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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I hold the privilege during the next three years of representing as one of three clergy from Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery the Diocesan Synod. At the most recent Synod, Bishop Steven in his Presidential Address spoke of the war that is unfolding in Ukraine. Steven spoke of the devastation caused by the invasion with homes, lives and cities destroyed. He spoke about the courage of the Ukrainian people and the President Zelensky, who addressed the House of Commons last week.

Bishop Steven asks that we 'Cry to God for Peace' but acknowledges that these events that are unfolding will reshape Europe and the World in the future. Every indication suggests that this conflict will get worse. Bishop Steven then went on to speak about the huge number of refugees that are now fleeing Ukraine. Two million people including 1 million children have fled their homes. Neighbouring countries like Poland, Moldova and Romania have responded with incredible generosity. Bishop Steven alongside a growing number of British people feel that our own government has 'seemed slow and inflexible' compared to many other countries. He gave special credit to Poland as setting an example of humanity and welcome to those whose lives have been destroyed.

The terrible situation we are watching unfold follows a devastating Pandemic, an energy crisis, and rise in food prices. The economy will cause stress on lower income families and the churches will need to rise to the crisis. This leads those of us as Christians to reflect on fewer volunteers, smaller congregations, and reduced finances. Steven asked us to reflect upon John 15:1-5 and suggests that God's pruning is for a purpose. We need to rebuild through deep spiritual renewal.

In my sermon on Sunday, I spoke about Paul's call to the Philippians to imitate him and observe those that live according to his example. Paul asks us to live our Baptismal call to die to self and live sacrificially for Christ and fellow humans. The way we offer Baptism has been influenced by the Pandemic. We have been offering individual baptisms to keep people safe. However, the true emphasis on Baptism is that we are born into Jesus' family as adopted sons and daughters ready and willing to offer our time and talent and dare I say our finance to build the Body of Christ. As St Paul said to the Philippians, we are called to be a 'colony of heaven.' As the Lord's prayer states we are to play our part in bringing 'thy Kingdom on earth as well as in heaven.'

Paul asked the Philippians to live by their 'core values'. Our Sundays @4 services for families are intended to reinforce the values taught in schools. Boyne Hill Infants, for example, has thankfulness, friendship,

endurance, justice, and compassion as their core values. All Saints School has a similar aim as does Altwood. I have been invited to share assemblies on these subjects in schools and it is our hope that we can encourage more people to support the Sundays @4.

The Diocese too has core values. They are to be contemplative, courageous, and compassionate. Last Lent we used 'The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything' by James Martin, to be contemplative and notice 'God in all things'. Noticing God in the world, in people and the opportunities to do the small things well. We need to be courageous in standing up for justice, which can be challenging at times. Being alongside people in real need can challenge us too. Finally, if we are to be there for people in the challenges mentioned by our Bishop, we will need to be compassionate by trying to imagine what another person or group of people are experiencing. Can we follow the example of Jesus' compassion towards people in need in the coming weeks and months ahead?

CONGRATULATIONS to Stella & Dave Harding on the safe arrival of their first grandchild, an 8lb 6oz boy on Monday 14 March, and to the proud parents too, of course.

MASK OR NO MASK

With the relaxing of rules and protocols for Covid we suggest that one half of the Church building (Lady Chapel) be kept for those who prefer masks and the other side for those feeling confident enough to worship without masks.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

COME AND SEE The Diocesan course which is offering daily meditations based upon the Lord's Prayer. Go to www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/ to sign up. Bishop Steven is offering some valuable thoughts on the Lord's prayer.

Please join us for the first of our films looking at Sustainability. The film will be shown from 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house on Wednesday (Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue) and Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm at the Vicarage, Westmorland Road. Julia Roberts stars as one woman's struggle for justice when a cover-up involving contaminated water in a local community causes devastating illness amongst its residents.

Thursday Evening Stations of the Cross – each Thursday at 7.00pm we are following Jesus' journey to the cross. Different people are leading us in meditations from a range of resources. The biblical readings and reflections frequently speak to the challenges we face in life.

Wednesday 23 March – Following the 10.00am Eucharist there will be a coffee morning in the Parish Centre. All proceeds will go towards the support for the people of Ukraine. The organisers are people from the wider community of the parish, and it would be good to support this morning event.

Saturday 2 April QUIET DAY led by Fr John Ainslie in Church. More information in next week's Parish News.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 17 March **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome**
 2.45pm & 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Jeanette Lock
 8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

- Friday 18** **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome**
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre. *Jesus rides into Jerusalem*
11.30am Funeral of Jamie Neil Ferguson in Church
- Saturday 19** **9.00am – 2.30pm Marriage Preparation at St Luke’s**
- Sunday 20** **10.00am Eucharist for The Third Sunday in Lent**
 Celebrant: Fr Jeremy. Preacher: Fr John
- 12 noon Holy Baptism**
 Please pray for Arabella Wells & Freddie Dixon, their parents and godparents
- 6.00pm Sundays@Six at St Luke’s*
- Tuesday 22** **9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School**
- Wednesday 23** **10.00am Eucharist**
 Celebrant: Fr John

Followed by a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre to raise funds for Ukraine



7.30pm Lent Film and discussion at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue (see p5.)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that we would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *(Prayer of Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)*

We continue to pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless and all those fleeing war-torn areas of the world. We pray that in the suffering, people may know your love and support. We pray for the one million children that have been displaced. We give thanks for countries showing generosity and

compassion and for those seeking ways to help in the future to enable children to grow, still able to trust in humanity.

We pray for all of us this Lent that we might discover ways of simple living that will help reduce our carbon footprint and live in harmony with God's World.

We pray for Arabella Wells and Freddie Dixon as they are baptised into Jesus' family. We pray for their parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of guiding and helping these children in their early years. We pray for Jenson & Amelie Kendall on the anniversary of their baptisms.

We pray that we may all live lives that reflect Christ's light to the World. May we be contemplative, courageous, and compassionate in our daily living.

For our parish and congregation in any kind of need; for the lonely, the anxious and depressed; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, for those who at home or in care homes and hospital: We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb and Florrie Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

For the recently departed: Paddy Fox, John Herbert and Jamie Neil Ferguson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May we all be blessed by God's love this week
Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 20 March The Third Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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 for ever. Amen.

OT READING Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 1 - 9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

MUSIC

Prelude: Durch Adams fall ist ganz verderbt *F W Zachau*
 Opening Hymn: AM 812 Through all the changing scenes of life
 Gradual: AM 330 Do not be afraid
 Offertory: AM 510 Will you come and follow me
 Communion Anthem: O Lamb of God
 Closing Hymn: AM 493 Hope of our calling
 Postlude: Voluntary in G minor *J Stanley*

LENT FILMS WITH A SUSTAINABILITY THEME

These films will be shown on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house, Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue, and at 2.30pm on Thursdays at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you'd like to attend, so we can estimate numbers.

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 March: **A Life on our Planet**

David Attenborough documentary where he reflects on the devastating changes he's witnessed during his lifetime and reveals how together we can address the biggest challenges facing life on our planet.

Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 March: **The Day After Tomorrow**

Jack Hall, climatologist, struggles to be heard as a series of extreme weather events usher in a new ice age. His son is stuck in New York and as it becomes enveloped in ice, Jack makes a daring attempt to rescue him.

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April: **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

Against all odds, a 13 year old boy in Malawi invents an unconventional way to save his family and village from famine.

EASTER LILIES & MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of your loved ones, please put your name on the list on the cross-aisle table. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. It is anticipated the lilies will cost around **£4.00 per stem** this year. Our order must be placed by Monday 28 March at the latest; so make sure you sign up before then. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes supplied on the cross-aisle table: This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Parish Office.

Mothering Sunday Posies – SATURDAY 26 MARCH

We shall be making the posies for Mothering Sunday at 10.00am on Saturday morning in the Parish Centre. We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. Small pieces of greenery are required, such as heather, and perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) are particularly welcome, so if you or any of your neighbours have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on the Friday morning.

The Flower Team

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 25 April 2022. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be or have moved house, then please let me know. sastannett@gmail.com

BERKSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I think you will all be delighted to see the prominent position that All Saints floor project has in this first Newsletter from the Berkshire Churches Trust which is attached to this edition. *Ken Smith*

CENTENARY ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

30 March 2022 will be the 100th edition of Parish News: the first one was on 20 March 2020. If anyone has anything to add to make this a special edition then please email contributions to me: jan.moss@btinternet.com by Monday 28 March.

AN INVITATION TO MEET ANNE ATKINS 8.00pm Thursday 7 April at Maidenhead Synagogue

Come and argue (probably not compulsory!) with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org

A photograph of a church aisle. The floor is made of square tiles in a repeating diamond pattern of red, black, and tan. A light-colored carpet runner is laid down the center of the aisle. On either side of the carpet are rows of dark wood pews. The perspective is looking down the length of the aisle.

News
for
Friends of Berkshire Churches

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust

March 2022

WELCOME to a new venture for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust. We hope to send a newsletter or other mailing to our supporters four times a year, to keep you informed of Trust activities and other items of interest.

After two very difficult years, it now seems possible to return to normal activities, and we are planning several events in 2022 for our Friends and other interested parties. The first of these is the Englefield Lecture. We intend to hold the Trust Annual Meeting and church tour in September, and to add a second church tour in July, and a visit specially arranged for the Friends in August. Details will be in the next newsletter.

The Covid pandemic has created a very difficult situation for churches. With a significant loss of income, some planned work has been put on hold, and the Trust received only one grant application in 2021. Some existing projects have continued - a report on All Saints, Boyne Hill is included in this newsletter - and a number of churches have been developing future plans. We have started to see new applications, and expect there to be many more, especially as churches catch up with essential repairs and consider alterations to make their buildings more sustainable and energy-efficient.

The Trust has limited funds, and cannot unfortunately give as much in grants as we might wish, but we try to be flexible in responding to the needs of Berkshire churches and providing information and advice as well as money. We are very grateful to our Friends for their contributions.

ONE impact of Covid is that many grant-giving bodies are, quite naturally, focussing their attention on community projects to recover from the pandemic, so grants for church repairs have a lower priority. However, one piece of good news is that the Government is extending the 'Listed Places of Worship' scheme for 3 years, to March 2025; this scheme allows qualifying churches to reclaim the VAT paid on repairs etc.

THE National Churches Trust continues its campaign to draw attention to the enormous community and economic contribution made by churches. Using HM Treasury's formula, this is worth £55 billion a year.

THE Diocese of Oxford has organised a seminar at High Wycombe on Saturday 7 May, 'The A-Z of Church Fundraising', with presentations from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the National Churches Trust, and a panel discussion with the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trusts. This is free to attend; for more details and tickets go to a-zfundraising.eventbrite.co.uk



The Duke of Wellington a life of service

by Brigadier Michael Aris CBE DL and Richard Bennett DL

Join us to hear the extraordinary life of His Grace the 1st Duke of Wellington, from his birth in 1769 to his state funeral in 1852. Inevitably the story includes conflict in India, the Peninsula War and of course at Waterloo. After what the Duke hoped "would be my last battle" we will follow his political life, his varied appointments and his role as an elder statesman, not forgetting his fondness for the company of beautiful women. Finally, we will hear Queen Victoria's reflections on the Great Duke in her diary.

in the **Long Gallery, Englefield House, Reading RG7 5EN**

(by kind permission of Lord Benyon)

at 7pm for 7:30pm on Monday 25 April, 2022

Tickets £15 including a glass of wine

Book online at www.TicketSource.co.uk/Berkshire-Churches-Trust
or phone Marion Elly (01628 482637)



THE CHURCH of All Saints Boyne Hill is not only a local landmark and a key part of the community, but a building of national architectural and historical significance, listed Grade I. It is a major work of a leading Victorian architect, G E Street, inspired by Tractarian principles, and preserves his original design largely intact. Street built a whole complex of church, parsonage, school, clergy house and almshouses in the 1850s, adding the tower and spire a decade later. The nave was extended by two bays at the West end by Street's son in 1910, in a consistent style and re-setting the original windows. The building is richly polychromatic, of red brick with stripes of black brick and Bath stone, with additional colour provided in the interior by Devonshire

membrane. The 17,600 tiles were then laid to reinstate Street's original pattern, with specially-manufactured matching replacements for those missing or broken. The plans required approval from Historic England, the Victorian Society and the DAC, before a Faculty could be issued.

A specialist contractor, Cliveden Conservation, was selected after competitive tenders. The work was expected to take about 6 months, and the church decided to take advantage of the Covid lockdown to start in February 2021. Inevitably some unforeseen problems caused delays, but the work was completed and the church re-opened in November 2021. Raising the expected cost of about £240,000 was a major undertaking,



Restoring the Victorian floor tiles at All Saints Boyne Hill

marble, Derbyshire alabaster, and green, yellow, red and buff vitreous tiles on the chancel walls; it also has some fine stained glass windows.

G E Street was noted for his insistence on designing every detail himself, and all contribute to the intended effect. The red, buff and black floor tiles form an integral part of Street's design and an important element in the overall colour and visual impact.

The floor was constructed with a base of rubble, well rammed, with a layer of lime mortar as a bed for the tiles, but unfortunately that mortar was not laid consistently, and is too thin and weak to withstand the wear on the floor. As a result, many areas of tile had become loose, cracked or broken. Some years ago, patches of missing tiles were filled with cement - as shown in the cover picture - and the situation had continued to deteriorate to the point of being unsafe and a danger to those entering the building.

After considering all the options, the church decided that a full-scale restoration of the floor was needed; all the tiles would be lifted, as many as possible (about 70%) cleaned for re-use, the substrata excavated and a new recycled foam glass sub-base and limecrete screed laid on a breathable



especially with the impact of Covid on fund-raising; substantial amounts were contributed by the congregation and by local Maidenhead organisations, and grants were obtained from some charitable trusts - the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust gave its maximum grant of £10,000.

Saints and their symbols

THE PARISH churches of Berkshire have many images of saints. In the middle ages, they would have been the subject of wall paintings - a few examples survive at Aldermaston, Enborne, Hampstead Norreys and Tidmarsh - and painted in a screen or reredos, but what can be seen today is mainly images in 19th or 20th century stained glass.



St Mary is most often shown in a scene of the Annunciation, with the angel Gabriel, or as a mother holding the Christ child; the traditional Rood has figures of St Mary and St John at the foot of the crucified Christ.

The four evangelists are frequently commemorated by their symbols - a winged man for Matthew, a winged lion for Mark, a winged bull for Luke, and an eagle for John. Where depicted as a human figure, St John is often shown holding a cup containing a snake, as a reference to the legend that he drank from a poisoned chalice without ill effect.

Another group is the Four Latin Doctors of

Mark | Luke
Matthew | John on the reredos at Brightwalton

the early church; Ambrose (often in episcopal robes with a beehive), Jerome (wearing a Cardinal's hat, with a lion), Augustine (a bishop, holding



SS Ambrose, Jerome, Augustine and Gregory at All Saints, Boyne Hill

a heart pierced by an arrow) and Gregory (in papal robes with the triple tiara, and a dove on his shoulder).

St George, the patron saint of England, is usually shown in armour, killing a dragon, his red cross on a white background displayed on his surcoat or banner. He is



St Cecilia at Shefford Woodlands

often paired with St Michael the Archangel, Captain of the Hosts of Heaven; an angel in armour, sometimes shown striking the Devil or a dragon. The third "military" saint is St Martin, usually shown as a Roman soldier giving half of his cloak to a beggar at his feet.

A favourite subject is St Cecilia, the patron saint of music, who is usually shown playing an organ - often with an audience of angels who came down from Heaven to listen.

Other saints can be identified by the instruments of their

martyrdom - the spiked wheel of St Catherine, the flaying knife of St Bartholomew, the gridiron of St Lawrence, and the stones of St Stephen. St James the Less, who was beaten to death by a mob, is shown with a club, whereas St James the Great has a pilgrim's hat and a scallop shell.



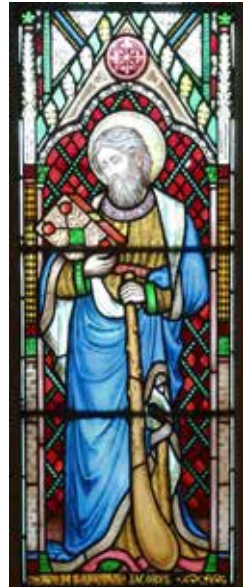
St Michael at West Woodhay



St Catherine at Bearwood



St Lawrence at Bisham



St James the Less at Stubbings

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Berkshire Historic Churches Trust was founded in 1983 to help with the costs of maintaining the historic churches, chapels and meeting houses, of all Christian denominations, in the Royal County, and to provide funds towards the provision of the facilities that churches need if they are to serve effectively as centres of their communities.

Since its inception it has given grants towards the costs of repairing or replacing roofs, towers, spires, stonework, windows, heating and lighting and installing toilets and kitchens.

All this costs money. To date we have given grants totalling over £650,000 – but this is only a fraction of the costs of keeping our churches in good order, and new requests for help come in every year.

We are most grateful to the Friends of Berkshire Churches who pay a regular subscription to support the Trust.

Recent Grants by Berkshire Historic Churches Trust

All Saints, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead : £10,000

for restoration of the Victorian floor tiles

St Mary, East Ilsley : £3,000

for the restoration of the stonework of windows and re-leading of glass

St Joseph (RC) Maidenhead : £5,000

for replacement of a boiler and improvements to heating

All Saints, Wokingham : £10,000

for a major development project, creating a flexible space in the nave with new flooring, underfloor heating, kitchen and toilets, and accessible entrance