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We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. (Romans 12:5)

No Longer Priest-in-Charge but . . . Vicar

The following paragraphs are adapted from an article about Theresa's Induction and Installation on the Diocesan website.

In late 2017 Theresa arrived here to take up her first incumbency as Priest-in-Charge. Now in her fifth year at St Mary's, and testament to her caring and collaborative leadership, Theresa has transitioned from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar. 'As Priest-in-Charge I was not the incumbent, but held spiritual responsibility for the community, whereas as Vicar I become the incumbent and therefore have practical, material responsibility, in addition to the spiritual leadership.'

'My own transition from Priest-in-Charge to Vicar comes at an exciting time, as we move out of lockdown and seek to shape our priorities for the coming year, including deepening our own spirituality and reaching out into the local community.'



The induction and installation was overseen by the Archdeacon of Dorking, Martin Breadmore, during our 'regular' Sunday morning service on the 16th January, but of course this was slightly different due to its celebratory nature, as Theresa shares. 'The whole service was a joyous occasion, including uplifting music from the choir. It felt like a real community celebration, which was lovely, and was followed by

refreshments – what celebration is complete without cake and a glass of something sparkly?’



Our Churchwardens, Dan and Peter, said ‘We have been hugely impressed by her careful building of relationships, unwavering dedication, and endless capacity for hard work in how she has approached her role. This was widely supported by one of the largest congregations that has attended since before the pandemic. The many joyous faces and expressions of support which were evident in this occasion are testament to the growing sense of optimism for the future at St Mary’s.’

St Mary’s continues to be a hub for the community throughout the week and at special occasions throughout the year, as well as Sundays, with a regular Toddler Group on Fridays and parade services marking events such as Mothering Sunday, Harvest and acts of remembrance.

More pictures are shown on the back page.

A New Way to Regularly Give to St Mary’s

St Mary’s depends heavily on your generosity to ensure that we can continue to share the light of God’s love in Cuddington. Many of you are part of our planned giving scheme and each month or week give a regular donation to the church, often through standing orders, and we are very grateful for this.

The Church of England has, for several years, operated a Parish Giving Scheme that is currently used by over 3,300 parishes. The scheme is funded by the Church of England and there is no separate charge to the parish for joining and using it. Our Stewardship Committee carefully looked at the scheme and, with the approval of the PCC, has registered St. Mary’s, so that we can offer another route for people to give to the church.



This is an online alternative to giving through our standalone scheme, allowing donors to manage in real time their giving account. Those who decide to use the scheme can securely log onto the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) website, set up an account by registering and initiating a direct debit. This can be amended or cancelled at any time. If you prefer you can also register with a phone call.

To reduce the administration burden, we reclaim allowable gift aid tax relief on a quarterly basis through our in-house scheme. PGS reclaims and remits to churches gift aid reclaims monthly. This has cash flow benefits for us. To achieve this the PGS direct debits are taken on the 1st of each month, with the relevant tax reclaim submitted to HMRC soon thereafter, so that they can be passed back to the church in the same month.

Another benefit of PGS is that it provides an option for donors to increase their giving automatically in line with inflation if they wish to. Many of us are happy to do this but often don't because we haven't thought of it or are not prompted to do so.

The scheme, like our internal one, is confidential. Only an authorised officer registered with PGS has access to the data. Donors only have access to their own account within the system.

We do not intend to close our in-house planned giving scheme, but it is felt that PGS will appeal to anyone who prefers to directly manage their giving and are comfortable doing this online. Interestingly, without publicising PGS until now, one person has signed up and has switched from our in-house scheme. I can only think that they searched online and came across our page in PGS.

If you would like to explore PGS further, please follow the link below <https://www.parishgiving.org.uk>

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David Eames - Treasurer

It costs around £330 per day to enable St. Mary's to continue its work.



February Services and Events

Saturday 5	08.30	Men's Group Breakfast at <i>Café Affair</i>
Sunday 6	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
Monday 7	19.30	Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room
Sunday 13	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	All Age Communion
	18.00	Evensong
Wednesday 16	20.00	PCC Meeting
Thursday 17	14.30	Afternoon Club in the Cuddington Hall
Saturday 19	10.30	Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall
Sunday 20	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion and Children's Groups
Tuesday 22	14.30	Knit & Natter Group in the Leverton Room
Sunday 27	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Sung Communion

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

Everyone is very welcome