

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

PARISH NEWS

www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk

Issue 60 26 May 2021



Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I must start with an apology to the Hutchinson family for misspelling their surname in last week's edition whilst paying tribute to George.

This week marks the end of the 'Everybody Welcome' course and part four concerns 'Belonging to the church community.' Session one was about helping people discover the church by making it visible. Sessions two and three were concerned with giving people good initial experience of the church premises and the church people. The fourth part is the most challenging perhaps in that involves helping people who have been encouraged by a church event or service to feel a sense of belonging to the church community. The course suggests that there are five main routes into belonging:

1. Personal friendship
2. Community life
3. Christian nurture
4. Pastoral care
5. Christian service

The church community is given focus from the Bible. 'So in Christ we who are many form the one body, and each member belongs to the others. (Romans 12.5)

1. Personal friendship

The course tells us that when a newcomer comes to church they don't just want to find friendly people (this helps) but also an environment where they can make friends. People who want to belong to the Body of Christ need to make friendships with other believers. Do we have hospitality that enables people to make connections? Obviously, coffee following the services but also other activities such as BBQs in the quadrangle where we invite people who make contacts. One of the great examples of this has been Tiny Saints over the years where families have become friends.

2. Community Life

The church community needs to have social events. Of course, it is not just putting on special events but making the effort to personally invite people. When the church re-opens in September can we invite people to the church? Can we invite people to share hospitality? Over the years we have also run trips, holidays, film clubs and it is important that these are open to new people. When we did our branding interviews we found that many people who had links with us but did not attend church regularly enjoyed the activities in the quadrangle like The Salvation Army Christmas singing, the summer fete and the Tiny Saints. There appeared to be a need to open the church midweek and to use the quadrangle more frequently.

3. Christian Nurture

Stephen Cottrell in a book he wrote called 'The Abundance of the Heart' spoke about the need for making contact with people, then offering them the chance to share a nurture course to help them to grow in their faith. This can happen at church services, but most people need that encouragement of courses run on the bible and Christian basics like Alpha, Pilgrim, perhaps leading to confirmation courses. Following courses each member should have a chance to discuss their further needs. Some churches have cell groups where they can share bible study or other course materials. One of the key parts of the Alpha courses was the importance attached to the hospitality that enabled people to make friends as well as learn about the Christian faith.

4. Pastoral Care

This is such an important part of community life. How do we keep contact with people to make sure that they are cared for? The Lockdown in the first part of the pandemic encouraged the members of All Saints Church to care and support each other. Many people were helping with food, and telephone calls as well as other small gifts and kindnesses. It would be wonderful to think that the community at All Saints can continue doing this in the future. Pastoral visiting is important too at home but also in Care Homes where members of a church community may well be living. Small groups such as Senior Saints have traditionally been very good at keeping contact as has our own Tuesday Club.

5. Christian Service

It is important that all Christians feel the call to serve others and use their Christian gifts for the sake of the whole church. Last Sunday we celebrated Pentecost where the early church prayed for the power of the Holy Spirit. This led to Christian communities growing with each person using their gifts empowered by the Holy Spirit to build up the community. The Holy Spirit enabling the individual gifts to work together for the benefit of the wider community. We are called not to be spectators in faith but actors on stage. We are called to be like dancers moving in tune with Jesus to the music of the Holy Spirit.

We need people to support the pastoral care, the Open the Book teams, The Street Angels, Tiny Saints, All Sorts and Young Saints. We need support to offer hospitality and be involved in the planning of events. As we move forward, we are seeing the need to find help for the use of modern technology and to offer help with websites, Face book pages to engage with people.

Equally though Christian service is not just concerned with having a job within the church. As the London Institute of Contemporary Christianity point out we need to encourage people in their everyday lives. If anyone would like to talk to myself about helping with the church community or indeed in the wider community, please let me know.

Let us pray that All Saints can be a church that enables people to feel a sense of belonging as we journey together as the Body of Christ.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 27 May

No Night Prayer as the Deanery Synod is meeting to hear Ian McDonald, the Diocesan Youth worker, speak.

but at 7.00pm on Zoom

The Revd Dr Judith Thomas will be sharing her personal spiritual journey with St Edmund Campion.

Please confirm your place on the [Event page on the St Edmund Campion website](#), if you can, or join on the night using the [Zoom link on the church website](#)

Sunday 30 May TRINITY SUNDAY

9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

It will also be possible to watch on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82847310425?pwd=VW1QK2xxYTQyNWg2bGN4Smt5b3VLUT09>

Meeting ID: 828 4731 0425

Passcode: 960719

11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

4.00pm Family Service in the Quadrangle

when we will share a talk, prayers and a song on the theme of Pentecost and the Church's birthday.

Following the short act of worship there will be a BBQ. We hope that the weather this Sunday will be a lot brighter than it has been for most of May!

Tuesday 1 June 7.30pm TUESDAY CLUB VIA ZOOM

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78426159319?pwd=L2Nrc202OFZVMm9KTGU0T3NQNTlvZz09>

Meeting ID: 784 2615 9319

Passcode: pdcwj0

Our last Zoom meeting before the summer break (although at present we hope to have an Amble followed by a social gathering in July) will take the form of a chat and 20 Questions. All welcome.

Wednesday 2 June

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

7.30pm Everybody Welcome Course (See Fr Jeremy's Introduction)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056018434?pwd=MTRFeVVIVTQrWGtla2Y3Sm5VeEhXQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5601 8434

Passcode: 586093

PRAYER INTENTIONS

From Roots

We gather in your name, O Lord, for you are the Lord who gives strength to your people and who blesses them with peace. You are the Lord who comes close to your people and draws them into your heart. You are the Lord who equips your people and calls them to serve you in the world. You are the Lord who loves your people and invites them into the fellowship of the Holy Trinity. You are the Lord. We worship you. Amen.

We pray this weekend for our Family service in the Quadrangle. We pray that people who gather feel a sense of welcome, and a time for friendship and hospitality. We pray too that people will, through our activities, worship and friendship, find a sense of belonging.

We pray and give thanks for Cliveden Conservation and all those involved in enabling All Saints church to be a place where people can worship and share mission for the future. We give thanks for George Street's complex of buildings enabling worship to the glory of God, education of the young and pastoral care.

We hold within our prayers Ursula, Leigh and Sarah as they mourn the loss of George. We pray too for Christine on the loss of Tony her brother and Duleep and Dinali on the loss of Neila. We pray for Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery, Albert, Dave Hill and Ken. May the Lord's loving presence be with them.

We remember the departed loved ones, Jane Fostekew, Neila De Silva, Tony and George Hutchinson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Charlie Mackesy, 'When the dark clouds come... Keep going.' – This seems to have been the case for this May!

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for SUNDAY 30 MAY TRINITY SUNDAY

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

Trinity Sunday represents the third of the three major festivals which establish the new relationship between God and his kingdom on earth. Starting with the Ascension which marks the physical departure of Jesus from earth and the need for humanity to learn and practice his teaching. Then Pentecost which showers the gift of the holy spirit to the disciples to start their ministry on earth and as a well-spring for all people. Then this week, it is Trinity Sunday which reveals the power of the relationship of God the Father who sent his Son Jesus Christ to bring the possibility of new birth in this world and the next to all of us through His Holy Spirit.

The music I have chosen reflects on two parts of the Trinity theme, the first is the image of God in heaven surrounded by celestial choirs and illustrating his greatness compared with our own small place on earth. This is from "How shall I sing the majesty" AM 663 words by John Mason (1645 – 1694) set to the tune Coe Fen by Kenneth Naylor (1931 – 1991)

Probably written at Water Stratford, Buckinghamshire, and was first published in Mason's *Spiritual Songs: or Songs of Praise to Almighty God, upon Several Occasions* (1683), as 'A General Song of Praise to Almighty God', as a hymn of twelve verses. Modern versions print only the first four verses. Although it is not one of Mason's versifications of Psalms, it seems to draw on Psalms 104 and 139: 1-18, recounting the Creator's greatness and his creature's insignificance. The first verse sets the scene of God surrounded by innumerable

angelic choirs while the second, third and fourth verses use simple but striking imagery to express Mason's sense of God's limitless glory, his own humble response of adoration and his hope of joining the angelic song of praise. The powerful words are set to an equally powerful tune whose rhythm emphasises the key accented keys in the text. Also, the tune builds through arching melodic phrases towards its apex which coincides with the last two lines of the words.

Not a lot of detail about Mason's life remains but from 1690 Mason began to preach that the second coming of Christ was imminent. His sermon *The Midnight Cry* (1690), went through five editions by 1695, and he gathered a group of perhaps five hundred disciples to wait for the Saviour's return at Water Stratford. On 16 April 1694 he had a vision of Christ telling him that his 1,000-year reign on earth had begun. The spectacle of constant singing and dancing at Water Stratford attracted another thousand people to the village. Mason died a little more than a month later, but a group of disciples occupied the rectory until December 1694 and then moved to a house in the village. As late as 1720, five disciples still met there every Tuesday.

Kenneth Naylor was educated at Kingswood School, Bath, and Magdalene College, Cambridge, where he read music. He was music master at the Leys School, Cambridge (1953-80) and at Christ's Hospital (1980-86). He is chiefly known for the splendid tune, *Coe Fen*, named after the open space near the Leys School, and written specifically for the words 'How shall I sing that majesty'.

1. How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.
3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.
4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line

to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

"How shall I sing that majesty"

Music © Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press

Used by permission. CCLI Licence No 60056

How shall I sing that majesty AM 663 Co Fen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7IZ8vNPw2Y>

The second piece is the well-known anthem "God so loved the world" from *The Crucifixion*, music by Sir John Stainer (1840 – 1901). The words are taken from the Gospel reading for today.

Stainer was a chorister at St Paul's Cathedral (1848-56), organist at St Michael's College, Tenbury (1857-9), informant choristarum at Magdalen College, Oxford (1860-72), organist of St Paul's Cathedral (1872-88) and Professor of Music at Oxford (1889-99). He was knighted in 1888. Stainer was also H. M. Inspector of Music in Schools and Training Colleges between 1882 and his death. Stainer is nowadays best remembered his setting of W.J. Sparrow-Simpson's Passion narrative, designed for parish use, *The Crucifixion*, first performed in 1887 in Marylebone Parish Church and written for his pupil William Hodge.

"God so loved the world" Stainer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=14CpHBRd3k>

- 1 Marilyn Lewis. "How shall I sing that majesty." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 1 May. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/h/how-shall-i-sing-that-majesty>>.
- 2 Marilyn Lewis. "John Mason." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 1 May. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/j/john-mason>>
- 3 Jeremy Dibble. "John Stainer." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 1 May. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/j/john-stainer>>.

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 **Romans 8: 12 - 17**

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL **John 3: 1 — 17**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do

apart from the presence of God.’ Jesus answered him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.’

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING ELECTION RESULTS

Churchwardens: Ann Rawlings & Ken Smith

Re-elected Member of the PCC: Nick Kirk

Elected Member: Joanne McMullen

Co-opted Member: Greg Hurst

QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP HAS REOPENED: Monday to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Please support them if you can; they have an excellent selection of cards and gifts for all occasions as well as the books.

FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

After breakfast one morning I did a radical thing. Instead of walking the few steps into our front room, where I have a home-office, I got on my bike. I cycled to Maidenhead station. I caught a train to London to go to work. I began commuting again. It was not as simple as it sounds. Where were my black leather shoes? Under the bed, coated in dust. I had to polish them vigorously before they looked remotely respectable. My black leather belt? I confess, I found this beneath a pile of clothes, after some hunting. What tie to wear? This was disorientating. I hadn’t worn a tie since the second lockdown last autumn.

As I resumed my former commuting life, some things were reassuringly familiar. At Maidenhead station, a screen announced that my train was cancelled. I had to catch the slow stopping service, knowing I would be cutting it fine to give a presentation to a 9.30am board meeting. My train carriage was moderately busy: most seats were occupied by the latter stages of the journey but it was not uncomfortably crowded.

As I arrived in London at Paddington station and transferred to the Tube, I had an odd sensation as I pulled out my pre-paid Oyster card. I hadn’t used it in months. Was any money loaded onto the card? Luckily, yes. Most peculiar of all was using cash not a debit card to buy a sandwich, a cup of coffee, a newspaper.

All in all, it was reassuringly familiar. A good day at the office.

