

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

In one of the previous editions of Parish News I wrote about my childhood reflections on sharing a day with my father at work on the South Wales Echo in the early 1970s. During that piece I recalled the people selling the paper calling out 'South Wales Echo – Read all about it.' In this week's copy I am appealing to you to read and then if you can, respond by playing your part within the community here at All Saints.

**The key headlines to share are the Floor Restoration Project and the Christmas Market.**

### Floor Restoration Project

As you will have read in last week's Parish News we will be returning to church to worship on Sundays 7 and 14 November at 10.00am. It needs to be made clear however that the church will not be finished at this point. We are hoping that the building will be finished ready for the celebration service on Sunday 28 November when we will remember 100 years of the service of the Royal British Legion and the beginning of a new Christian Year as the season of Advent is marked. This will be the start of a series of important services when we will welcome the schools for their Christmas services, and we will look forward to our Christingle, Carol and Crib services before the celebration of Midnight Mass and Christmas morning.

To help us to re-open we need your support. As you will have read, Ken is asking us all to give of our time on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to help move furniture and to clean the church. There will be further work that will need to take place later, but this will be a vitally important weekend in helping us get the church looking more like a building that can be worshipped in once again. Please play your part in helping us to return to All Saints in the near future.

### All Saints first Christmas Market on Sunday 28 November from 2.00pm -5.00pm

Thank you to Stella Harding, Jayne Chapman and Tanya Fullarton for helping plan what we hope will be an afternoon of fun in the Quadrangle as we celebrate our first Christmas Market. As some of you will know Monika and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Cologne in November 2019 when we experienced the Christmas Markets of that beautiful city. Our hotel was near to the amazing Cologne Cathedral and one of the markets was held next to the cathedral. We enjoyed the food, drinks, music and atmosphere as well as purchasing one or two Christmas gifts on the first Sunday of Advent.

The Christmas market, also known as the Christ Child Market, has been associated with engendering the spirit of Christmas. It is a street market associated with the celebration of Christmas during the four weeks of

Advent. These markets originated in Germany but can be found in many countries around Europe. As a parish we visited Winchester Christmas Market a few years ago and a splendid time was enjoyed by all who shared in that day. These markets are traditionally held in town squares or in Quadrangles of Cathedrals and churches. The market offers food, drinks and seasonal items for sale from open-air stalls, accompanied by singing and dancing. We haven't got the dancers (My Salsa was not deemed up to standard by the planning committee!) but we do hope to sing some carols. As you will see from Stella's article in last week's Parish News there will be food, mulled wine and Rebellion Beer as well as a good number of stalls.

The key to the success of this market will be your support. Please see page 8 to see how you can contribute by either helping on a stall, offering gifts for a raffle, serving food or perhaps providing a Christmas Tree. Even if you can't help, please come along and enjoy the atmosphere. Please bring family and friends to enjoy the afternoon.

I have taken up blogging again by the way so here's the link to the latest one.

<https://frjeremysjourney.wordpress.com/>

## RESOURCES THIS WEEK

**Saturday 30 October 11.00am Holy Baptism in the Church**

**Sunday 31 October 10.00am Patronal Festival Eucharist for All Saints Day in the Parish Centre**  
Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBU3FYclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

**4.00pm 'SAINTS AND SAUSAGES' celebration in the Quadrangle.**

We will celebrate the lives of the Saints over a BBQ. Please join us to sing great festival hymns and celebrate the lives of the Saints. You may need to wrap up warmly!

**Monday 1 November 2.30pm Celebration of the Saints Assembly at All Saints School**

**Tuesday 2 November 9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School**

11.00am Community Empowerment meeting (RBWM) in the Parish Centre

8.00pm All Saints Schools Meeting at the Vicarage

**Wednesday 3 November 10.00am Requiem Eucharist for All Souls in the Parish Centre**

Please send your requests to the office or check the list in the Parish Centre if you wish to have loved ones remembered. (01628 621933 or [allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com))

**8.00pm at St Peter's Sharing Love at Christmas**

*A meeting to plan this wonderful act of sharing gifts at Christmas. Please see me if you would like to attend on behalf of All Saints to see how we might support local families via this activity.*

**Advance notices:**

**Sunday 7 November 10.00am Eucharist in Church** We will mark the COP 26 from Glasgow when we will look at the 'Big' picture and our own lifestyle choices.

**Sunday 28 November**

**10.00am Eucharist to mark the beginning of Advent and the celebration of 100 years of the ministry of The Royal British Legion & from 2.00pm - 5.00pm our first ever Christmas Market.**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

From the Roots resources:

Glorious God, as we celebrate the lives of those who have shone with the brightness of your love, we offer ourselves and our lives in fresh commitment and conscious awareness of our need for you in this parish of All Saints and as individual Christians.

Powerful God, may your Kingdom of love and peace be established in this world and grow. We pray for the forthcoming COP 26 conference in Glasgow and the challenge to the world to halt the rise in global warming. May we together find a way to co-operate and conserve to look after the world in which we live.

We pray for all those in need at this time. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Marjorie Pocock, Terry Freshwater, Doreen Hill, Vivienne Patterson John Hicks, Christel Kirschner and Ronan Singh Dharwar.

We pray for the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Anne Clark's father, Fred Hill. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we think of the Saints:

Charlie Mackesy – 'Sometimes I worry you'll all realise I'm ordinary,' said the boy. 'Love doesn't need you to be extraordinary,' said the mole.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## Worship for Sunday 31 October ALL SAINTS DAY

### Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

The gospel for today describes the raising of the Lazarus from the dead by Jesus. Lazarus was a close friend and ally of Jesus, and his death was a personal loss that deeply affected him. However, earlier in the chapter Jesus states; "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, though they die, will live." Jesus not only demonstrates the power of his divinity in word and deed but also the test of faith of those who have come to believe in him as the Son of God. This is the hallmark for all believers to become All Saints.

The two hymns, today share almost the same opening line. The first is; "For all thy saints, O Lord" AM 298 words by Richard Mant (1776 – 1848) to the tune Carlisle by Charles Lockhart (1745 – 1815).

The hymn follows a simple structure of referring to the lives of the saints in verses 1, their reward in heaven in verse 2, how we and the saints are united in the Love of God in verse 3, a prayer that we may follow this path in verse 4 and a concluding doxology in verse 5.

Richard Mant was educated at Winchester College and Trinity College Oxford. He was ordained in 1802 and after serving at several parishes in England he was appointed Bishop of Killaloe in Ireland in 1820 and ultimately, from 1842 Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore. He published a wide range of books including a collection of English translations of Latin hymns in 1837 ("*Ancient Hymns from the Roman Breviary*") and metrical versions of psalms in "*The Psalms in an English Metrical Version*" in 1824. "For all thy saints, O Lord" is an original hymn by Mant but was included in "*Ancient Hymns from the Roman Breviary*".

Relatively little is known about Charles Lockhart other than he was an organist and composer of the hymn tune Carlisle which was published in 1791.

1. For all thy saints, O Lord,  
who strove in thee to live,  
who followed thee, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.
2. For all thy saints, O Lord,  
who strove in thee to die,  
and found in thee a full reward,  
accept our thankful cry.
3. Thine earthly members fit  
to join Thy saints above,  
in one communion ever knit,  
one fellowship of love.
4. Jesus, thy Name we bless  
and humbly pray that we  
may follow them in holiness,  
who lived and died for thee.
5. All might. All praise, be thine,  
Father, co-equal Son,  
And Spirit, bond of love divine,  
While endless ages run.

For all thy saints, O Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvAXr3uxYzM>

The second hymn with similar opening words to the first one is the very familiar "For all the saints" words by William Walsham How (1823 – 1897) AM 296 to the tune Sine Nomine by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958).

How took Hebrews 12: 1 as his inspiration: "And what of ourselves? With all these witnesses to faith around us like a cloud, we must throw off ever encumbrance, every sin to which we cling and run with resolution the race for which we entered, our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom faith depends from start to finish"

How's words make regular reference to the importance of faith in Jesus to provide the strength to endure and win the race. Also, the verses chart the progression from struggle to ultimate victory. "For All the Saints" is considered to be How's finest hymn text. Originally in eleven verses, it was published in Earl Nelson's *Hymns for Saints' Days* (1864) with the heading, "Saints' Day Hymn. A Cloud of Witnesses. Heb. 12:1."

Walsham How was ordained in 1846 and worked in various parishes in Shropshire until 1879 when he was appointed the first suffragan Bishop of London, under the title of the Bishop of Bedford. His province was the East End where he initiated the revival of the church in the area and did a great deal to support the poor. In 1888 he was made the first Bishop of Wakefield where he continued to promote the gospel and establish new churches. How wrote several commentaries on the gospels and liturgy more generally which were published by the SPCK. He also published his sermons and wrote a significant number of hymns.

The tune Sine Nomine was written specifically for the hymn "For all the Saints" for the first edition of the *English Hymnal* in 1906. Sine Nomine means "Without Name" which is a reference by Vaughan Williams to the numberless and nameless cloud of witnesses that so inspired How.

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesu, be forever blest.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
5. And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:  
the King of glory passes on his way.  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

"For all the saints"

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For all the saints AM 296 Sine Nomine [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j\\_UvXe-of-s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j_UvXe-of-s)

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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      HEBREWS 12: 18 - 24**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

#### **GOSPEL      JOHN 11: 32 - 44**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' 4 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

#### **SUPPORT NEEDED FOR RE-ORGANISING THE FURNITURE ETC IN THE CHURCH**

Many thanks to those who helped last Saturday to remove the platforms from the church that are no longer required.

#### **We now require even more help on Friday and Saturday 5 and 6 November please.**

On those days we need to move the pews, altars and other furniture from the west end into the main body of the church to allow Cliveden to stain and polish the parquet flooring, starting at 9.30am on each day.

Detailed plans have been drawn up as to where the items can go; but in brief we are committed to holding a baptism service on the Sunday afternoon, 7 November, for seventy guests so our first steps will be to place an altar at the front, with the portable font, and seven rows of the long pews on either side of the central aisle.

The grand piano will also be positioned back in its usual place and the remaining pews together with those pieces of furniture which are normally at the west end will be placed mainly in the side aisles. The organ will not be available.

As each item is moved it will first need to be dusted, for which microfibre cloths will be available.

Further, the Parish Centre has been offered to the baptism party on the Sunday morning to prepare for a party in the afternoon so we are going to hold the 10.00am Eucharist in the church using the pews already set out for the baptism.

The church will not however be as you would expect , with much furniture concertinaed together, the chancel not in use and with no refreshments afterwards.

I am sure however that you will welcome the opportunity to worship in church, particularly if, as I hope, you will have helped on the previous two days.

Please let me know if you can help to clean and set up on the Friday or Saturday. If you cannot manage the two days in full please tell me of any time you can spare.

*Ken Smith*



### RETURN OF THE CHOIR

In anticipation of the re-opening of the church towards the end of November, I will re-start choir practices from Thursday 4 November in the Parish Centre from 8.00pm to 9.00pm.

We have been in touch with the “pre-pandemic” members of the choir. However, I want to take the opportunity to invite anyone who is new to the church or more established members of the congregation who might be interested in joining us either to send me an email ([b.graves.clock@btinternet.com](mailto:b.graves.clock@btinternet.com)) or see me after a Sunday morning worship to explore how to get involved.

In the first instance we will be working on some of the weekly hymns and music for Christmas. This year, in addition to preparing for “Nine Lessons and Carols” on Sunday 19 December we are planning on singing some carols at the Christmas Market on Sunday 28 November.

After such a long period of silence, it would be great to make our Christmas celebrations as musically joyful as we can!

*Brian Graves*

## ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MARKET SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER

We'd like to invite everyone to take part in what we hope will be a lovely event and a special way of inviting people to our beautiful Church, after our time away.

- There will be a good range of stalls including our own crafts and cake stalls, the tombola and raffle. And we have invited a few external "makers and producers" to have their own stalls; these will include Neals' Yard (products to be provided by Tanya Fullarton), honey, chocolate, jewellery, cured meats, bunting packs and gift hampers. There *may* be space for additional stalls if anyone knows of any other "makers and producers" who can offer Christmassy themed items.
- We will have the very popular "Spin the wheel for a bottle", and a craft area in the Parish Centre for children to enjoy themselves.
- The Royal British Legion will be with us and we will have music from our own Church Choir and the "Tuneless Choir".
- We will be selling mulled wine and beer and there will be a BBQ and Indian food, the latter through the generosity of the Maidenhead Sikh community; we will be laying out tables in the Parish Centre for people to sit at and enjoy their food
- And most importantly, Father Christmas will be paying a visit to our grotto in the Birinus Room, to meet the little ones!

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who would be able to:

1. Help run a stall
2. Serve the Indian food
3. Assist Father Christmas - elf costumes welcomed!  
*Please contact Stella (07738 179710) or let Fr Jeremy know if you would like to help with any of these.*
4. Make a cake(s) and /or mince pies
5. Donate a prize to the raffle
6. Donate items for the tombola - lots of those needed please!
7. Lend a gazebo - several of these needed please),
8. Lend a Christmas tree and/or some decorations

Please contact Stella, Jayne (07782 286158) or Tanya Fullarton (07870 244067) about any donations so we can arrange to collect them from you.



There is a helpful map on the noticeboard showing the proposed layout of stalls on the day; we are making good use of the Quadrangle and there will be stalls in the Church too.

Now that we have the basic elements of the day in place we need everyone's help, please, to make it a success.

*Fr Jeremy, Jayne Chapman, Tanya Fullarton, Stella Harding*





### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 9<sup>th</sup> time this year. Last year we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! The coronavirus pandemic is causing even greater hardship for some children and their families, and this is one way to show God's love and bring some joy. Please read the attached note for details of how you can contribute. We have our own donation page on the OCC website this year to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form> If you have any questions, please contact me at [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk).

See how easy it is!

*"I went online at my Granny and Grandpa's house; I chose to make a box for a girl who is the same age as me, and I enjoyed choosing things she might like. There was already some stationery and toiletries; then I chose a cuddly toy, a wind-up torch, a musical instrument, a hat, some sunglasses, some things for her hair and a slinky because they're fun! I wrote a message to say I hope she enjoys them and wish her a Happy Christmas." Will Moss aged 7.*

### CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Calling all Children's Society Box Holders. Collection will be challenging again this year due to closure of the church building and my personal circumstances of not being able to attend services regularly. So I think we can do this in a number of different ways as listed below.

- Send a cheque (made out to 'The Children's Society') to me at the address below
- Bring your box when you attend church service on Sunday or Wednesday. If I'm not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house (only 500 yards down the road.)
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house if you are unable to go out.

You all have my phone number on your box so please call if you need further clarification, assistance or want to discuss anything with me. My address: 46, Boyn Hill Road SL6 4HJ

Many thanks for your continued support. It makes a real difference to hundreds of children and enables the Society to continue their work.

*Anne Clark*

### CLEARPHYSIO CLINIC

You may have wondered what goes on in the rooms at the Boyn Hill Road end of the Parish Centre, here's a message from Laura Howell which you may find useful :

*I hope you are all coping well in this challenging period. I've already had the pleasure of meeting some members of the congregation, but I would like to introduce myself to the ones who don't yet know me.*

*My name is Laura Howell and I was born in Hungary, Budapest and moved to England 26 years ago.*

*I have two children, Georgia 21 and Benjamin 19. They are both at university in the UK.*

*I have been a physiotherapist since 1994. I worked for the NHS for 5 years before setting up my own physiotherapy clinic, which is now called Clear Physiotherapy and Sports Injury Clinic.*

*For 17 years I was based at the Symons Medical Centre but, in January 2020, I relocated next to All Saints Church on Boyn Hill Road in Maidenhead (in their Parish Centre).*

*I have vast experience (24 years) in treating patients with complex issues, as well as pre and post- operative orthopedic conditions, sports injuries, all spinal conditions (acute and chronic) and repetitive strain injuries (RSI), to name a few.*

*The physiotherapy treatments I offer are a combination of manual therapy, exercises to improve strength and mobility, postural advice, and ergonomic advice, ie. workstation set up, and much more.*

*In August 2021 Chevaun Willis – a wonderful massage therapist - joined the clinic. Chevaun is a very experienced and professional massage therapist offering Deep Tissue and Swedish Massage. At the moment she is offering weekday, evening, and Saturday morning appointments. From January we are looking to increase Chevaun's working hours.*

*The clinic has an easy access from the courtyard next to All Saints Church and it has some allocated carparking bays.*

*We are here for you if you are in need of physiotherapy or massage therapy.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Laura Howell*

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*Laura: 07958 322657 Chevaun: 07976 049137*

### **REFLECTION by Greg Hurst**

Our kitten Archie, who we adopted from a rescue charity, has grown fast. As a long-haired cat he can look bigger than he actually is. He also has a magnificent bushy tail.

As he grew, his energy levels rose in tandem. When we took him in, at three months old, he would have phrases of dashing furiously around our house – “the whizzes”, we called it. At around five months old he began staring longingly out of the windows and back door at our garden beyond. His eyes followed the birds and squirrels, his body tense. He wanted to go outside.

The volunteers from the Cats Protection League advised us to wait until he is six months old before letting him out. And we know that large cats, much bigger than Archie, prowl our garden. But waiting for another month seemed unrealistic. Half term seemed a good opportunity to let him explore. So we did.

When we first opened the back door Archie stood at the threshold, uncertain. The breeze, the sounds, the space seemed to overwhelm him. He walked out and then dashed back in again. Finally, he ran around the garden.

I thought of the parable of the Prodigal Son. Would he be like the elder son and return dutifully? Or like the younger son and use his freedom to leave and succumb to the myriad of temptations that the world offers? But, of course, the Prodigal Son returns too, eventually, chastened and grateful. Love, whether of a child or indeed a pet, means learning to let go.



*Operation Christmas Child was formed in 1990 when Dave Cooke from Wrexham saw the horror of children in Romanian orphanages. He asked his friends to help fill a truck with toys and drive it to Romania.*

*OCC is now the world's largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a shoebox of gifts.*

Packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal has become an important part of our ministry in recent years and, speaking with Father Jeremy and others in our community, we agreed that we don't want to stop the support we give to these children. This will be our 9<sup>th</sup> year of taking part. In 2019, we donated over 100 boxes. Last year, in spite of it being during the COVID pandemic, we donated over 60 boxes.

As the global pandemic continues, the lives of children and families have been turned upside down and, now more than ever, boys and girls around the world need to experience hope and joy, and a shoebox gift offers just that!

We plan to follow the same model as last year. There are 3 ways that you can contribute:

**Shoebox Online** - you can select your gifts online and Operation Christmas Child will pack and send your shoebox for you. We have our own page this year to make it easy and to track how many boxes we send. Click on this link <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90> (or copy this link into your browser) to pack a shoebox or go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information. It costs £20.



**Donation** –If you're not keen on the online option, you can make a monetary contribution. You can do this by making an online bank transfer or writing a cheque to the church - or by giving cash. Cheques or cash will be collected from church on Sundays. **Please mark any donations clearly as being for the 'Shoebox appeal'.**

**Your own shoebox** –You could pack your own complete shoebox. Some of you have done this previously. Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and choose 'How to pack a shoebox' for more information. As you may remember, there are some items not allowed and these are listed on the website – and it may give you some inspiration too! The nearest drop off point is Braywick Nurseries, 41 Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1DX. Dates to be confirmed but likely to be 15-22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please don't bring your shoeboxes to the church.



### A reminder of the project

There are a number of videos on the Samaritan's Purse website which give stories about the children who receive the boxes, but here is my favourite. You may remember it, as we've shown in several times in church.

**WOW! video** <https://youtu.be/i7g4C4k7UTw>

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love and fuelled by prayer can mean so much to a child and their family – and enables us to share God's love and bring joy to children around the world.

We hope that you can support this project again this year – and please let me know if you send a box online or drop one off, so I can let you all know the number of boxes we donate.

Thanks, Jenny Wilks

[jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk)