

Jesus Christ is Risen Today! Alleluia!

Clergy have been known to go to extraordinary lengths to get across the message of Easter. A certain vicar thought he had solved the problem by climbing into the pulpit and eating a daffodil.

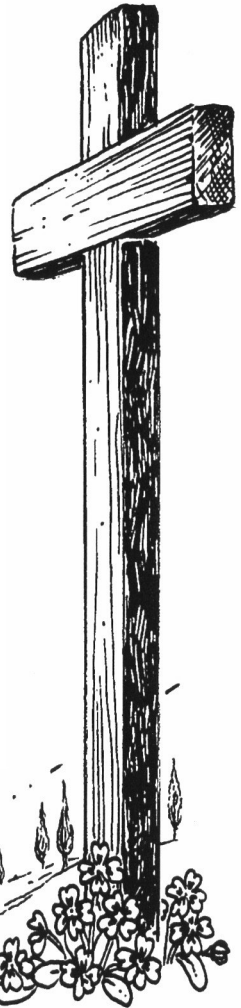
The message was simple: everyone would go home and tell others what had happened and the story would spread far and wide. He declared triumphantly, "That's what happened on the first Easter Day." There were two problems. One was the fact that the people remembered the vicar

eating the daffodil, but not why he did it. The other was that the vicar was ill in bed for a week.

How do we show others that what for us is the foundation on which we build our lives can have the power to change not only our lives, but theirs, and can indeed change the world?

The Resurrection of Jesus is fundamental to our Christian life and if we can't in some way convey that to others, then our Christian commitment will have little effect.

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St Paul made it quite clear when he wrote to Christians living in Corinth: “If Christ has not been raised from death, then we have nothing to preach and you have nothing to believe...if our hope in Christ is good for this life only and no more, then we deserve more pity than anyone else in all the world.”

The Gospel accounts of Jesus’ Resurrection leave lots of unanswered questions. The one thing that all four Gospel accounts have in common is that they tell us that the tomb was empty. If we read further on in the New

Testament we discover why – Jesus was somehow alive and appeared to his friends and disciples on numerous occasions. He came into their lives when they least expected it. In doing so he transformed their lives.

So we must look for Christ, not in the empty tomb, but in the lives of other people. We will see how he has inspired and guided them to live lives of love and hope. That is still true today, 2000 years later. We find Christ in others. May others find him in us.

John Richardson

Vacancy Update

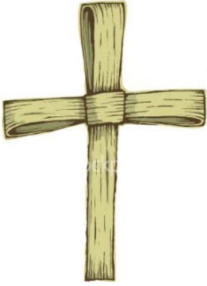
The Bishop of Guildford is delighted to announce that Rev Canon Dr Joshva John Christopher has been appointed as Vicar of Cuddington, subject to DBS and medical clearance. He is currently Head of International Bible Advocacy Centre at the British and Foreign Bible Society in Swindon. We are hoping that Joshva and his family might potentially be able to move in during June, but details are yet to be confirmed.

Joshva says:

I am an ordained minister of the Church of South India. I have served in the Dioceses of Leicester, Birmingham, Salisbury, and Bristol. And I’m now leading the International Bible Advocacy Centre at the Bible Society in Swindon. My wife, Rachel, is a Mathematics Lecturer. We have two daughters—Angeline, who is married to Cameron, and Jessica, a university student. As a family, we are eager to move to Cuddington and serve the church and community with dedication and joy.

Please pray for Joshva and his family as they prepare to move.

EASTER SERVICES at St Mary's



Sunday 13th April – **PALM SUNDAY**

9.30 am The Liturgy of Palm Sunday
with Holy Communion

6.30 pm The choir is performing
Maunder's sacred cantata
'Olivet to Calvary'

HOLY WEEK

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

8.00 pm Holy Communion with short address

Maundy Thursday

8.00 pm Holy Communion
with washing of feet and
stripping of the altar

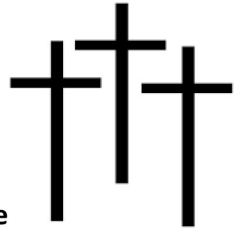
GOOD FRIDAY – AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

10.00 am Family Service

12 noon – 2.00 pm Walking in the footsteps
of Christ with St Luke.

*Come and go as you please,
during a hymn*

2.00 - 3.00 pm Traditional Good Friday Service



Sunday, 20th April – **EASTER DAY**

9.30 am Holy Communion
with **Easter Egg Hunt**



ALL WELCOME



April Services and Events

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| Wednesday 2 | 10.30 | Knit & Natter in the Leverton Room |
| | 19.30 | <i>In the Footsteps of Christ</i> in Church |
| Saturday 5 | 09.00 | Men's Breakfast at Horton Golf Park |
| Sunday 6 | 08.00 | Holy Communion |
| | 09.30 | Sung Communion and Children's Groups |
| Monday 7 | 19.30 | Knit & Natter in the Leverton Room |
| Wednesday 9 | 19.30 | <i>In the Footsteps of Christ</i> in Church |
| Saturday 12 | 19.00 | Women's Group in the Cuddington Hall |
| Sunday 13 | 09.30 | Palm Sunday Sung Communion |
| (Palm Sunday) | 18.30 | <i>Olivet to Calvary</i> in Church |
| Monday 14 | 20.00 | Holy Week Communion |
| Tuesday 15 | 20.00 | Holy Week Communion |
| Wednesday 16 | 20.00 | Holy Week Communion |
| Thursday 17 | 14.30 | Thursday Club in the Cuddington Hall |
| | 20.00 | Maundy Thursday Communion |
| Friday 18 | 10.00 | Good Friday Family Service |
| (Good Friday) | 10.00 | Children's Crafts in the Cuddington Hall |
| | 12.00 | <i>Walking in the Footsteps of Christ</i> |
| | 14.00 | Good Friday Liturgy in Church |
| Sunday 20 | | |
| (Easter Day) | 09.30 | Easter Sung Communion |
| Sunday 27 | 09.30 | Sung Communion |
| Wednesday 30 | 19.15 | Men's Meal at Ewell Toby Carvery |

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