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

**All Saints Patronal Festival Sunday 29 October**

As I walked across the quadrangle to All Saints Church for Morning Prayer today, I saw the red brickwork of the church, the old schoolhouse (now our Parish Hall) and the other buildings glowing in the early sunshine. And I reflected on the fact that this place of worship, community and service has been here for 165 years, a beacon of Christian hope and a visible sign of God's all-encompassing love for each and every one of us.

You are all invited to join us at 10.00am on Sunday morning for our All Saints Festival Service, when we celebrate all those Saints down the ages who have kept the flame of faith in Christ alive in good times and in bad. We have a visiting preacher who we know from past experience is a lively, thoughtful and engaging speaker, and we have great hymns that we know and love to sing. And above all, we meet together from our scattered lives to come before God and encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament – to find afresh his love and joy and peace, to be fed and nurtured to face our daily lives, and to be the very best that we can be.

As I walked across the quadrangle, I also wondered what it is that makes “the Church” of which we are a part and to which we belong so special? There are many different and complementary answers that can be given to this question, but this day what spoke to me was a sense of being called, together, to be instruments of God's love in the world. I believe the Church is not just another human institution, but it is called into being as a community of faith to be, as St Paul puts it, the Body of Christ in the world. When Jesus called the first disciples, it was so that they could participate with him in bringing the kingdom of God's love closer to people; he prepared them to be the first members of the nascent Church after his resurrection, so that fired with the Holy Spirit they could declare to others the central truth of God's love, forgiveness and compassion to those around them. And when they did that, and as they met together to celebrate the Eucharist and hear the sacred word of God, the Church grew in faith and in number.

We, for our part, have been called into the Church as successors of those first disciples. Being called by God. Being called into community. Being called to declare God's love in the world. We have a new dignity as children of God, and a new responsibility to be instruments of God's grace and blessing in the world. Together, being God's Church in the world.

From the first Apostles; to those who had the vision and faith to establish this beautiful church building in this place to bring the love of God into this parish; and so on to us.... an unbroken chain of people being called by God to serve and witness, and to bless the world In God's name through his grace and power.

So let us celebrate all God's Saints, and especially those who have served in this place; and let us re-dedicate ourselves to play our part, in our own time, in bringing the message of God's love to this Parish and to the wider world of which we are a part. It is the one true God who calls us, and it is through us that he seeks to bring his blessing upon the world.

**All Souls Requiem Service.** Our annual service of requiem when we remember before God and give thanks for those who we have loved and lost will take place on Sunday 5 November at 6.00pm. There will be hymns and a chance to light a candle. All are very welcome, especially if you have lost a loved one recently. The service will be followed by tea and coffee.

The List for Names to be read out at the service is now at the back of church. If you would like a deceased friend or relative remembered at the service in this way, please enter their name on the list IN BLOCK CAPITALS. The list will be closed on Wednesday 1 November. If you are unable to get to church in the meantime, please email the name to me at [revjohnainslie@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnainslie@gmail.com) before Wednesday 1 November.

*Fr John*

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

### Thursday 26 October

11.00am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room  
8.00pm Choir Practice

### Saturday 28

Marriage of Edward Clark & Rebeca Houghton

### Sunday 29

**10.00am Parish Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr Nicholas Cheeseman

*12.15pm Parish Lunch at the Gandhi Restaurant*

### Monday 30

**9.30am Morning Prayer in Church**  
7.30pm Christ Child Market Meeting in the Birinus Room

### Tuesday 31

*8.50am Remembrance Assembly at Altwood School*  
**9.30 am Morning Prayer in Church**

### Wednesday 1 November

*8.50am Remembrance Assembly at Altwood School*  
**10.00 am Requiem Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy  
11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre  
11.30am Bible Study in the Birinus Room  
*11.30am Service at Clara Court Care Home: Fr John & Jeanette*  
3.00pm Peal of bells to celebrate All Saints Day see p 5  
*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

## **GOOD NEWS!**

Congratulations to Sue Wright as she becomes a grandmother for the first time following the birth of her granddaughter Thea Hazel Wright.

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We give thanks to God for those whose faith and vision created the beautiful Church of All Saints at Boyne Hill, and who provided care within the parish by providing a church and clergy, a school and almshouses. We give thanks for all those who have faithfully served God in this place for the last 165 years, and we pray for the mission and ministry offered here in our own time.

We rededicate ourselves to worship, faith and service in God's name.

We pray for Edward Clark and Rebecca Houghton as they begin married life together with their wedding service on Saturday.

We continue to pray for peace throughout the troubled areas of the world, praying especially for the conflict in Israel / Gaza and tensions; for the Middle East; and for Ukraine. We pray for all refugees from war-torn countries and those civilians living under daily threat of violent death. We pray God for wisdom, perseverance and determination for all those working hard to find a way towards peace with justice, and seeking to bring relief to civilians in dire need.

We pray for those from our congregation and parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie and Jess, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff and Gill Deane-Williams.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed, especially Tessa Armstrong, Stanley Brown, and Eva May Pauffley. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER ALL SAINTS DAY**

### **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

### **N T READING Revelation 7: 9 – 17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are

they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

### **EPISTLE 1 John 3: 1 - 3**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 5: 1 – 12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

### **MUSIC**

Prelude: Rhosymedre *R Vaughan Williams*

Opening: 297 For all the saints who showed your love

Gradual: 602 Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall our God

Communion Anthem: Author of Life Divine *C McDowall*

Closing: 301 God, whose city's sure foundation

Postlude: Carillon Sortie *H Mulet*

### **ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3 December 12 noon to 3.30pm**

The market will be organised along the same lines as in the past two years with a number of external, local makers and producers having stalls, as well as our own All Saints stalls: Handicrafts, tombola, raffle, children's activities, spin-for-a-bottle, cake stall, BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies,...and Father Christmas will be joining us!

As in previous years, there will be plenty of opportunity to help, particularly as a volunteer on the day – more about that to follow.

**We would be grateful now for prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA (new items only please).** The collection box for your donations will be beside the South Porch.

**We will also need to ask for GAZEBOS for our stall holders and – from the bakers amongst you - CAKES for the All Saints' cake stall.**

Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church in the next few weeks if you can help with either or both of these things.

If you have any questions or need more information please speak to any member of the team:

*Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibo Veira,  
Darren Pimm, John Gay and Stella Harding*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 11<sup>th</sup> time this year. In each of the last 3 years, we have donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. Over 10 years, we've sent over 650 shoebox gifts, which is amazing! On Sunday in church, we explained more about the appeal. One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> . It costs £20.

See leaflet attached to this email for more information and other ways to donate.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk)

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It is time to collect in the boxes for counting. I can offer you a variety of options, so please choose whichever is most suitable for you.

- 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 am not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house.
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house.

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*

## THE BELLS, THE BELLS

At 3.00pm on Wednesday 1 November the bellringers will attempt to ring a Peal, which will last three hours if successful. An attempt was made in honour of the King's Coronation earlier in the year but unfortunately failed because one of the bell ropes broke. The ropes have been replaced and the further attempt is being made on All Saints Day. The previous Peal was rung for our late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please pray for the ringers.

## CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

*Claire Foley* [claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk](mailto:claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk)





*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. This will be our 11<sup>th</sup> year of taking part and during this time we have donated over 650 shoebox gifts. In the last 3 years, we donated about 60 boxes in each; in 2019 we gave 100!

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 so we can track how many boxes we send. Click on this link <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> (or copy the address 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 can be left in the small box for this purpose at the back of church – or give them directly to Jenny. If you can donate

£20, the cost of a full shoebox, that would be great, but smaller donations are gratefully received too. **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. This will be open from 13<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</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

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