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Jesus said “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

A Message from Theresa

I want to begin by saying a huge “thank you” to those of you I met during the interview process at the end of July. During the evening reception I was approached by Sara with a pudding in each hand, asking which I would like – and it transpired that “would it be possible to have both” was a perfectly acceptable answer! Not to mention the rock cakes I took home. I don’t say this simply to be flippant, though. Hospitality is a gift, and the warm welcome you extended to me at that time is something to be cherished.

I don’t know about you, but patience has never been one of my strengths – in spite of the frequent reminders as a child that it is apparently a virtue. Right now, I am really looking forward to being licensed and starting work with and amongst you. I don’t find waiting easy. I am reminded, though, that you have been waiting for much longer than I have.

You will probably be familiar with some of the writing that has been devoted to the subject of waiting – Paula Gooder’s Advent offering, “The Meaning is in the Waiting” and W.H. Vanstone’s “The Stature of Waiting”. I find that both remind me of the value of now, even while I can’t stop myself anticipating all that lies ahead.

Perhaps now is a good time to think about your hopes for the future, and any concerns you have too – I am keen to hear both when I arrive. The next part of the journey of St Mary’s we will share together. I pray that we can look ahead with optimism and hope, and that each one of us will feel heard, valued and loved.

Reverend Theresa Ricketts

Welcome

Welcome to The Listening Post. We have an important welcome on the horizon. We were delighted last month to learn that the Reverend Theresa Ricketts is to be our new Priest in Charge. Theresa has written the message on the front page and it seems she is as pleased as we are. She has asked us to start thinking about our hopes and concerns for our church.

Should you wish to share your thoughts about this, or anything else, please write something for the November Listening Post and get it to me by Friday 10 November.

Please send your feedback, photographs and articles to: **Linda Charlton (Editor)** thelisteningpost@cuddingtonparish.org.uk Text 07778 127670.

Guildford Cathedral Update



The first phase of Guildford Cathedral 2020 - The People's Cathedral - is now complete and the Cathedral is fully open and functional.

The builders left in mid- August after 16 months, and the team working on explaining and preserving the legacy of all the local people involved in or with the cathedral throughout its brief life, finished their work at the end of August.

Since then cathedral staff and volunteers have been cleaning and tidying up, which is always necessary following any major building work.

The result of all this work, which has been performed to a very high standard, is quite stunning. The space and lightness of the nave and chancel are enhanced as one would expect after a major refurbishment. But perhaps the most striking change is the way in which information about the cathedral is displayed.

There is a new room near the chapter house dedicated to providing much more information about various aspects of the cathedral, using panel displays, continuous loop videos and an interactive console where one can delve deeper into certain aspects (eg details of all 1400 kneelers).

There are other display boards in some alcoves, the Treasury and elsewhere. There is also an interactive audio console where the visitor can listen to a selection

of comments from a variety of people involved with the cathedral either at present or during the past. All these displays have been positioned so that the cathedral's prime purpose as a very special place of worship is not compromised.

Some new initiatives include Tower tours (booking recommended) on two Saturdays per month, and a regular Thursday tour which does not have to be pre booked (although it can be). There is a small charge for these tours although entry to the cathedral remains free (a small donation is suggested).

I would recommend a visit (both for those who have been before, and those who have not). I do not think you will be disappointed.

Malcolm Coffey

A New Addition to the Library



The Church Library has a new paperback that you might find interesting. It's called "Where's God in a Messed Up World" by Roger Carswell. He looks at the question : why does a loving God not stop the suffering in the world. It provides some interesting views on this perennial question and is easy to read and is quite short.

Mark Hodge

And now for something completely different....

A Catholic, an Anglican and a Methodist got into a boat. The Catholic had to walk back across the water because he had forgotten his fishing rod. The Anglican then walked back across the water having forgotten his sun hat. But when the Methodist got out of the boat to fetch his flask he began to sink. The Catholic said to the Anglican 'We should have told him about the stepping stones.' The Anglican replied 'What stepping stones?'

October Services and Events

Sunday 1	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
Saturday 7	09.00	Men's Breakfast at The Hogsmill Tavern
		Please note the new venue
	19.00	Harvest Supper in Cuddington Hall
Sunday 8	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Harvest Parade then Holy Communion
	18.00	Choral Evensong
Sunday 15	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Café Church but no Holy Communion
Wednesday 18	20.30	PCC meeting in Church
Thursday 19	14.30	Thursday Club in Cuddington Hall
	tba	Confirmation Service at St Mary's
Saturday 21	10.00	Women's Group at Rowe Hall
Sunday 22	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Family Communion with Baptism
Sunday 29	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion
	15.00	Annual Service of Commemoration

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