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## Wait on the Lord; be of good courage

### A New Beginning . . .

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the Rev Theresa Ricketts is to be our new Priest-in-Charge.



Theresa has been a Curate at St James' Church, Weybridge, for the past 3 years and is highly regarded in the Diocese. She arrives with excellent references and Dan and I feel that she will be an asset to our parish. A former civil servant, and then a history teacher, Theresa comes with previous life experience outside the Church.

In addition to her present duties as a Curate, she has been a leader of the Deanery *Growing Leaders* course, and has delivered a session to the Local Ministry Programme Summer School on *Ministry to Busy Professionals*.

In the community, she has been a Police Chaplain at Elmbridge Police Station, an On-Call Chaplain for St Peter's Hospital, and a Chaplain to the Sam Beare Hospice. She has conducted weekly infant assemblies at St James' primary school, and is a community member of Weybridge Town Business Group.

When a recent fire broke out at a Weybridge health centre, the Vicar of St James, and Theresa as Curate, opened the doors of the Church and provided tea, coffee, food and shelter for local residents throughout the night.

It is no exaggeration to say that the past few years have been quite tumultuous for St Mary's. However, we are immensely grateful to John and Daphne Richardson for their loving leadership during the vacancy, and we are now looking forward to a period of stability combined with new growth, under the guidance of our new Priest-in-Charge.

**Sara & Dan, Churchwardens**

## Commemorating Cuddington's VC

The young men named on the war memorial in St Mary's include one officer who was awarded the VC for his courage in the action in which he was killed, near Loos in northern France, on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1917. S/Lt Frank Bernard Wearne, of the Essex Regiment, was one of the sons of Frank and Ada Wearne, who lived in Royal Avenue, at Manor Lodge, where Royal Close now stands. His brother Captain Keith Morris Wearne had been killed only a few weeks earlier, on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

There is a nationwide programme for commemorating the centenaries of First World War VCs by installing plaques near their

birthplaces. S/Lt Wearne was born in London W14, in the then Borough of Fulham, so his plaque was unveiled on 28<sup>th</sup> June this year in front of the Fulham Borough war memorial. Those present included representatives of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Anglian Regiment into which the Essex Regiment was incorporated, and several members of the St Mary's congregation.

Frank Bernard Wearne was also commemorated in St Mary's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July this year, when a Bible given to the church by Mr and Mrs Wearne was used for the readings.

**David Rymill**



## Gift Day

The PCC has decided to go ahead with a Gift Day on Sunday 17th September.

As a parish that practises Christian Stewardship we would reckon to meet our regular costs through Planned Giving and so the Gift Day

is for a particular one-off purpose.

This Gift Day is to assist with the costs of our current vacancy, which include the fees of visiting clergy, the cost of advertising the vacancy and vicarage redecoration costs.

## What does the word holiday mean to you?

The word holiday comes from the old English word haligdaeg (halig 'holy' + daeg 'day'). This word originally only referred to special religious days but in modern use it means any special day of rest or relaxation, away from normal days at work or school.

In medieval times you were given time off from work to go to church and celebrate with the community. The greatest holidays were Christmas and Easter but there were many other holy days, sometimes connected with your employment. Carpenters did not work on the feast of St Joseph and (allegedly) women had a day off on the feast of St Anne.

The ancient holy pattern of work and rest was swept away by the reformation, when the most extreme Protestants, the Puritans,

banned all holidays, including Christmas, ignoring the fact that our Lord kept the Jewish feasts.

When I was a child the calendar in our kitchen had the dates of the main religious holidays, and bank holidays, coloured red. The roots of this practice are thought to date back to the Roman republic (509-27 BC) from which a calendar has been found on which important days are marked in red.

In England the term red letter days is a reminder that in the First Book of Common Prayer, 1549, festivals such as Christmas and Epiphany, and important Saints' Days, were marked in red. This practice, which followed the traditional practice of medieval Books of Hours, continued in the 1662 Book of Common Prayer.

**Linda Charlton**

**Iona** This island in the Inner Hebrides, was for four centuries a centre of Gaelic monasticism. Although now a tourist destination it is still a place for spiritual retreats. Three members of our congregation have recently been there and are pictured here on the Island of Staffa, having visited Fingal's Cave.



## Did you know that St Mary's has a Facebook page?

It's become a great source for communicating service information, social events and anything else going on at church. Type "**St Mary's Church, Cuddington, Worcester Park**" or "**@stmaryscudd**" into the search bar and our page will pop up.



Remember to "**like**" our page and you will automatically receive our regular feeds and updates.

## September Services and Events

<b>Sunday 3</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sung Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 10</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Café Church followed by Holy Communion</b>
<b>Sunday 17</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Sung Communion and Children's Groups</b>
<b>Wednesday 20</b>	<b>20.30</b>	<b>PCC in Church</b>
<b>Thursday 21</b>	<b>14.30</b>	<b>Thursday Club in Cuddington Hall</b>
<b>Sunday 24</b>	<b>08.00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
	<b>09.30</b>	<b>Family Communion with Baptism</b>

**Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning at 9 am**

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