

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I begin this week by offering a big thank you to the sixteen women who made up the GoodGym team who visited All Saints last Wednesday evening.

Ken Smith and I welcomed the ladies along with our Polish friend Adam (who is doing wonderful work around the church grounds) as they jogged, ran, walked and cycled their way to the church. On arrival at 7.00pm they went straight into action and in one hour they made the Quadrangle look the best it has appeared for quite some time. All the weeds and grass around the edges of the grass were pulled away and neatly bagged up ready for the tip. Other members of what, I believe, represented a record turn-out for a local group turned their hands to painting the skirting boards within the Parish Centre where we are currently worshipping.

It was a wonderful evening with the members in their bright red GoodGym tops offering community work with smiles on their faces. It was humbling to receive this outstanding community work and they are going to return on 21st July to finish the painting in the Parish Centre. It was National Thank You Day on Sunday so from all at the church we thank the GoodGym members for their example of keeping fit and by offering support to the local community. There is a link to Amy Lovell's excellent report on the evening on the email.

It was fitting that following the good work clearing up the Quadrangle it was used for the return of Tiny Saints following a sixteen month break throughout the Pandemic (unless you count the few recordings that I did when being attacked by Lilly the dog!) It was great to see a few families back with us and we were able to share limited hospitality of tea and coffee in biodegradable cups and packaged cakes. The children seemed to enjoy playing with the toys and parents enjoyed gathering once again. We managed our first in person nursery rhyme service as we shared the story of Jesus stilling the storm. For many people life through the Pandemic has indeed been stormy. Two of the mothers shared their experiences from their working lives. One of them is a midwife who has had to try to support people through challenging times and another works for the NHS helping people with mental health issues. She shared with me the large increase in cases of people suffering as a consequence of the Pandemic. It is all the more important that All Saints Church community can act as a place of welcome and pastoral support moving forward. Thank you to Tanya, Sadie, Ursula and Carole for supporting the re-opening of Tiny Saints.

Some excellent news from the church community is that Janet and David Emerson received news on the 3rd July that they have become great grandparents. Ellie, their great granddaughter, was born at Wexham Park hospital to Georgina and their grandson Cain. Many congratulations, Janet and David!

I feel I ought to write congratulations to all England football fans too as the team played brilliantly to win a place in the semi-finals of the European Championships. This was the stage that Wales reached in 2016 in France, and I genuinely hope that England can go one step further and reach the final. Should they reach the final I will enjoy it on holiday in Wales! For some reason I have always found it much easier to support England in football rather than rugby. I guess it's because we Welsh feel very strongly about the oval ball game. Just to keep balance in my sporting write-up a Welsh winger by the name of Adams scored four tries for the British Lions in their tour opener in South Africa this weekend. As we are consistently talking about Wellbeing at this time, I am told that sporting success brings an excellent feel-good factor to the country, so best of luck, Harry Kane and the team for the semi-final and hopefully the final.

As I mentioned Monika and I are travelling to Swansea and the Gower Peninsula for what will be, hopefully, a relaxing break. Thanks to The Revd Alan Dibden who for 25 years was Rector of St Nicholas, Taplow and St Anne, Dropmore. Alan continues to offer ministry in retirement and is covering the 11.00am service on Sunday 11th July. Please note that there will not be a 9.30am service that day.

The following Sunday, 18th July we welcome a friend of mine of thirty years Fr Kevin Scully. I first met Kevin at Theological College at St Stephens House in Oxford and we have been friends ever since. Fr Kevin will be sharing both the 9.30am and 11.00am Eucharist.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Friday 9 July 10.00am

Tiny Saints in the Quadrangle

Sunday 11 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

No 9.30am Service

11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

Monday 12 July 8.00pm No Night Prayer on Mondays on Zoom

Wednesday 14 July No 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

FUTURE DATES FOR BBQS IN THE QUAD @ 4.00pm on Sundays

25 July & 29 August – If we are lucky we may be able to find some sunny weather in September.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Over the coming weeks can we give thanks:

For the NHS as The Queen awards the UK's highest award for gallantry and heroism to mark its 73rd birthday following a year of unprecedented challenges.

We continue to give thanks for those who are offering the vaccination programme to people.

We continue to hold within our prayers the ministry of welcome at All Saints. We continue to plan for our return to the church building in the Autumn. We give thanks for the opportunity to share community services and events in the Quadrangle including the BBQs and Tiny Saints when we can share hospitality and friendship.

We pray for our schools at this time. We remember the teachers, staff, pupils and students of Boyne Hill, All Saints, Larchfield, Altwood and Claire's Court, Desborough and Highfield. May they find a time of rest and relaxation following another challenging year. We give thanks for our governors and those involved in schools ministry, Jay Wilkinson, Anne Sweeney, Dianne Farmiloe, Jenny Wilks, John Bolodeoku and Rod Broad and all those involved in the ministry of Open the Book.

We pray for those in need at this time. We pray by name for Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery, Albert, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris and for Paul Latham. We continue to pray for the family of Jordan Shawn Mhlanga-Viera.

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

As we enter that time of year for Cream Tea parties

Charlie Mackesy 'I've learned how to be in the present.' 'How?' asked the boy 'I find a quiet spot and shut my eyes and breathe.'

'That's good, and then?' 'Then I focus.' 'What do you focus on?' 'Cake,' said the mole.

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 11 July The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

I have focussed on today's Epistle in which Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians describes the love of God in creation, the promise of a perfect life in His heavenly realm and that we are set free from our sin by the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Paul eloquently expresses the joy and praise that these promises provide for us through faith in Jesus Christ.

The first of the two hymns I have chosen is "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" AM 702 words by James Edmeston (1791 – 1867) set to the tune Mannheim (Published 1847).

Published in Edmeston's *Sacred Lyrics, Second Series* (1821), entitled '*Hymn, Written for the Children of the London Orphan Asylum.*' Edmeston took a great interest in the welfare of orphaned children, and it is significant that the metaphors he uses (verse 1 line 3) to describe God's protection are those that might be used of an orphanage supervisor: 'Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us'. If Charles Dickens is to be believed, children were often cruelly used and badly fed in orphanages: *Oliver Twist* is dated 1837-38, not long after Edmeston's hymn. The children of that time clearly needed institutions that had benevolent people such as Edmeston taking an interest.

The hymn may have begun with the metaphors of orphanage-keeping, but it developed into a fine general hymn, its three verses addressing Father, Saviour, and Holy Spirit:

It has become a classic prayer for guidance in the pilgrimage of life, and a very popular wedding hymn (it was used for the wedding of the future King George VI and Queen Elizabeth in 1923).

The rhythmic steadiness of the words was well matched by the tune chosen for it by Arthur Sullivan in *Church Hymns with Tunes* (1874), Mannheim, a German chorale arranged by Friedrich Filitz¹.

The author of the words, James Edmeston trained as an architect and began his professional career in 1816. He designed several structures in London, including drinking fountains and St Paul's, Onslow Square. George Gilbert Scott was his pupil, articulated to Edmedston in 1827. In 1864 he built Columbia Wharf, Rotherhithe, the first grain silo in a British port. He was churchwarden of St. Barnabas, Homerton, Middlesex and is said to have written a hymn every Sunday, completing around 2,000 altogether.

The tune Mannheim was written by Friedrich Filitz (1804 – 1876) a German composer and musicologist who collected church music originating from the 16th and 17th centuries. He supplied the tune Mannheim for the publication of Choralbuch, a book of hymn tunes, which was published in 1847.

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
through the desert thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

Lead us, heavenly Father lead us AM 702 Mannheim <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGsvbqErM2A>

For the second hymn I have chosen one that is less familiar, set to a tune we would not normally use but nevertheless catches Paul's spirit of praise. It is "God, whose city's sure foundation" words by Cyril Argentine Alington (1872 - 1955) set to the tune Obiit by Sir Walter Parratt (1841 – 1924).

This hymn was written for the commemoration of the saints, martyrs and doctors of the Church of England and was printed in Alington's verse collection, In *Shabby Streets* (Eton, 1942). The opening image of the city of God on its holy hill (from Psalm 87: 1-3) was undoubtedly inspired by the topography of Alington's own cathedral of Durham, combined perhaps with the motto of the University of Durham, 'fundamenta eius super montibus sanctis'².

Alington, the son of an Inspector of Schools, was educated at Marlborough College and Trinity College, Oxford (BA 1895). He was a Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford (1895-1904), Assistant Master at Marlborough College (1896-99), and at Eton College (1899-1908). He was Headmaster of Shrewsbury School (1908-16) and of Eton College (1917-33). He was Dean of Durham (1933-51), before retiring to St Weonard's. Alington was ordained as a deacon in the Church of England in 1899 and became a priest in 1901.

Alington was a voluminous and varied writer, in verse and in prose. The eight or so hymns that have retained their place in current use constitute an impressive body of work and suggest that Alington was probably the finest British hymn writer of the first half of the 20th century; he was certainly the best in the grand style³.

Parratt was the precocious son of a well-known Huddersfield organist, Thomas Parratt (1793-1862), and was steeped in organ-playing during childhood. In 1852 he became a chorister at the choir school of St Peter's, Pimlico where, besides playing the organ, he took lessons from George Cooper, assistant organist of St Paul's Cathedral. Returning to Huddersfield in 1854 he became organist of St Paul's Church, before moving to Worcester in 1861, to be organist to Lord Dudley at Whitley Court, Worcestershire. After Whitley Court he was organist of Wigan Parish Church (1868-72) and later Magdalen College, Oxford, where he succeeded John Stainer. In 1882 he was appointed organist of St George's Chapel, Windsor, where he remained for the rest of his life⁴.

1. God, whose city's sure foundation
stands upon his holy hill,
by his mighty inspiration
chose of old and chooseth still
men and women from each nation
his good pleasure to fulfil.
2. Here before us through the ages,
while the Christian years went by,
saints, confessors, martyrs, sages,
strong to live and strong to die,
wrote their names upon the pages
of God's blessèd company.
3. Some there were like lamps of learning
shining in a faithless night,
some on fire with love, and burning
with a flaming zeal for right,
some by simple goodness turning
souls from darkness unto light.
4. As we now with high thanksgiving
their triumphant names record,
grant that we, like them, believing
in the promise of thy word,
may, like them, in all good living,
praise and magnify the Lord.

God whose city's sure foundation AM 301 Obiit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jrctj1uKdK0>

"God, whose city's sure foundation"

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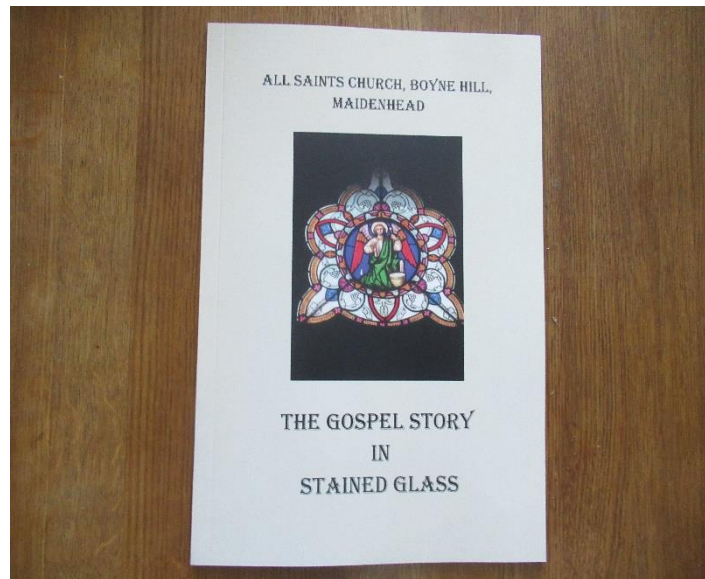
Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE Ephesians 1: 3 - 14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

GOSPEL Mark 6: 14 – 29

King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.



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 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?

MAIDENHEAD CARE IS BACK IN OPERATION

The Maidenhead Care telephone line is **07538 418 448.**

Maidenhead Care is a "Good Neighbour" volunteer scheme providing support for the people of Maidenhead. It was founded in 1985 by the Reverend Peter Hudson, a former Minister at Maidenhead High Street Methodist Church. We were delighted to be granted in 2009 the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. Pre-covid we averaged over 50 jobs per week.

Our volunteers can help with the day-to-day problems of life and thereby help maintain a client's independence. Requests for help can vary from providing transport to hospitals, doctors, dentists, collecting prescriptions; to help with shopping; or just visiting the lonely and having a chat.

Each new request for help is carefully considered as the scheme is designed to help those who would have difficulty in doing a task for themselves. Their difficulties, and the availability of

other sources of help including relatives and friends, are taken into consideration to ensure that priorities are maintained.

All of our volunteer drivers are DBS vetted. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please telephone us on 07538 418 448.

All Saints Church Representative: Jan Moss

CAN YOU HELP?

Female congregant who moved away from Maidenhead is looking to return. If anyone could potentially provide accommodation, even in the short term, or a house-sitting opportunity, would you please give details to Jan Moss (jan.moss@btinternet.com)

QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP HAS REOPENED: Monday to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Please support them if you can; they have an excellent selection of cards and gifts for all occasions as well as the books.

FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

I spent this week listening to teachers across the world describe their experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. It has been humbling.

A kindergarten teacher in Angeles city in the Philippines explained to me that his school is still closed and he delivers short video lessons to his young pupils. We don't have vaccines yet, he explained. The children are from poor families but the city government provided two hours' free internet access each day, he said. So, they are learning.

A music teacher in Brooklyn, New York described how for 13 months she taught remote guitar lessons. It was draining, she said.

But the testimony that I found most powerful was that of a teacher at a rural primary school in Ogun State in southwest Nigeria. He had a class of 45 children. Such is their poverty that only one of their parents owned a smart phone.

Calmly their teacher, who is in his 20s, described how he visited and telephoned his pupils when their school was closed for five months to remind them of basic literacy lessons.

Then he arranged an open-air classroom in the compound where one of the families lives. Around 25 children attended, each bringing books, a pen and a chair. In the shade of a mango tree he taught them for two hours, three times a week, often using his personal phone and laptop. He even differentiated lessons to suit his pupils' abilities.

Whenever I think of this young man, teaching his pupils under a mango tree, I am inspired to do better.