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West End singer wows Berkhamsted

'Phantom' star plays to packed church

More than 240 people packed into St Michael and All Angels Church in Berkhamsted on Sunday evening to hear songs from the shows sung by West End lead actress, Tabitha Webb.

Tabitha, who has just concluded a four year stint in *Phantom of the Opera*, the last two in the lead role of Christine, performed favourite West End songs, including *Think of Me*, from *Phantom* and *In My Life* from *Les Miserables* as well as a host of other favourites, among them *Climb Every Mountain*, *I Could Have Danced All Night* and *You'll Never Walk Alone*.

More importantly perhaps, Tabitha told of her work as ambassador for the international missions charity, Interserve - which staged the event - and its work in slum communities and with trafficked women in south Asia.



Tabitha spoke of the charity's work in rehabilitative education with women and children who end up in Mumbai. Eighteen months ago, Interserve took Tabitha to Mumbai to enhance the education work with singing workshops, which were filmed and shown as part of the presentation.

Rev. David Abbott, vicar of Sunnyside, who was delighted to welcome such a high profile performer to the church, said, "*Tabitha was a true professional, a singing star, but more importantly, she had something to say. Her message about her work with trafficked women moved everyone and her heart for the disadvantaged and marginalised in society was evident. It was not only a message for*

the church, but also for our community, to look out for and support each other, particularly as we approach this Christmas season."

Interserve's Head of Communications Alastair McIver, who lives in the town, was delighted with the outcome of the evening.

"*Tabitha has been a fantastic advocate for Interserve,*" he says "*All who have attended our Love Changes Everything campaign event in the past year, including this concluding one here in Berkhamsted, cannot help but to have been moved by her performance and presentation.*"

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Note for editors: : Interserve is a Christian Missions charity which works cross culturally in over 35 countries in Asia and the Arab World. It's 850 workers are engaged in education, health, development and rehabilitation among other things.

The charity is looking to the *Love Changes Everything* campaign to raise in excess of £20,000 for its rehabilitative education work in Mumbai. You can support the campaign by visiting www.interserve.org.uk

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