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TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN WORD & SACRAMENT

Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill Maidenhead

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Mark 12:40-44 *'But she, out of poverty, put in everything – ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON' v44*

I start this newsletter with a biblical text that challenges myself as much as it might challenge anyone else. It challenges me at a time when All Saints church faces the huge responsibility of raising funds to make this wonderful building safe for public worship by making good the floor that is crumbling. We have, in the past, made the tower/spire safe, repaired the wonderful organ and west end, repaired the roof and put a new heating system in place. This is a legal responsibility of the Churchwardens and PCC but a moral responsibility to all of us that care about the Mission of Christ. In the text above Jesus condemns the Pharisees who had seized the houses belonging to the widows. Greed had led to neglect of the care for the widows. And yet this widow, when the rich gave large sums, sneaked in and put in two small coins. I witnessed this happen in Kenya with wealthy members of government giving large sums while the poor gave perhaps an animal or fruits and vegetables because it was all they had. God in the text above loves the heart of the giver. The generosity of spirit that inspired her to give her last two coins.

I write this letter giving thanks to God for the congregation of All Saints, Boyne Hill. Why? Because we are a community that gives generously in terms of giving our time and talents. From a modest congregation we reach out to 500 children in schools each week, offer meals to families in community, keep the welfare of young people in the town through Street Angels, support elderly and vulnerable people and maintain worship in a glorious building that has a prominent pulpit, font and altar. Reminders that we are all members of the Body of Christ through our Baptism and that we are people that take seriously the word of God through scripture and receive his great gift to us of New Life in bread and wine.

The first incumbent of our church was William Gresley and he alongside George Street, a famous Victorian architect shared a passion for worship to the glory of God, education of the young, ministry that would offer pastoral support to those in need and Almshouses for women with no homes. We are trying to continue that heritage in the 21st century but we need your help.

I am inviting you to the conclusion of 10 days of Heritage celebrating wonderful buildings across the country on Sunday 22nd September at All Saints. The day will have a heritage sermon preached at the morning's services and following on at 11.30am Ken Smith and Rod Broad will offer a presentation on the floor project. The day will continue with church tours and an organ recital before concluding with Evensong and Benediction at 6.00pm.

In managing our finances, the PCC are careful not to overstretch and we will not undertake any project that puts the church at risk. With this concern in mind the PCC asks for your help to make a special pledge of financial support to maintain this rich heritage and the mission of Christ in our community of Boyne Hill, Altwood and Larchfield. My prayer is that by meeting this challenge we will enable future generations of Christians to worship in this glorious building and continue the future mission of the church.

Pledge forms will be available at the meeting and will also be on the website, the back of church or from the office for those who wish to help but cannot attend.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy