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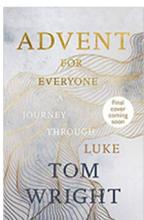
**So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin
and alive to God in Christ Jesus. *Romans 6:11***

Some of you know that I have decided to study for an MA in Christian Approaches to Leadership. I have just spent 4 days in Salisbury as part of my first module. For those of you who know Salisbury, Sarum College is in the Cathedral Close, so I was staying right next to the cathedral, and the weather was quite beautiful for October – a great inspiration to both study and prayer.

One thing that I discovered over the few days was how alive I feel when I am learning, and when I am involved in conversations about God.

I wonder what it is that makes you feel alive? We are all called by God, and I believe that one of the ways that we discover that calling is in finding those things which we love doing and are good at. Of course that is not the be-all-and-end-all of vocation, but it does seem to me to be quite a good starting point. And if you're too shy to say what you're good at, why not ask someone else. One of the wonderful things about a church community is that often it is other people who help us to see what we find it hard to see in ourselves.

Rev Theresa Ricketts



This year as we prepare for Advent we are going to follow Tom Wright's latest book **"Advent For Everyone – A Journey Through Luke"**. In the book he explores the Gospel themes of encouragement, renewal, justice and celebration. The book offers readings, meditations and stimulating questions for personal reflection or group discussion. There will be a sermon series each week that will talk into each of the four themes. If you would like a copy please put your name on the list at the back of church by the end of October as we would like to organise a bulk order in the first week of November. Looking forward to preparing for Christmas!

Little Venice



St Mary's Walking Group at Little Venice October 2018. Twice a year the Walking group does a London walk, led by Blue Badge Guide Julie Chandler. Julie is coming to talk to our Women's Group, on Saturday 17 November, about City Liveries.

The Role of the PCC (Parochial Church Council)

The PCC is the governing body of our church. It is a charity, has legal status and is registered at Companies House. It comprises members of the clergy (ex officio) and lay members of the church, elected each year at the APCM.

The PCC is responsible for the practical and the spiritual well-being of our church, church members and church buildings. It has a duty to promote the mission of the church in the wider community and it is required by law to meet at least four times each year.

Members should work together and support each other, discuss plans and ideas freely and take decisions jointly.

The PCC's remit includes Prayer and Worship, Mission and Outreach, Pastoral Care, Finance, and Buildings. It should also consider Church of England matters and can send an opinion or motion to the Deanery Synod.

If you would like to know more about the PCC and what it does please speak to a PCC member. They are easy to recognise as their photographs are in the church porch.

Building Guildford Cathedral 1936 - 1966



During the first part of the 20th century the population in South East England increased, resulting in the Diocese of Winchester splitting into three. The northern part became the new Diocese of Guildford and in 1927 Doctor John Grieg was appointed the first Bishop. Holy Trinity Church became the Cathedral, but it was not large enough and in 1928 the decision was made to build a new cathedral.

An architectural competition was held for the design and 183 proposals were received. After public consultation five proposals were shortlisted and Edward Maufe, the winner, was appointed Cathedral Architect in 1933. A wooden cross, made from timbers from HMS Ganges, was erected on Stag Hill and can still be seen outside the east end of the Cathedral. On 22 July 1936 the foundation stone was laid by The Most Reverend Dr Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury,

who announced that the Cathedral would be dedicated to the Holy Spirit. 778 piles were driven into the ground, the final one being assisted by Queen Mary in April 1937.

Work stopped during the second world war and for ten years afterwards due to a shortage of money and building materials, but from 1947 services were held in the Crypt Chapel, now the choir practice room. When building restarted the cost had risen to four times the original estimate of £250,000. Between 1952 and 1961 200,000 people, including the Queen, bought a brick for 2/6 (12.5p) and wrote their name on it. The bricks were made from clay from Stag Hill, and many people felt a personal link with the Cathedral as a result of buying one.

Construction of the nave started in 1955 and continued for a further six years following Maufe's design. In 1957 the Queen and Prince Phillip laid a stone in the floor of

the nave. The Cathedral was consecrated in 1961 by Bishop George Reindorp (then Bishop of Guildford) in the presence of the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Building work continued with the tower, the Western Porches, the Sacristy, The Lady Chapel and the Chapter House being completed in 1966, thirty years after the foundation stone was laid.

From the Editor . .

Guildford-cathedral.org

Did you buy a brick for half a crown to help build Guildford Cathedral? Or do you have photographs from the early days of the Cathedral? If so I would like to hear from you.

If you would like to talk to me about this or about something you would like to see in The Listening Post please let me know. You can usually find me in the hall after the 9.30 service, or you can email me on thelisteningpost@cuddingtonparish.org.uk or leave a message or text me on 07778 127670. I can also be contacted through the C pigeonhole beside the choir vestry door. **Linda Charlton, Editor.**

November Services and Events

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| Saturday 3 | 08.30 | Men's Breakfast at The Hogsmill |
| Sunday 4 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Sung Communion and Children's Groups |
| | 15.00 | Commemoration Service |
| Sunday 11 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 10.15 | Remembrance Day Parade Service |
| | 18.00 | Choral Evensong |
| Thursday 15 | 14.30 | Thursday Club |
| Saturday 17 | 10.00 | Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall |
| Sunday 18 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Sung Communion and Children's Groups |
| Wednesday 21 | 20.00 | PCC in the Choir Vestry |
| Sunday 25 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Family Communion with Baptism |

**Morning Prayer is said in church every weekday morning at 9am.
All are welcome.**