

Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill Maidenhead



**80th Anniversary of D-Day,
Kohima, Monte Cassino**

Sunday 9th June 2024

Welcome to this church of All Saints, Boyne Hill. Our hope is that during this service you will encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament. You will be fed and nurtured to share a little of our Lord's light and love in the World.

One of the most powerful stories of encounter found in the Bible is the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13—35). The early disciples are found heartbroken as they have witnessed the death of their great hope, Jesus. As they walked the road Jesus appeared to them and asked why they were so upset. They responded by asking Jesus, 'Are you the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what has happened?' Jesus asked, 'Do you not understand the scriptures?' He then opened the scriptures to them; explaining that the prophets pointed towards a Saviour who would overcome sin and death and bring light to the world.

The disciples invited Jesus into their home for a meal. At the meal Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him. Jesus disappeared from before their eyes, but they realised that they had encountered the Risen Lord in the Word (the Bible) and Sacrament (the breaking of bread).

The disciples returned to Jerusalem to become part of the early church that we can read about in the Acts of the Apostles. The Good News of light overcoming darkness, goodness overcoming evil and new life overcoming death would soon spread across the World.

We can be transformed by this message. Bring your sad stories to our Lord. Allow Jesus to warm your hearts with the words of the Bible. Open your eyes to see the Risen Lord in the breaking of bread. When we encounter Our Lord, we can start to do the small things well. When we throw a small stone into water, however small, it causes a ripple. Each of our acts of kindness can make a difference. May we all partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ in the World.

Welcome

Hymn

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Silence is kept.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you our God. Amen.

Absolution

The celebrant declares God's forgiveness.

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

O God our light and our defence, breathe your gentle Spirit over the wastes of our world. Protect our memories from the infection of hate, that we may live free from fear and resentment. May the light of Christ lead us out of the valley of the shadow of death to paths of reconciliation as we hold in mind the places of the world in conflict and peace for the sake of the world your Son came to save.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1: 11-23

Read by The Rt Hon Theresa May MP

At the end of reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: The Lord's My Shepherd *Bob Chilcott*

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Councillor Neil Knowles (former Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, ex Household Cavalry & Helicopter Pilot)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions read by Dr John Bolodeoku, Churchwarden

We pray for the needs of the world, the Church, the local community and for those who have asked for our prayers

Response to Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

At the end

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The celebrant introduces the Peace

God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure.

Sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard While troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1574-1748)

(Offertory in aid of the Royal British Legion)

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.
Christ is the bread of life

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your
kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the
power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us thy peace.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the
Father.**

The celebrant and people receive communion.

**Anyone who is a baptised member of their own church is welcome to
receive Holy Communion. If you would like a blessing, please bring
this booklet with you.**

Communion Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save
whose arm doth still the restless wave,
who bids't the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Saviour whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walkedst on the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage didst sleep
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O sacred Spirit who didst brood
upon the chaos dark and rude,
who bads't its angry tumult cease,
and gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
our brethren shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go:
and ever let there rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

William Whlting (1825 – 1878)

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

The Roll Call

**They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them.**

We will remember them.

Last Post

Two minutes silence

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THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

When you go home, tell them of us and say,
"For your tomorrow, we gave our today."

Closing Hymn

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

H F Lyte (1793-1847)

Final Prayer and Blessing

Bring us, O Lord God at our last awakening,
into the house and gate of heaven:
to enter into that gate, and dwell in that house, now where there
shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no foes nor friends, but one equal communion,
in one equal eternity, in the habitation of your glory.

Amen.

May God the Holy Trinity
guard and defend you on every side,
sustain you in times of difficulty,
and strengthen you in faith and hope;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you and all whom you love,
now and always.

Amen.

(words from John Donne)

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King!
Long live our noble King!
God save the King!
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us!
God save the King!

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour:
long may he reign!
May he defend our laws
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
"God save the King!"

Hospitality

Please stay and share hospitality in the Parish Centre.

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