

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



It is a joy for me to stand in for Fr Jeremy in this edition of the Parish News. It is lovely to be able to serve amongst you now that I have been licensed by the Archdeacon to minister in the Parish of All Saints. The church building is looking absolutely fantastic with the work to the floor completed (apart from the final coat of protective polish) and it is great to be back enjoying the superb music from Brian and the choir to accompany our worship.

This all reminds me of those things that you are very familiar with – the centrality of our worship offered to God to the best of our ability, where we are renewed in faith and hope and love through receiving Christ in Word and Sacrament; and the beautiful Quadrangle that reminds us of the integration of worship, ministry and community, with the Parish Office which is the centre of so much of our contact with our community especially in the planning of weddings, baptisms and funerals, the Parish Centre (which used to be the schoolhouse, now used for such things as the Friday ‘Tiny Saints’ toddler group) and the almshouses, still retained for their original use. If you step into the Church itself, there you will see the symbols of our faith – font, cross, altar, the white sanctuary candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament, the life of Our Lord and the Saints beautifully pictured in stained glass, and the statue of Our Lady, Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. All these things help us to see deeper realities far beyond anything that we can see and touch – the assurance of God’s love for us and his forgiveness, his teachings about how we can lead truly fulfilling and joy-filled lives whatever our outward circumstances may throw at us, the comfort of knowing God’s presence with us day by day, and the knowledge that love is stronger than death, that goodness will prevail over hatred and evil, and that we are all called to a life of joy in the presence of God for ever.

All these things lie at the heart of our community of faith here at All Saints, and this inheritance is ours to pass on – to pass on in the ways in which we bring hope, strength and practical help into the lives of those going through difficult times; and to pass on in the ways in which we inspire others to explore the message of God’s love and to discover it for themselves.



In my conversations with people at All Saints, I have already had several enquiries about my dog, Mac – my fourth rescue dog (in sequence, not simultaneous!). So for those of you who are curious, here is his portrait. He is a handsome hound who loves people, but he is not always obedient!

Finally, if you need to contact me at any time I can be reached on 01628 629 827 or revjohnainslie@gmail.com. My day off is Monday, and I am trying to keep Tuesday as a study day.

RESOURCES

Thursday 10 February 2.45pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

Friday 11 10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

Sunday 13 10.00am **Eucharist for the Third Sunday Before Lent**

Wednesday 16 10.00am **Eucharist**

Zoom Meeting with Bishop Olivia on Climate Change 8.00pm Tuesday 15 February

Our Deanery has arranged for the Bishop of Reading, Bishop Olivia, to give a presentation and lead a discussion on “The spiritual and practical Christian response to Climate Change”. Bishop Olivia is one of the Church of England’s lead Bishops on Climate Change and this should be a really helpful discussion. This is open to anyone interested; to join the meeting use the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81304858147?pwd=cFdndkpYSHFWYWVoVIRINW91SEpQZz09>

All Saints Church Workshop on sustainability Saturday 19 February

Our own All Saints Sustainability Group are organising a morning workshop on environmental sustainability on in the Parish Centre, which promises to be both enjoyable and thought-provoking. If you are thinking of coming please add your name to the list in church, or let the Parish Office know, to help with planning.

Lent Retreat Opportunity. Some of you will know the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. They are offering a mid-week Lenten Retreat towards the end of March; this will be mainly silent, with addresses and a daily Eucharist in the Shrine Church. If you would like further details, please ask me or consult www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk.

SAD NEWS about Doreen Jamieson.

Many of you will remember Doreen, a faithful member of our congregation for many years. I am sad to have to report that after six years in a care home Doreen died in the last few days, aged 92. Doreen helped in the Parish Office on Thursday mornings and was responsible for printing the weekly pewsheet. Her funeral details are still to be arranged. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For a peaceful resolution to the tensions over Ukraine.

For humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, and for negotiations over the future of the country that it may not collapse further into economic and political chaos; for the ordinary people of Afghanistan, especially women and children.

For our Government and political leaders, and for the maintenance of integrity and truthfulness in public life.

For those who fear difficult economic circumstances in the face of increasing inflation; for Maidenhead Foodshare, Citizens Advice and other organisations who bring practical aid and assistance to those in difficulty.

For those of our Parish and congregation in any kind of need at this time; for the lonely, the anxious and the depressed; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time; for those who are ill at home, in care homes or in hospital. We pray by name for Suzette, Daneille, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Ursula Hutchison, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Aitkin, Harrison Hawkes and Sally Morgan. May they know God's loving care and healing presence.

For the recently departed, especially Joan Poolman, Christel Kirschner, Richard Adams, Paddy Fox and Doreen Jamieson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Keep safe, and remember that with God by your side you are never alone.

With my prayers and best wishes,

Fr John.

COVID UPDATE

Rules are relaxing throughout the country, however you will still want to feel confident in Church. It would be good if people who have any doubts could take a lateral flow test before coming to church just so that people feel safe. It remains important to wear a properly fitting facemask that gives a tight cover over the nose. The time will come when we can enjoy singing again but we need to think of other people first.

Worship for Sunday 11 February The Third Sunday Before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL Luke 6: 17 – 26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to

you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Rhapsody on a theme of Paganini *S Rachmaninov*

Opening Hymn: **AM 584** All my hope on God is founded

Mass Setting: Rite A

Gradual: **AM 602** Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory: **AM 557** Beauty for brokenness

Communion: **AM 712** Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us **AM 334** In the Lord I'll be ever thankful

Closing Hymn: **AM 365** Let us build a house where love can dwell

Postlude: Tuba Tune *N Cocker*

THE GIVING MACHINE



When you have been to a service since Covid you will have noticed that we do not pass the bags around for the collection. This of course has been to minimise the spread of the disease. Instead, we have placed a collection plate at the back of the church for cash, and also a cashless machine if you prefer to give a donation by card. The latter is easy to use – just tap where it says. It is set for a donation of £5 as this has proved a popular amount but it can be adjusted by you for any amount, or tap twice for example. We will start to pass the plate around again when we judge the time is right. If you prefer you can write a cheque or pay by bank transfer, or, best of all, join the Parish Giving Scheme if you feel able. Just ask Rod, Sue Stannett. or the churchwardens for details.

For your information the running costs of the church are over £2000 per week.

Ken Smith

Flowers for 2022

There may still be a few weeks left on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name if there is a week left that you would like to sponsor. Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to Stella and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

The Flower Team

Renaissance Voices Concert in Church 7.00pm Saturday 5 March

A Maidenhead early music choir marking their 22nd anniversary with a special concert in church. Tickets are priced at £15.00. and can be purchased at the door and will include refreshments. Card payments are welcome. The programme will be conducted by a local well-known organist and choir master Robert Jones. This will include Thomas Luis de Victoria's atmospheric Requiem Mass for 6 voices composed in the 16th century and the exuberant Purcell ode written in 1694 on the occasion of the birthday of Queen Mary II, Come Ye Sons of Art. The Purcell will include professional soloists and a band of instrumentalists. You will be very warmly welcomed

MARLOW PLAYERS MURDER MYSTERY SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Calamity in the Cloisters written by Andrew Stafford (gosh, that name seems familiar).

It's set in a suitably anonymous Cathedral, where the passions run high, the opening croquet match sets the scene for vicious tactics and manoeuvring in which the very different and distinctive personalities of a number of cathedral worthies results in the sudden death of one of their number in very curious circumstances. Tickets £10 each from marlowplayers.org.uk.box-office. Bring along your own food and drink for interval picnics.