

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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### Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It is normally the case that August brings a time for relaxation as people enjoy summer holidays with the hope of coming back refreshed for the challenges they face on return. As Greg Hurst reminded us in last week's reflection coming back from a holiday can bring anxieties as well acknowledging that it is still a luxury to be able to enjoy a holiday. It is a month ago since Monika and I enjoyed a break in Swansea and the Gower. Since returning I have joined with members of the Standing Committee and PCC to plan our return to church. The date for the return may well be sometime in October, and you may find photos in this newsletter of the first tiles being laid which is exciting.

Before returning to church, we have much to prepare. There are the plans for putting the church back in order, and the large task of cleaning the building before it will be ready for use. When we return though the PCC also hopes that people will return to play their part in the life of the All Saints Church community. It has been a challenging time for the whole world over the last eighteen months not just for All Saints, but we are praying that people will want to return to worship and play their part in the life of the church.

Clearly it will be a joy to myself to see people return to worship and I look forward in particular to the Festival Day of All Saints on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Ken Smith has tried to help us gain focus by forming groups to look at our Schools ministry, our Worship, to implement some of the thinking that the Welcome course generated, to see how we can face the challenges of Stewardship and Finance as well as give time to our ministry with Tiny Saints, Young Saints and families. We have already had some productive meetings over our newly formed Sustainability group. This group will look at how we might seek to become an Eco Church, work alongside schools on the issues of sustainability and become more aware of the issues that we all face in respecting God's creation.

One of the attractions of All Saints is the quadrangle. We have over the summer used the space for simple worship and BBQ's which people seem to have enjoyed. There is another one planned for August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Another way we hope to meet with the wider community is through a Christmas Market probably at the end of November. Tanya Fullarton, Jayne Chapman and I are going to meet to start planning this event but stall holders from successful summer fetes may want to offer their services to one of us so that we can offer an exciting community event.

When we look at the challenges ahead, we will need the support of you, the people of All Saints, to participate in the life of the church. The worship itself is a good starting point to reflect on this idea of participation. Our worship needs to lead people through welcome to a sense of belonging. The way we

proclaim the scriptures will need to connect with culture and the challenges we face. The music and liturgy will hopefully lead people to want to participate as baptised members of the Body of Christ. Brian Graves and myself are reflecting on the work of the former Dean of Philadelphia Cathedral, Richard Giles who has enabled worshippers to be 'participants' in the worship which will hopefully not only encourage people familiar with All Saints but also encourage newcomers as well.

I found Greg's reflection helpful last week. It was a joy and a luxury to experience the beautiful coastline of the Gower and yes, I have returned a little anxious about all the challenges that All Saints as a community faces. However, I have also returned with confidence that the church floor is going to be completed and that there are people showing a real interest in helping us to become a welcoming church that will lead to a sense of belonging and participation.

### **Birthday Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Joan Poolman as she celebrates her 96th Birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Joan has been a regular member of both the All Saints community and St George's Church in Larchfield. We welcome Joan and her daughter, Barbara, to the 9.30am Eucharist this Sunday.

We give thanks for life of Anne Pennock as she celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Wednesday 25 August. Anne is an incredible example to us all of someone who participates 100% in life. She has, over the last 18 months, enjoyed a lengthy walk just about every day. I know, too, that she has received a long service award for her contributions to the old and now new leisure centres. Congratulations, Anne, on your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday from all of us at All Saints.

### **RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK**

#### **Thursday 19 August 10.00am – 11.00am Prayer Vigil for the people of Afghanistan at Stubbings Church, Henley Road, Maidenhead**

No set prayers, but an opportunity to join in silent prayer, light a candle, and remember before God the people of Afghanistan. From Fr John Ainslie

#### **Friday 20 August 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Quadrangle**

Please note too that there will be no Tiny Saints on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August or September 3<sup>rd</sup> before we return for the new term on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Sunday 22 August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

##### **9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre Also on Zoom.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBUE3FkY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

##### **11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.**

##### **Monday Night Prayer on Zoom**

Please note that there will not be Monday Night Prayer on 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> August (Bank Holiday Monday) but we will return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Wednesday 25 August**  
**10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre**

**NEXT BBQ IN THE QUAD @ 4.00pm on Sunday 29 August All welcome**

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

(First two from the Roots resources)

Loving God, giver of life; Lord Jesus, friend and Saviour;

Holy Spirit, living water – we worship and adore you.

We pray this week to know your loving presence not having or expecting all the answers but knowing that you are the way. Amen.

We thank you Lord, for your unfailing love. Thank you that even with all our doubts and fears and worries about the journey ahead, you are there by our side. Thank you that you are our rock and our salvation, our strength and our high tower. Thank you that as we choose to go on this journey with you, you are there, gently leading and guiding, always present. Praise you, Lord, for your constant love and faithfulness. Amen.

We pray for all those preparing for the return to church in the Autumn. We give thanks for all those who have worshipped and given their time and talents in the past and we pray for people to return to play their part once again and for new people to feel a sense of belonging that will lead to participation within the life of the church.

We pray for all those in need at this time. We pray for the people of Plymouth following the tragic loss of life caused by the shootings. We pray for the country of Haiti following the earthquake that the people of that country has suffered. We pray for those who have lost their lives, those that have lost their homes and livelihoods and for those trying to aid this country in its recovery. We pray too for the people of Afghanistan facing unrest at this time. We pray Lord that peace may reign and that humanity will be valued.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, David Emerson and Doris Winn.

We pray for all the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Edith Majchrzah. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

From Charlie Mackesy: 'When the big things seem out of control ... Focus on what you love right under your nose.'

*May we all be blessed by God's love this week,*

*Fr Jeremy*

## Worship for Sunday 22 August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

### Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

From Trinity 8 to 10 we had a sequence of gospels referring to the “Bread of Life”. This week’s gospel returns to the same theme but rather than using it to link the Old Testament covenant with Christ’s mission it becomes a test of faith for the disciples that had initially gathered around him.

Jesus’s message is simple and compelling but requires a new form of commitment: “believe in me as the one sent by God to provide everyone one with the spirit of eternal life”. Many of his followers either failed to grasp the significance of this message or were unwilling to make the commitment on his word alone. Consequently, many of these so-called disciples melted away leaving the twelve who were to follow him to the fulfilment of his life on earth.

The Epistle describes the consequences of the life of faith where belief provides strength to face the trials of life on earth. This strength itself is provided by the spirit of God. Paul uses the metaphor of the protection provided by the whole armour of God.

The first hymn I have chosen builds on the Epistle while the second one takes the gospel for its inspiration. The first hymn is “Oft in danger, oft in woe” AM 755 words by Henry Kirke White (1785 – 1806) set to the tune University College by Henry John Gauntlett (1805 – 1876).

The military allusions in this hymn are very appropriate accompaniment for the Epistle, but despite enjoying great international popularity in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it has recently become confined to use in British hymn books. The words themselves have a very chequered history. The hymn was first published in William Bengo Collyer’s *Hymns* which was designed to be a Supplement to Dr Watts’s *Psalms and Hymns* (1812). Collyer said that he had found ten lines of the hymn written on the back of an old mathematics paper belonging to White, who had died while still a Cambridge undergraduate:

Much in sorrow, oft in woe,  
Onward Christians, onward go,  
Fight the fight, and worn with strife,  
Steep with tears the bread of life.  
Onward, Christians, onward go,  
Join the war, and face the foe:  
Faint not - much doth yet remain,  
Dreary is the long campaign.  
Shrink not Christians - will ye yield?  
Will ye quit the painful field?

Collyer added six lines of his own to make a hymn of four 4-line verses:

Fight till all the conflict’s o’er,  
Nor your foemen rally more,  
But when loud the trumpet blown  
Speaks their forces overthrown,  
Christ, your Captain, shall bestow  
Crowns to grace the conqueror’s brow.

In 1812 it began ‘Much in sorrow, oft in woe’, with the title ‘The Christian Soldier encouraged’ and a reference to ‘1 Tim. vi. 12’ (‘Fight the good fight of faith...’).

The next development was the publication of *Hymns for Private Devotion, Selected and Original* (1827), edited by Bethia Fuller-Maitland. In it she included an alternative addition to White's ten lines, written by her daughter, Frances Sara Fuller-Maitland, at the age of 14:

Will ye flee in danger's hour?  
Know ye not your captain's power?  
Let your drooping hearts be glad;  
March in heavenly armour clad:  
Fight, nor think the battle long,  
Victory soon shall tune your song.  
Let not sorrow dim your eye,  
Soon shall every tear be dry;  
Let not fears your course impede,  
Great your strength, if great your need.  
Onward then to battle move,  
More than conquerors ye shall prove:  
Though opposed by many a foe,  
Christian soldiers, onward go.

The hymn was then included in Edward Bickersteth's *Christian Psalmody* (1835), with the first line as 'Oft in sorrow, oft in woe', and in William John Hall's *Psalms and Hymns adapted to the Services of the Church of England* (1836) (the '*Mitre Hymn Book*'), with the first line as the now familiar 'Oft in danger, oft in woe'.

It was included in the First Edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (A&M) (1861), using Bickersteth/Hall's first line, followed by elements of White's fragment. Verses 3-5 were mainly by Fuller-Maitland (her three verses above, in a different order, and with slight alterations), followed by a doxology.

It was set in 1861 to University College, by Henry John Gauntlett, from his *Church Hymn and Tune Book* (1852). This was one of the many successful pairings of words and music by William Henry Monk. Gauntlett was the son of an evangelical minister who became the vicar of Olney, Bucks in 1815 where the musically precocious Henry was appointed organist at the age of 10. The church at Olney crops-up occasionally in the Sounds of Worship articles due to the publication of *Olney Hymns* (1779) *Book I*, '*On select Passages of Scripture*', which proved to be the source of a number of hymns which have subsequently been used in many hymn books around the world. Gauntlett had a distinguished career as an organist, expert on organ construction, writer on the subject of music and composer, particularly of hymn tunes of which he is thought to have composed as many as a thousand. The most well-known of his hymn tunes is *Irby* which is set to *Once in royal David's city*.

1. Oft in danger, oft in woe,  
onward, Christians, onward go;  
bear the toil, maintain the strife,  
strengthened with the bread of Life.
2. Onward, Christians, onward go,  
Join the war, and face the foe;  
will ye flee in danger's hour?  
Know ye not the Captain's power?
3. Let your drooping hearts be glad;  
march in heavenly armour clad;  
fight, nor think the battle long,  
soon shall victory wake your song.

4. Let not sorrow dim your eye,  
soon shall every tear be dry;  
let not fear your course impede,  
great your strength, if great your need.
  
5. Onward then to battle move;  
more than conquerors ye shall prove;  
though opposed by many a foe,  
Christian soldiers, onward go!

Oft in danger, oft in woe AM 755 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ARo4SZRruB4>

The second hymn is “Come thou fount of every blessing” AM 618 words by Robert Robinson (1735 - 1790) set to the tune Nettleton, an American Folk Melody. This hymn has all the power of an evangelical convert to faith. If ever there was a statement of what those twelve faithful disciples of Jesus could express about their reaction to Jesus’ question to them “Do you also want to leave me?”

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
of my Lord’s unchanging love!
  
2. Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither by thy help I’ve come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
bought me with his precious blood.
  
3. O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I’m constrained to be!  
Let that grace, Lord, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
take my heart, O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above!

The first known publication of this hymn was in *A Collection of Hymns for the use of the Church of Christ: meeting in Angel-Alley, Whitechappel, Margaret-Street, near Oxford-Market, and other churches in fellowship with them* (1759). It was made widely known when it was included in Martin Madan’s *A Collection of Psalms and Hymns* (1760) and in John Rippon’s *Selection of Hymns* (1787), and it appeared in other 18th-century collections.

Being born into a relatively poor family in Norfolk and Robinson was required to leave formal education at the age of 15 when he was apprenticed to a London barber and hairdresser. However, he was an avid reader and continued his education independently. In 1755 three years after hearing a sermon preached by George Whitfield, Robinson underwent a religious conversion experience. He went to hear as many of the great evangelical preachers of the time, such as Gill and Wesley as he could. Subsequently, he was appointed to preach and provide oversight at a Calvinist Methodist chapel in Mildenhall, Norfolk. A year later was led an Independent congregation based in Norwich. His fame as a preacher spread and he was appointed to a Baptist church in Cambridge. Despite an invitation to join the Church of England he remained a non-conformist preacher, author of theological works and hymns.

Come thou fount of every blessing AM 618 Nettleton <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmhgaEROGXg>

- 1 JRW. "Oft in danger, oft in woe." *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*. Canterbury Press. Web. 24 Jul. 2021. <<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/o/oft-in-danger,-oft-in-woe>>.

## COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## EPISTLE Ephesians 6: 10 — 20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## GOSPEL John 6: 56 - 69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

## GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE FLOOR!!

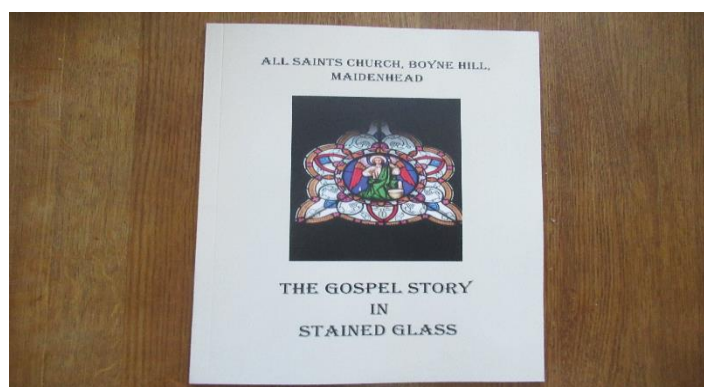
I am pleased to be able to tell you that Cliveden have begun to lay the floor tiles, as you can see from the accompanying photograph. And just to remind you just how bad the floor was I have attached a photo as it was before the project commenced.

Perhaps you would spare a thought for Jeff, the site manager, who spent three weeks on his knees by himself laying the screed underneath, and is now spending five weeks on his knees, with others, laying the tiles.



There is still much to do after the tiles are laid –including moving back the furniture and ornaments, cleaning everything, re-fixing the radiators, setting up the sound system, sanding and polishing the floor at the west end – so we do not anticipate being able to return to church until the middle of October, but that is less than two months away!

*Ken Smith*



As a further fund-raiser for the floor project Ken Smith has created a pictorial record of ALL the stained glass windows in the church, including the angels in the cerestory windows and a record of the original windows that were installed by Street prior to their being replaced by the St Augustine window and the Annunciation



window. The book consists of 48 A4 pages on semi-gloss stiff paper, most photos are page-size and all are accompanied by an appropriate biblical text. This is the only pictorial record of the windows that exists and only 100 copies have been printed.

Each copy is £10 and as the cost of production has been met by Citygate Automotive every sale will go towards the floor fund.

Sue Stannett has kindly offered to manage the sales so if you would like to purchase a copy of “The Gospel Story in Stained Glass”, then please send an email to [sastannett@gmail.com](mailto:sastannett@gmail.com) with the following information:

1. How many copies you would like to order.
2. How you would prefer to make payment, ie Bank Transfer, Cash or Cheque.
3. Whether you would like to collect the book from the Church Vestry door by arrangement or would prefer to have it delivered.
4. If you are without email, perhaps you could ask a friend or neighbour to request one on your behalf?

### **Volunteer Stewards and Walkers needed for Ride & Stride 2021: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

All Saints will be participating once again in this year’s “Ride & Stride”, welcoming any riders and striders visiting us in the Parish Centre this year. People can walk, cycle, ride or drive to as many churches as they wish during the day, raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT).

**Volunteer Stewards:** We are looking for volunteers to help provide our usual great All Saints welcome for visitors during the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm; we will set up hourly slots to cover the day – please do let us know if you can help.

**Walkers:** Fr Jeremy will lead an All Saints team on a walk, possibly visiting the local churches in Maidenhead or following the parish boundary. The length of the walk will be agreed once we have the team in place. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

“Ride & Stride” is Berkshire’s annual sponsored ‘cycle, run, walk or drive’ event organised by the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, (more details can be found at [www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk) under the Ride & Stride tab). It is part of the nationwide Ride & Stride event run by the National Churches Trust ([www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)).

The aims of the event are:

- to raise money for Berkshire’s churches
- to promote interest in our county’s churches
- to involve people of all ages in a fun outdoor challenge

*\* Sponsorship and donations are divided 50/50 between the church of the participant’s choice and the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust will recover the gift aid on eligible donations and will use its share of the funds to help churches in Berkshire with the costs of conservation and renovation. All Saints has already benefitted from support from the Trust; they have given us £10,000 towards the floor project, the largest grant from any external organisation.*

Please let Fr Jeremy, Ken Smith or me know if you would like to act as a Steward, take part in the walk, or sponsor either of these activities.

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### **Governor with Financial Experience - All Saints CofE Junior School**

We are looking for a motivated individual with a professional background (business or charity sector) with a demonstrable expertise in finance to join our Governing Body. The board's current membership contains a high quality and diverse range of skills but is currently lacking expertise in financial strategic planning and oversight and, therefore, we are looking to recruit a governor with these skills to meet this gap.

Being a governor is very rewarding and a great way to contribute to the local community, to share your existing skills and to learn new ones! If you want to have an informal chat, please contact Jenny Wilks at [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk) or, for more detailed information, take a look at <https://www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/news/detail/finance-governor-vacancy/>

Equally, if you know someone outside the school community who could be interested, please pass the details on to them.

### **FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.**

#### **REFLECTION by Greg Hurst**

Secretly, we all hoped we might drive back from our family holiday in Wales in July with an extra passenger. Mavis, the tiny farm cat, had captured our hearts. Initially we were told she was a stray; it turned out she lived in a bungalow just up the lane.

But the idea remained with us. We looked at some pet websites: kittens bred for money made us uncomfortable. So, we looked for a rescue cat. Very quickly we found a candidate: a 12-week old kitten described as hyperactive. We sent an online inquiry. The following day, a Cats Protection volunteer telephoned to screen us for our suitability.

A couple of days later another volunteer arranged a Facetime call. First, she asked to be shown the room where he might live, and the height of our garden fence. Then the focus of the call switched; we had a virtual introduction to the kitten. They said yes. We said yes. A week after our first email, he was delivered to our house by the volunteer.

Our younger daughter named him Archie. He sniffed around the room we had frantically rearranged for his arrival, including boarding up the fireplace. He seemed content.

We were warned that Archie bites ankles. He does. We were warned he climbs curtains. He does. A week earlier he'd been found under a bush. No wonder he gets agitated at times. Perhaps he'll calm down. They also told us he was semi-long haired. He looks pretty hairy to us. But we love Archie. We feel very fortunate.