

Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!

Clergy have been known to go to extraordinary lengths to get across the message of Easter. A certain vicar thought he had solved the problem by climbing into the pulpit and eating a daffodil.

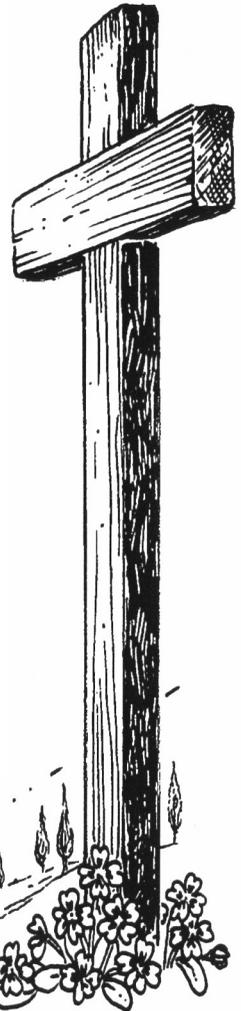
The message was simple: everyone would go home and tell others what had happened and the story would spread far and wide. He declared triumphantly, "That's what happened on the first Easter Day." There were two problems. One was the fact that the people remembered the vicar

eating the daffodil, but not why he did it. The other was that the vicar was ill in bed for a week.

How do we show others that what for us is the foundation on which we build our lives can have the power to change not only our lives, but theirs, and can indeed change the world?

The Resurrection of Jesus is fundamental to our Christian life and if we can't in some way convey that to others, then our Christian commitment will have little effect.

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St Paul made it quite clear when he wrote to Christians living in Corinth: "If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe...if our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world."

The Gospel accounts of Jesus' Resurrection leave lots of unanswered questions. The one thing that all four Gospel accounts have in common is that they tell us that the tomb was empty. If we read further on in the New

Testament we discover why – Jesus was somehow alive and appeared to his friends and disciples on numerous occasions. He came into their lives when they least expected it. In doing so he transformed their lives.

So we must look for Christ, not in the empty tomb, but in the lives of other people. We will see how he has inspired and guided them to live lives of love and hope. That is still true today, 2000 years later. We find Christ in others. May others find him in us.

John Richardson

Vacancy Update

By the time you read this the profile drafting group will have finished their work and our 2017 Parish Profile and Statement of Needs will be circulating among the PCC with the intention of getting it approved at our next meeting on Wednesday 19th April.

After that there may well be minor alterations and relevant photos will need to be added. We are hoping that this can be completed within a week so that Dan & Sara can send it to the Archdeacon for his comments and approval before the end of April.

Sometime in May the Archdeacon and Area Dean will meet with the PCC and this will be followed by a formal (Section 11) meeting when we appoint our 2 representatives, ask for the post to be advertised, and formally accept the Parish Profile.

The timescale after that is in the hands of the Bishop, but with advertising, interviews and our new incumbent's notice period, it is unlikely that they will be in post much before Christmas.

Rod Clarke, PCC Vice-Chair

Guildford Cathedral Restoration Project—Update

Work is progressing well on several stages of the project, with regard to both the necessary physical work to the building fabric and also to the ‘softer’ issues such as how to improve the cathedral links with the community and how to present the ‘People’s Cathedral’ in a more engaging way.

The final stage of removal of the acoustic tiles has started and will take about two months to complete.

This involves removal of tiles from the nave ceiling. To facilitate this the nave is almost completely covered in scaffolding, rather like a giant ‘Meccano’ structure.

This is necessary to support a floating platform which is completely enclosed so that the tiles can be removed and safely moved to a secure storage facility in the north car park, for later disposal.

The scaffolding is unique and is almost a work of art in its own right. It is much admired and has attracted visits from universities and engineering practices for its state of the art solution to the particular problem posed by the site.

Although it appears to be resting on the floor, in reality all the



weight is being suspended from the walls – an engineering feat! This is necessary to protect both the underfloor heating system and the floor itself, which were put in after the vault had been completed. The scaffolders are to be congratulated for rising to a very real challenge. It is worth a visit!

The planned refurbishment work in the chancel and chapter house is complete and provides a good idea of how the interior will look when the project is completed.

Redecorating and stone cleaning is continuing in other parts of the

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interior, and much preparation work for the lighting and sound system upgrades is under way. Outside the West Door and North Garth a new more accessible entrance facility is being developed.

Guides and other volunteers will be meeting with the Dean and members of the 'Representation

Team' to hear about plans for how we might engage with visitors and other members of the public when the project is completed.

The Cathedral has been and will continue to remain open throughout the rest of the project and there is a full program of events throughout the next few months (see notice board).

Malcolm Coffey

May Services and Events

Saturday 6	09.00	Men's Breakfast at The Plough Harvester
Sunday 7	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
Sunday 14	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Café Church followed by Holy Communion
	18.00	Choral Evensong
Wednesday 17	20.30	PCC in Church
Thursday 18	14.30	Afternoon Club in Cuddington Hall
Saturday 20	10.00	Women's Group at Rowe Hall
Sunday 21	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
Sunday 28	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion
Wednesday 31	19.30	Men's Carvery at The Hogsmill

From the Editor

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