell Castle School Big Band provided a grand finale.

The emphasis was very much on "Variety" with two splendid organ pieces, four very varied items, both sacred and secular, by the full choir, four musical solos (two on the piano and one each on the oboe and horn) and five vocal solos or duets. The choral pieces were in five different languages and, with the musical items, ranged from the Old Testament (the 23rd Psalm in a twentieth century setting) through classical composers including Brahms, Mozart, Schubert and Delibes to Elgar and Viene, as well as contemporary composers, including music from shows such as *Les Misérables*. In a class of their own were the Big Band's four jazz items, including two vocals.

The impetus for this Variety Concert came from Eve Myatt-Price who initiated the event as a celebration for her 90th Birthday in April and she was the star of the evening. She has worshipped at St Mary's for nearly 50 years and her family connections with the area go back further still. Her

two university degrees are in History and she is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society; her career was in Public Administration as a war-time civil servant in the Treasury and the Dominions Office and subsequently at the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she became Deputy Registrar, and she has had a lifelong love of music. These three interests of history, administration and music she has used widely to support national and local organisations, with a particular emphasis on schools and other educational bodies, and also in the varied roles she has over the years undertaken at St Mary's, and which still continue.

She wrote the 150th Anniversary Guide Book for St Mary's, which is still available, and she has supported our organ and choral activities in many ways, both known and privately. She was the former Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's Music which from 1996 to 2005 arranged concerts and donated the proceeds to the musical life of the church. It was therefore fitting, and typical, that she chose to celebrate her 90th birthday with a Variety Concert, and significant that this was supported by people from so many local organisations with which she has been associated.

As the strains of the final item from the Jazz Band faded away, Eve made a brief speech of thanks and presented the Mayor with a cheque for his charities. He replied with a warm speech of appreciation for the evening which, as all agreed, had been a memorable and joyful occasion. Jonathan, on the organ, led our enthusiastic rendition of "Happy Birthday to You" for a special lady. As was said in a rather different context "Age cannot wither her nor custom stale her infinite variety".

*NMH*

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## BOOK REVIEW

"The Intercessor's Guide" by Raymond Chapman. First published in 2007 by Canterbury Press Norwich, 13-17 Long Lane, London EC1A 9PN. Second impression 2010. 87 pages. ISBN - 978 -1-85311-791-6. Price. f.8.99.

In recent Weekly Notes, the Vicar encouraged members of St. Mary's attending the 9.30 am service to join the group which leads the Intercessions. If people felt diffident about undertaking this important role in public worship, the Vicar assured them, that books are available in the church to assist them in preparing their contributions.

In this review, I would like to draw attention to a booklet, one of several written by a teacher in the University of London, the Revd. Raymond Chapman Emeritus (now retired) Professor of English at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In mid-life, he was ordained as a non-stipendiary priest. His gifts as a teacher and an author have produced a readable and helpful guide which expresses his



own understanding of the doubts of lay members who are considering volunteering for this rewarding task but lack theological training. Professor Chapman's handling of religious prose and poetry brings a lifetime of experience to readers of all ages. He reminds them that the Intercessions are a vital part of the Eucharist and takes the reader through aspects which might be covered, with the message of the Bible being the chief guide but with relevance to the needs of the present and the season of the church's year.

In the concluding chapter, Professor Chapman supplies examples of prayers for the Intercessions; and ends with a prayer which the Intercessor might use before leading the congregation.

As a member of St. Mary's congregation who has been leading the Intercessions for over 20 years, I found this booklet clear and refreshing.

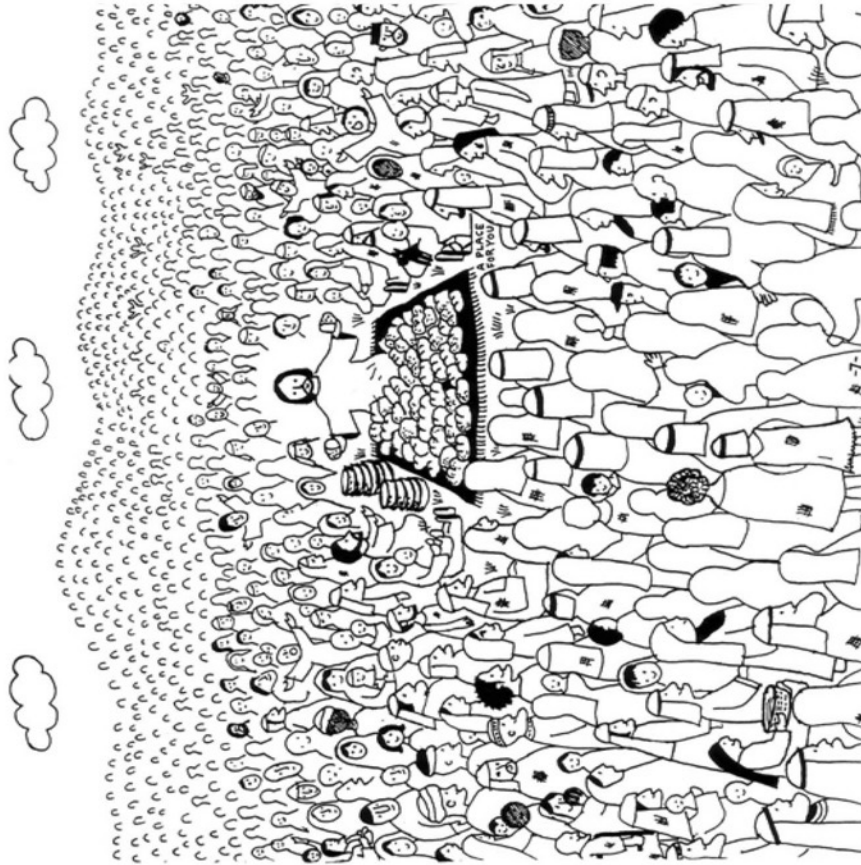
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The miracle of the loaves and the fish

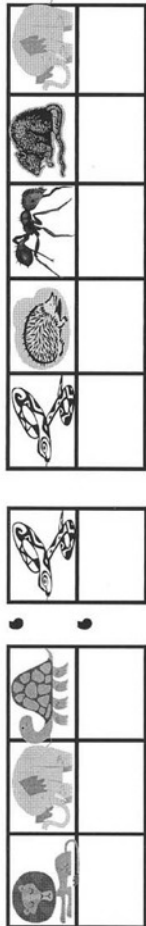


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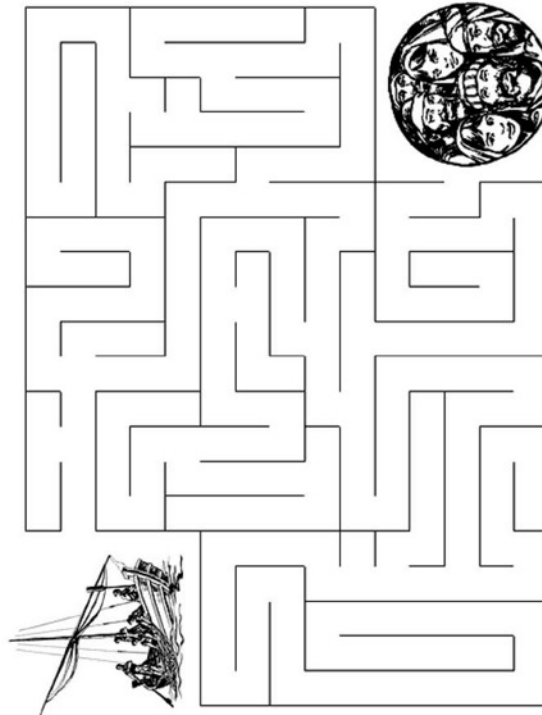
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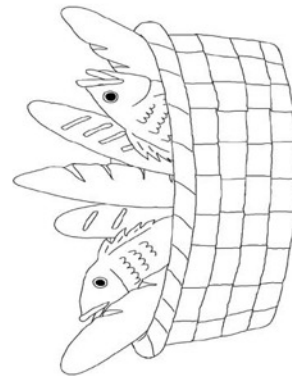
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Help Jesus and the disciples find the way to the crowd



People starving,  
People not fed,  
People in countries without any  
bread.  
People dying, both young and old,  
People praying for God to save  
them all.  
O Lord, help them.  
Amen



When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowd followed him on foot from the towns.  
Matthew 14:13

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How many people were fed?

The absent-minded professor has lost his calculator again. Please work this out for him!

- Number of days in a week
- Take away
- Saturday and Sunday
- Then times
- Number of toes on both feet
- Then times
- Number of pence in £1

\_\_\_\_\_



Can you solve this riddle?

- My first is in **pork** and **pie**
- My second's in **tall** and **long**
- My third is in **coffee** and **tea**
- My fourth is in **chant** and **song**
- My fifth is in **butter** and **toast**
- My last is in **my** and **your**
- My whole is enough for you and me
- And also a whole lot more!

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By the way, what does a scientist call it when he tries out a new kind of toffee? A test-chew-bi!

And what did the absent minded professor call his dog? Pussi!

Did you know?

While one half of the world is worried about being over-weight, the other half is going hungry

If all the food was shared out equally, there would be enough for everyone. Makes you think

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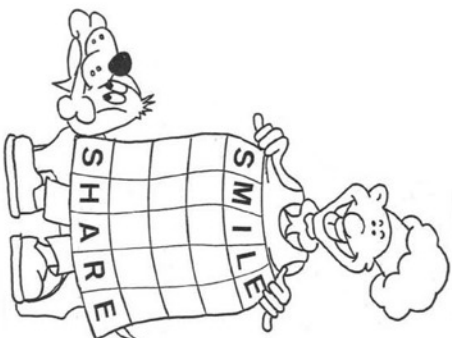
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- S 3 ST THOMAS**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins
- M 4** 1430 Meeting of Outreach Committee
- T 5** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the  
Parish Room
- S 9** 1930 Organ Recital by Jonathan Holmes
- S 10 TRINITY 3**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Toddler Service  
1730 Choral Evensong
- T 12** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the  
Parish Room
- S 16** 1100 – 1600 Church Fair
- S 17 TRINITY 4**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 1662 Eucharist  
1730 Evening Prayer
- T 19** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the  
Parish Room
- S 24 TRINITY 5**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins  
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 25** 0930 Communion taken to the  
Housebound and to 'The Elders'
- T 26** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the  
Parish Room
- S 31 TRINITY 6**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Mattins and Holy Baptism



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