

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

At a recent Sunday @4 I got speaking to Laura Nunu about the Iranian community who have joined us since Holy Week this year. Laura, who has been part of our community for over four years, asked me if I knew her story and I realised that although I knew her husband Emmanuel, her daughter Konga (a member of Young Saints) and indeed herself, I had not asked her about their background.

Laura told me a little about her country and her family who still live there. That Sunday evening I did a search on my phone to look up the country of South Sudan. I was shocked that Sunday evening by the information that I read on this troubled country. Around the same time the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby and Pope Francis were due to visit South Sudan to pray for peace. (This visit has been postponed due to the Pope being unwell.)

I asked Laura if she would be willing to be interviewed in church on the subject of her country. Laura agreed so that our community could listen to the story and have a focus for prayer. The interview will take place on Sunday 21 August at the 10.00am Eucharist. As an introduction to that morning here is a little of Laura's story.

### Who am I and what is my story?

I have been coming to this church for almost four years but I am sure we barely know each other. So, today I am going to tell you about myself and what is this all about.

My name is Laura Nunu; I am originally South Sudanese and officially Dutch citizen living in the United Kingdom. The idea of introducing myself to you came as a result of what is happening around the world and especially in the country of my origin, South Sudan. As we are all aware, there are wars almost everywhere around the world with the recent Ukraine/Russia war dominating the news. Irrespective of what the media says, reality has shown us that the crisis we are facing as a global society is a result of wars everywhere including the Ukraine/Russia war. Our fellow Iranians who had joined us in this congregation had to flee their homes to become refugees in our backyard due to war in their country. But do you hear that much in the news compared to the Ukraine/Russia war? The truth is, for some reasons, some news get more attention than others.

In regards to my country of origin South Sudan, as I speak, people of my villages have been chased away from their homes and government tribal militias have occupied their houses. There is a silent genocide-taking place in that country that is hidden from the rest of the world. Government militias under the false

name of *unknown gunmen* constantly kill people in a cold blood. No action is taken to investigate the killings or bring the culprits to justice.

Among others was the shocking news of two nuns:

*“The killing of two Catholic nuns along a South Sudan highway Aug. 16 has shocked sisters and supporters throughout several African nations, Rome and the United States.*

*Srs. Mary Daniel Abut and Regina Roba were South Sudanese members of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in the Juba Archdiocese. They were in a bus returning to Juba with seven sisters and five men Aug. 16 after attending centenary celebrations at Loa Catholic parish in the eastern Diocese of Torit, according to a statement by Sr. Alice Jurugo Drajea, superior general of the congregation”*

<https://www.globalsistersreport.org/news/news/news/two-nuns-killed-south-sudan-after-vehicle-ambushed-along-highway>

Loa is my village where I was born. The president attended the celebrations and returned back home safely. Loa was/is one of the villages heavily militarised by government security organs. Blaming the killing on rebels group just don't add up. Above all, such killings were also happening everywhere including the capital city, Juba, where the president resides. What did he do? Last Monday, one of our chiefs was killed while on duty meeting with members of the community to arrange burial for two community members that were found brutally killed and damp in a toilet pit.

*“The community was shocked to learn of Chief Ebele John’s passing at a time when residents of Nimule had gathered for a meeting to discuss how to show solidarity for the burial of those two who had been killed in cold blood over the weekend”* <https://www.africa-press.net/south-sudan/all-news/nimule-crisis-chiefs-shooting-fuels-chaos-in-countrys-border-point>

This is the eight chiefs been killed in cold blood war in Madiland and nothing was done to bring the culprits to justice. This is the sad story of the country called South Sudan and the reality of struggles of people like my family members who are living in the midst of it all. Although we are thousands of miles apart, their daily struggles have become our daily struggles as well because they are literally depending on us for their survival.

### **So, what is the story?**

In a brief summary: after five decades of war, suffering and instability, South Sudan seceded from Sudan on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. But only after two years of independence, it was plunged into civil war with itself, the most brutal and genocidal and gravest human rights atrocities the world had seen recently. *“Since the conflict started in December 2013, more than 4 million people have fled their homes, with 2.47 million taking refuge in neighbouring countries. Close to 200,000 people are living in six UN “protection of civilians” sites across the country. Seven million people in need of humanitarian assistance, most of them faced acute food shortages (South Sudan, Human Rights Watch 2019)”*. The recent figures have not shown a lot of progress rather than the impact of malnutrition and COVID-19 on these vulnerable populations.

This war has long legacies that can be traced back to the pre-modern and the modern history of South Sudan. In the pre-modern era, the country now called South Sudan was a cluster of ethnic groups that were nations themselves having their own systems of ruling and running their ethnic affairs. Those ethnic groups do still exist although members have merged under modern political ideology to follow certain political parties or revolutions. In the case of SPLM (Sudan People Liberation Movement), the movement that champion the succession, it is now crystal clear that its hidden agenda for succession was to have monopoly and tribal hegemony of the country.

The modern history of South Sudan was used by SPLM as a vehicle for inspirations and unity to achieve long hidden ethnic agenda. As a result, SPLM South Sudan project has failed. It is now becoming clearer, even among experts, that the problem of South Sudan is politics of ethnocide (As Dr Carol Berger indicated in her article: *Ethnocide as Tool of State-building: South Sudan and the Never-ending War* and the book written by Clemence Pinaud: *WAR AND GENOCIDE IN SOUTH SUDAN* and many others)

The problem of South Sudan boils down to the question: *who owns the state?* Unless amicable answers are found to this question, South Sudan will not see peace.

Hopefully, this introduction has given you a glimpse into a war you don't see and hear about, but equally important because a member of your congregation is living it.

Thank you for your attention!

*Laura Nunu*

### **SAD NEWS**

It is with sadness that I share the news that Rene Wilson died last Sunday. Rene who was a remarkable 97 years of age and a much-loved member of this community. Rene was a committed member of the Mothers' Union and more lately the Senior Saints. She was a person who valued worshipping here and in recent years enjoyed receiving communion at home. One of the most encouraging parts of ministry at All Saints over the last decade is Tiny Saints. Rene loved this group, and the children and families loved her. Rene would be found welcoming people as they arrived and then helping to lead the worship. Rene introduced 'Sleeping Bunnies' the song that Rene's family tell me she introduced so that the children would be quiet for the person leading the nursery rhyme service. Rene was a wonderful teacher who valued any opportunity she had to encourage young children. Her gifts with children were found in the early years of Open the Book at All Saints School when her love for story telling came to the fore. She would frequently be stopped by children in town for being an 'Open the Booker.'

Rene's funeral service will be at 2.30pm in Church on Friday 12 August.

### **RESOURCES THIS WEEK**

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| <b>Thursday 28 July</b> | <i>9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey Celebrant: Fr Jeremy</i><br><i>7.00pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room</i>  |
| <b>Friday 29</b>        | <b>1.00pm Memorial Service for the late Otto Jakeman followed by Interment of Ashes in the Churchyard</b>  |
| <b>Sunday 31 July</b>   | <b>10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity</b><br>Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John<br><br><b>12.15pm Holy Baptism</b> Service taken by the Revd Joan Hicks |
| <b>Monday 1 August</b>  | <b>9.15am Morning Prayer in Church</b>   |
| <b>Tuesday 2 August</b> | <b>9.15am Morning Prayer in Church</b><br><i>2.30pm Tuesday Club Amble. Meet at Thames Hospice</i>   |

**Wednesday 3**                      **10.00am Requiem Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

*10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Friday 5 August 4.00pm Thanksgiving service at St Mary's Church for the life of Roger Baldery**

Roger contributed so much to the life of Christian witness in action through Open the Book, Larchfield Open Table, Summer Clubs at Larchfield and All Sorts. Some of you will have known Roger and it would be lovely if people could support Jane, his wife and the family at the service.

**Wednesday 10 August 2.30pm Cream Tea for Senior Saints at the Vicarage**

**Sunday 14 August 4.00pm Join the Sustainability Group for a walk at Ockwells Park. More details to follow.**

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Creator God, this week as we think and ponder on your word, help us to be good stewards of your earth, working in partnership with creation so that all may be fed, all may be secure, and all may come to honour you, the giver of all good things. Amen.

We continue to pray for the World and for all places of violence and war. We hold before you Lord, the needs of refugees, for asylum seekers, for victims of injustice and discrimination. We pray for all Aid Agencies that risk their own well being to support people in difficult situations.

We pray for the country of South Sudan, for Laura, Emmanuel and Konga and their family suffering the struggles of life in that country. We pray for leadership that values humanity and we pray for peace in these troubled lands.

We pray and give thanks for the ministry at this time of Sue Wright and Sue Nordberg as they seek to support the educational needs of young people from the Holiday Inn Hotel who are seeking help.

Following the Sundays@4 service last weekend we give thanks for those people who shared stories of God's love. We give thanks for the young person who had worried that her education would suffer as a consequence of coming to this country who now has the promise of studying for A levels this September at Altwood. We give thanks too for the lady who missed her family on arrival in England but who has found 'A new family at All Saints'. We give thanks that the Christian hope can find joy even in times of sadness and struggle.

We pray for Fr John and the welcome group who are planning activities for this Autumn. We pray that more people who take up the invitation to discover ways of finding a sense of community and rootedness at All Saints Church.

For all of our parish and congregation in any kind of need, that they may know the healing and strengthening power of Christ in their lives. We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, John Hicks, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Aitkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Eddie Sheppard, David Stewart, Rachel, Tadeusz, Teresa, and Leigh Hutchison-May.

For the recently departed, especially Roger Baldery, Roderick Maclennan and Rene Wilson, and those whose anniversary of death occurs this week. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Loving God, you have given us eyes to see the beauty and bounty of the earth, and minds to understand the importance of sharing. Lord, help us to discern where injustice or suffering is taking place and help us to be generous in our response to alleviate either. Amen.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 31 JULY THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 Colossians 3: 1 – 11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things – anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

### GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 – 21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.' But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?' And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

### MUSIC

Prelude: Voluntary in A on "The Old Hundredth" *H Purcell*

Opening Hymn: AM 357 All people that on earth do dwell

Gradual: AM 648 God of grace and God of glory

Offertory: AM 663 How shall I sing that majesty

Communion: AM 454 Love is his word

Closing Hymn: AM 739 Now thank we all our God

Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott *S Karg Elert*



## Heritage Open Days" and Ride and Stride – 10 and 11 September

As in previous years the Church will be open to welcome visitors and offer guided tours as part of the national **Heritage Weekend**. This is a lovely opportunity to share the beauty of our church with the wider community (we have had visitors coming long distances in the past) and, especially this year, to highlight the fantastic work carried out on the church floor.

The Berkshire Churches Trust **Ride & Stride** will take place on the Saturday when we will welcome visitors "riding and striding" to raise money through sponsorship for their own churches. We will be organising a walk for any one from All Saints who would like to take part, and there will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church in support of the walkers' efforts. Half of any money raised will come back to All Saints.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the back of the church for volunteers to act as Stewards, to help welcome visitors to the church and provide drinks for weary travellers. Please do sign up if you can offer an hour or so on either of these days. We will be sponsoring the Stewards for Ride & Stride too.

*Ken Smith and Stella Harding*

### TUESDAY CLUB AMBLE 2 AUGUST

Do join us for a little amble round the lake at Thames Hospice, after which we can get ourselves some tea and cake at the cafe there. **Park up, and assemble at the entrance for 2.30pm.**

If you don't fancy the stroll you could always consume copious cups of coffee and pieces of cake and chatter while you wait for the intrepid ramblers to return.

*Jan Moss*

### BASIC FIRST AID TRAINING THIS AUTUMN

One of our Churchwardens Dr John Bolodeoku, is prepared to run a First Aid course at Church this autumn. It will be a 3 hour Basic Life Support (BLS) course. If you are interested, or would like further information, please email him [john.bolodeoku@icloud.com](mailto:john.bolodeoku@icloud.com)

### COX GREEN LUNCHEON CLUB IS IN URGENT NEED OF YOUR HELP

Are you a dab hand with a pair of rubber gloves? Could you spare a little time on a Tuesday? They have just been doing the rota for the autumn and they are very short of helpers, particularly people to do the washing up. Luncheon Club takes place at Cox Green Community Centre on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 2.00pm.

If you can help in any way please speak to Pam Hitchcock to find out more: email [pam.hitchcock@outlook.com](mailto:pam.hitchcock@outlook.com) or ring her on 01628 825157.

### FOODSHARE

**In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.**

SERMON PREACHED BY FR JEREMY FOR THE BAPTISM OF MUHAMMAD AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH 24 JULY 2022 - by request copies of this sermon are now available - this was sent to all on the Parish News distribution list and can also be found on the [website HERE](#).