

Hello to Virginia Water

I am writing to say “hello” to all in Virginia Water. I am the new Associate Vicar at Christchurch. We moved to Virginia Water in March from Aberdeen, Scotland. We do find it warmer here!!!

My family moved to London from Bombay in 1970, and I went to school at Haileybury College, Hertford and read Politics, Philosophy, and Economics at New College, Oxford. I then worked as an investment banker in the City of London for nine years before training for Christian ministry in the Church of England. After my ministry training I did my curacy at St. Luke’s Church in Wolverhampton. After my curacy I studied for an MPhil degree in New Testament at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge and then a PhD Aberdeen University.

I converted to the Lord Jesus Christ from an Indian Zoroastrian/Parsee background, because I found Christianity to be both the truth and spiritually nourishing. Indeed I am the only person from a Parsee background in full-time Christian ministry in the world. My passion is teaching the Bible so that Jesus Christ, the only Saviour of the world is proclaimed to all.

I love cooking, entertaining, and opera. I am married to Rita, who comes to Christ from a Hindu background, and we have one daughter, Charis. I look forward to getting to know Virginia Water better in the months and years ahead.

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SUMMER READING

May I recommend some summer reading for those days on the beach? Tim Keller’s book, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Scepticism* (available from the Christ Church bookstall) is a challenging and profound book that delves into many important issues. Keller is a theologian and Christian minister in New York and tackles such questions such as “there can’t be just one true religion” and “how can a good God allow suffering?” in a way that evaluates all the issues fairly and clearly. He also challenges non-Christians by insisting that there are good and convincing reasons for the Christian faith. Keller’s book will stimulate questions and will invite debate, so please do feel free to talk to me at Christ Church about the issues rising from his book.

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