

Ringing the Bell?

St Mary's has a single bell, and different people get the chance to ring it on Sunday mornings. At 9.15 and 9.25 it is rung by one of the sidesmen to encourage the congregation into church for the 9.30 service. On each occasion it is rung 33 times, once for each year of Jesus' life on earth.

During the Eucharistic Prayer the bell is rung by the crucifer, who is the person who carries the cross at the beginning and end of the service.

It is rung when the priest repeats the words Jesus said over the bread and wine at the Last Supper. Three times after 'Take, eat this is my body....' and three times after 'This is my blood....'

The bell can be heard around much of the Parish and invites those unable to get to church to join the congregation in prayer at that special moment.

David Rymill

August Services and Events

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| Sunday 7 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Sung Communion |
| Sunday 14 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 0930 | Café Church followed by Communion |
| | 18.00 | Said Evensong |
| Sunday 21 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Sung Communion |
| Sunday 28 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Holy Communion with Baptism |

Sunday Club will resume in September

Love your neighbour as you love yourself Luke 10.27

Welcome Here in The Listening Post we cover all issues, local and national, as this edition demonstrates. If there is something you feel strongly about and would like covered, or would like to write about for publication, do please let me know.

As ever you can speak to me on a Sunday morning, text me on 07778 127670 or email me at thelisteningpost@cuddingtonparish.org.uk

Linda Charlton

Moving Forward

Now that the European referendum campaign is finally over and a decision has been made, many people will be nursing their wounds and regretting our changed relationship with Europe, whilst others will be rejoicing at the opportunity to exercise a greater degree of independence.

Whichever side of the fence we stand on, it is important that we now think of the future and not dwell on the past and what might have been, nor spend time declaring what a positive effect the decision will have on us all.

Sadly, we have witnessed the worst side of human nature too, with ignorance and intolerance leading to abusive behaviour and hatred of those who supposedly do not share our way of life or our culture or our religion.

It is a truism that in all walks of our life together, whether it be as a nation, a community, a church or a family, we have to learn to live together. What that means is that we have to accept our differences, exercise a degree of understanding of those who see things differently, be tolerant of those

who do not share our way of doing things, and be prepared to listen to those who are trying to tell us something important about our common life together.

We can rejoice in the things we have in common, for we will usually find that the things that are really important to us in life are the same things that are important to others. And we should rejoice in our differences too, for those who come from different cultures, different nationalities, have

different languages or different religions, have much to teach us if we are prepared to listen.

I have just read again the story of the Good Samaritan, which leaves us with the question "And who is my neighbour?" Whether we are thinking about our national life, our community life or our church life – it's a question that keeps coming up.

How we answer it will have a lot to do with how we move forward.

John Richardson



Bishop Andrew with John and Daphne Richardson following the celebration of John's 50 years of ministry.

The Afternoon Club

A group of friendly people get together on the third Thursday of every month to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship, board games, and quizzes followed by tea and cakes.

Sometimes we go out for tea instead, usually to a garden centre.

Twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, communion is celebrated

at the start of our meeting. The meeting is from 2.30 – 4.00pm in the Church Hall. There is no upper or lower age limit and everyone is welcome. We would love to meet you, so how about coming to join us?

For more details contact **Judith Round** on 020 8330 5048.



The sunflowers planted by the toddler group are growing well.

A date for your diaries:

St Mary's is once again planning to be open under the nationwide Heritage Open Days scheme, on Saturday 10th September, from 11am to 5pm.

This year we are planning special displays to mark the 150th anniversary (a few weeks early) of the installation of the Iron Church

that preceded St Mary's, and the 150-year history of The Avenue: we hope to include in the exhibition a photograph or drawing of each of the pre-1910 houses that existed in The Avenue, St Mary's Road, Royal Avenue and Cleveland Road.

David Rymill