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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

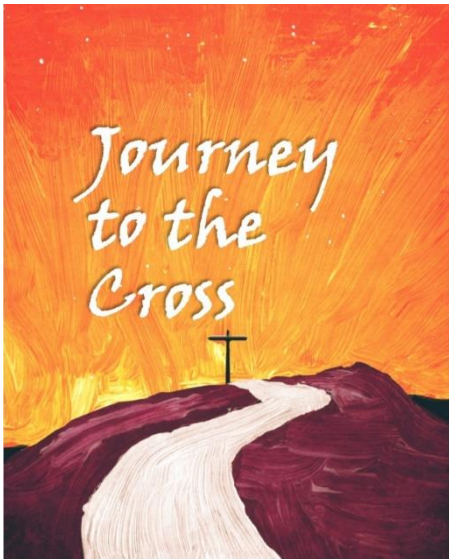
Towards the end of 2019 we sent the first quarterly newsletter that we felt would improve our opportunity to communicate with you, the parishioners and friends of All Saints. However, by the beginning of the New Year of 2020 the world became aware of the terrible pandemic that would lead to so much suffering. We can all remember the first lockdown around about this time of year and we were suddenly unable to worship together in church or indeed even meet up over a cup of coffee. We all had to discover new ways of keeping in contact. The church, both nationally and locally, tried different ways of communicating and a number of us were worshipping with the Diocesan and national church online.

Locally, we began finding ways of making recordings of services, assemblies and thanks to zoom even started worshipping online from our homes. Holy Week 2021 was a mixture of recorded and live services with guest speakers joining us from 50-100 miles away in the case of Fr Nicholas Cheeseman and Fr Kevin Scully. On the 20 March 2020 we produced, with the help of Mike and Jan Moss, what would become the first of our weekly Parish News. The newsletter aimed at sharing information for the week including a sermon, readings, music, and prayers. There was a lead article perhaps with some biblical teaching or thoughts on the liturgy of the Eucharist. Brian Graves shared his thoughtful insights on the hymns and Greg Hurst offered his varied and wonderful 'Thought for the week'. We kept each other informed of how people were coping, and a wonderful telephone network was set up to see how people were getting on. Pastoral care took place through people phoning and then taking peoples' orders for food and medicine supplies. Within the Parish News we prayed for people and groups that were in need of prayer.

During this period of time, I found myself writing a blog encouraged again by Michelle Symonds who had helped me with the blogs in 2013-14 covering the Santiago pilgrimages. I found one written on the 10 April 2020 concerning an Army veteran by the name of Tom Moore who was recovering from a broken hip and skin cancer by walking laps of his garden to raise money for the incredible NHS. That day was Good Friday and Tom had completed 50 laps. Tom became Captain Sir Tom and having aimed to raise £1000 ended up reaching a figure of well over £30,000,000! He made his 100 both in age and laps nearly two years ago!

As I write this cover to the 100th edition I find myself recovering from Covid19 although thankfully doing so aided by the incredible vaccinations that have saved so many lives. Sadly, the world is still trying to recover from the Covid pandemic that has taken so many lives and left many with long term illness now finds itself viewing the horrors of War on Ukraine. We hear of 10 million people displaced from and within Ukraine and many other refugees seeking refuge from different parts of the globe. Let our prayer this Good Friday be one

of a search for peace and reconciliation. May we this Easter vigil as we light the new Paschal Candle pray that light will emerge from the darkness, that goodness will overcome evil and New Life overcome death. The Holy Week Booklet detailing all services accompanies this newsletter.



All Saints Church Quiet Morning: Journey to the Cross.

Saturday 2 April 10.00am – 1.00pm

This will take place in church beginning at 10.00am with a Eucharist, and ending with a simple lunch at 1.00pm. e-mail the Parish Office if you haven't signed up but plan to attend.

allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR LENT

COME AND SEE The Diocesan course which is offering daily meditations based upon the Lord's Prayer. Go to www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/ to sign up. Bishop Steven is offering some valuable thoughts on the Lord's prayer.

THE LAST OF OUR LENT FILMS WITH A SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Wednesday 6 April 7.30pm: **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

Against all odds, a 13 year old boy in Malawi invents an unconventional way to save his family and village from famine.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Until Friday 1 April Altwood School will be hosting Prayer Spaces led by The Revd Jo Ellington

Thursday 31 March

No 9.15am Morning Prayer this morning

2.45pm & 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*

7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Andrew Stafford

8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

Friday 1 April

9.00am *Assembly at Boyn Hill Infant School*

9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome

10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre.

Saturday 2

10.00am Eucharist followed by Quiet Morning until 1.00pm

Sunday 3

10.00am Eucharist for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

6.00pm

Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 5

2.30pm Tuesday Club Meeting in the Church

Wednesday 6

10.00am Requiem Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John

3.00pm All Saints School Easter Service in Church

7.30pm Lent Film and discussion at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue

MASK OR NO MASK

With the relaxing of rules and protocols for Covid we suggest that one half of the Church building (Lady Chapel) be kept for those who prefer masks and the other side for those feeling confident enough to worship without masks.

NEWS FROM POLAND

Thank you to those who have supported the ministry of Tomek and his family. News has come through that of the three ladies that are being supported so far, two of them have found jobs in local hotels. The 12 year old child has started school. It is good news that these people who have had to leave their home country of Ukraine seem to be settling into their life in Poland.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for peace, justice and freedom from oppression in all places of strife, particularly Ukraine and Afghanistan. We continue to pray for a successful outcome to the negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, and for the efforts of world leaders to bring pressure on Russia to cease its aggression. We pray for those made homeless in Ukraine, for refugees, and for those trapped in places of warfare living without the basics of water, food and medicines. We pray for all those who are vulnerable at this time.

We pray this week for the Revd Jo Ellington and her encouragement towards the school community of Altwood. We give thanks for the prayer spaces opportunities that the students and staff will have to come closer to God and his loving presence this Lent.

As we continue to enjoy watching the Lent Films on Sustainability, we pray that we may as a congregation continue to discover ways of simple living that will help reduce our carbon footprint and live in harmony with God's world.

We pray and give thanks for the mission and ministry opportunities for our parish of All Saints. As we look forward to the APCM in April may we give thanks for those that have given their time and talents this year as members of the PCC and other mission groups. We pray that more people may discern gifts to share the Christian message in God's world.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John Chadwick, Dave Hill, Eliza, Dave's parents and Anne and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb and Florence Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence. We pray for any in our parish who need God's loving grace and healing touch at this time.

We remember the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Worship for Sunday 3 April The Fifth Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 for ever. Amen

EPISTLE Philippians 3: 4b - 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL John 12: 1 - 8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude on Rockingham *C H H Parry*

Opening Hymn: AM 145 It is a thing most wonderful

Gradual: AM 144 How deep the Father's love for us

Offertory: AM 763 Praise to the Holiest in the height

Communion AM 423 And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Closing Hymn: AM 818 To God be the glory

Postlude: Herzlich tut mich verlangen *J Brahms*

APCM MONDAY 25 APRIL AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB AT 7.00pm (FOOD AT 6.30pm)

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Monday 25 April starting at 7.00pm, at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Boyn Grove, Maidenhead SL6 5AE.

If you wish to attend, please sign the list at the back of the church. You can order supper - Fish & Chips @ £8 or Chicken & Chips @ £6.50. Supper will be available at 6.30 pm. Anyone wishing to have supper should place their order on the sign-up sheet and pay Sue Stannett in advance, so that the confirmed orders can be placed in good time.

The Annual Meeting is an opportunity to hear reports of activities and achievements of All Saints Boyne Hill Church over the past year, to participate in the annual elections and chat with other members of the congregation. As has become usual we start the evening with a guest speaker and this year we're delighted to welcome Dr John Bolodeoku MBBS to talk about Covid-19 Testing.

PCC ELECTIONS

The following elections will take place during the APCM

- Annual elections of two Churchwardens
- Elections to the PCC. There are four vacancies.
- Election to Deanery Synod as Lay Rep. There is one vacancy

There are nomination forms at the back of the church, if you wish to nominate someone as a candidate in any of these elections. You need to be on the Electoral Roll to take part in these elections.

We look forward to welcoming you to the APCM. Please sign up to show you wish to attend.

David Morgan (PCC Secretary)

TUESDAY CLUB 5 APRIL 2.30pm IN CHURCH

Everyone is welcome to join us when Ken Smith tells the story of the refurbishing of the church floor with fascinating slide illustrations.

Jan Moss, Group Leader

SENIOR SAINTS WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2.30pm

Our first meeting of 2022 will be held at Brenda Illott's house, 35 Altwood Road. Everyone is welcome.

Margaret Hill & Wendy Channon



UPDATE FROM THE DEC FUNDRAISER IN THE QUAD & PARISH CENTRE LAST WEEK

The amount raised currently stands at £3,137!

**MARLOW PLAYERS MURDER MYSTERY FRIDAY 22
APRIL 7.30pm IN CHURCH!!**

A special charity performance of *Calamity in the Cloisters* written by Andrew Stafford.

If you were unable to see this performed in Marlow a couple of weeks ago then you will be delighted to have this opportunity. More details to follow.

APRIL SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER IS ATTACHED AGAIN. (Not everyone received it last week)

AN INVITATION TO MEET ANNE ATKINS 8.00pm Thursday 7 April at Maidenhead Synagogue

Come and argue (probably not compulsory!) with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org