

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



### The Miracle of Water.....

As I walked over the straw-brown grass in my back garden a few days ago, I noticed one particular shrub that was looking very sad, with drooping leaves and falling blooms. The cause wasn't hard to spot, as I felt the dried-out compost. Out with the watering can, I gave it a good drench and hoped for the best. Returning later in the day I saw that even in a short time the plant was transformed – the stems were upright, the leaves full and glossy, the whole plant looking healthy once again. The miracle of water !!

You may remember from school biology that human beings are, on average, 60% water. I looked across the room at Mac, gently snoozing in the shade, and looked him up on the internet – dogs, apparently, are typically 80% water. Fruit and vegetables have even more; carrots are 90% water and tomatoes 95%.

Scientists comb the universe looking for evidence of water, because it would be a sign of possible life. Water seems to equal life; where there is water, there is the prospect of life, and without water there is no life.

In the desert areas of the Holy Land, water was key to survival, so it's not surprising that the Bible uses water as a symbol of God's sustaining life and love. You might like to google "water in the bible" and see what references come up!

In John 4, Jesus says to the Samaritan woman at the well: "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." And in Revelation: "Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life".

We are invited to immerse ourselves in the free gift of this Water of Life. Without it our spiritual lives become parched, hard and unfruitful, and begin to die – just as we would die physically without water. Soaked in the Water of Life, our hearts and our minds become healthy once again, full of life - God's life. Regular watering with prayer, washing in scripture and soaking in the Eucharist bring rich and vigorous new growth – just like my shrub when I got the watering can out !! Life in all its fullness, Jesus called it. The miracle of water. Living Water.

*Fr John*

## More about water...

As we move through this dry period, perhaps we should spare a thought for those places where lack of water means more than just bare grass and drooping hydrangeas. The charity Water Aid reports that 1 in 10 of the world's population does not have ready access to clean water. Living in some of the world's poorest communities they have no choice but to walk long distances to fetch and drink dirty water. This impacts their health, their education and their livelihoods. Lack of water means crops fail too, leading to starvation and poverty. And climate change is making it even harder for the world's poorest people to access clean water.

So next time it rains or the next time you turn on the tap and clean water flows into the bowl, perhaps say 'thank you' to God by remembering those who have no such luck. Water Aid has so far provided a clean water supply to 27 million people, with more added every day.... That's 27 million more people that can live a healthy life. Other charities are available.

## RESOURCES THIS WEEK

**Thursday 18 August** 7.00pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

**Sunday 21** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Instead of the sermon there will be an interview with Laura Nunu who will share with us some of the challenges facing the people of South Sudan

### **4.00pm Sundays@4**

Please join us in the Quadrangle for another of our services on the theme of 'New Beginnings' with the story of Zacchaeus. Following the service we will share a BBQ. All are welcome.

**Monday 22** 9.15am Morning Prayer in Church

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**Wednesday 24** **10.00am Eucharist to celebrate Barnabas the Apostle**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

*10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*

## ADVANCE DATES:

**Saturday 10 September** – 9.00am The beginning of a four-week course looking at issues of Sustainability. This course has been chosen by the Sustainability group and will begin with a breakfast of croissants and fruit with coffee/tea. We will then watch a short 10 minute film each session followed by questions to discuss.

**Sunday 11 September** – 4.00-5.00pm each week in the Birinus Room – Children's confirmation classes. It is exciting that we have 5 possible children's candidates for our Confirmation with Bishop Olivia on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The course will run each week (Except when Sundays @4 intervenes) in the lead up to the Confirmation.

**Saturday 1 October** South Coast trip to Berwick, in East Sussex. This trip has been arranged with the Revd Peter Blee, vicar of 7 Sussex churches near the South Downs. The trip will focus on Berwick where remarkable work has taken place and will be followed by a walk between Berwick and Alciston which is part of the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path that Peter has created in recent years. We will arrive in Berwick at 11.00am for tea and coffee followed by a talk on Berwick church followed by worship.

Between 1-2pm we will share a pub lunch at the Cricketers in Berwick village. 2-3pm – Pilgrim walk from Berwick to Alciston. 3.00pm Contemplative worship at Berwick followed by tea and depart for Maidenhead at 4.15pm returning home around 6.30pm. There will be a sign-up list at the back of the church in the near future.

**Sunday 2 October** 10.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist followed by an auction of harvest goods. Following the auction there will be a harvest ploughman's lunch to enjoy.

**Sunday 30 October 10.00am Eucharist** to celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints. Our Associate Archdeacon, The Revd Liz Jackson will be our guest preacher as we give thanks for the marvellous floor restoration work that has taken place. Following the service, we will share hospitality with guests involved in the project. Following the drinks at the back of the church there will be a church community meal at the Gandhi Restaurant at 12.30. Again, we will ask people to sign a list at the back of church if they wish to share in the meal.

**Sunday 20 November 10.00am** Confirmation at All Saints church with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

**Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm** – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We do need a few more people on the planning group and will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls.

Fr John will also be leading a Bible Study in the Autumn as well as leading a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Tuesday 20 September to Friday 23 September. This will be the first Pilgrimage from All Saints since 2018 to the place where so many of us have enjoyed services of deep spiritual meaning and wonderful hospitality.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for the benefits that we enjoy, including clean drinking water, food and housing. For families and friends who support us through all the ups and downs of life. For the many graces given to us through our Christian faith.

We pray for those who do not have ready access to clean water, or enough food to live on. For the homeless and refugees. For those separated from families and loved ones. For those in despair and those who can find no meaning or value in life.

We pray for those who seek to bring relief to those in need; for Water Aid and other charities and development organisations; those who are struggling to get meaningful action on climate change in the midst of so many other world problems; for politicians as they wrestle with problems of climate change, inflation and supply of basic essentials such as food, water and energy.

We pray for all of our parish and congregation in any kind of need, that they may know the healing and strengthening power of Christ in their lives. For Maidenhead Foodshare and those who depend upon it; for those who support the homeless and those with mental illness; for those supporting the refugees in our town. We rejoice in the opportunities offered to us at All Saints to provide practical care and a spiritual home to those who come to us, including from the refugee community.

We pray by name for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, John Hicks, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Eddie Sheppard, David Stewart, Rachel, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Jane Baldery, Elaine See, Viv and Andrew, Larisa Stephenson and Soheila.

We pray for the recently departed, and among them for Roderick Maclennan, Renee Wilson, Carol Aitkin, Maureen Hill, Kathleen Bristow and John Woodward. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. And we pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one at this time.

## **FINANCE & BOOK-KEEPING AT ALL SAINTS**

After many years of dedicated and excellent support to All Saints in many roles, Sue Stannett is relinquishing her role of Assistant Treasurer/Financial Administrator from the end of the year; whilst continuing her valuable roles with Baptisms and as the Electoral Roll Officer.

We will need to cover Sue's many accounting and finance-related roles. As a first investigation we are asking if there are any church members who feel they would like to assist by taking over the book-keeping role.

A computerised accounting system is in use, which is based on an office PC, with approx. 100 transaction per month; Sue feels that this takes around 2/3 hours a week, a little longer at month ends as reports are run.

We are exploring this early as Sue will kindly take time to train anyone who can assist; including the nominal coding and fund structures along with entry and filing protocols.

If you feel able to offer time for this please let either Fr Jeremy or Rod know and we can arrange an informal discussion.

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 21 AUGUST THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 forever. Amen

### **EPISTLE Hebrews 12: 18 - 29**

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' This phrase, 'Yet once more,' indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

## GOSPEL Luke 13: 10 - 17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

## MUSIC

Prelude: Sursum corda *John Ireland*

Opening Hymn: AM 766 Praise my soul the king of heaven

Gradual: AM 518 O Christ the Healer, we have come

Offertory: AM 522 We cannot measure how you heal

Communion: Cantilene, Sonata XI *J Rheinberger*

Closing Hymn: AM 630 Father, Lord of all creation

Postlude: Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 *J S Bach*

## STEWARDSHIP GROUP                      CHURCH CLEANING

The new floor has transformed the church and its completion prompted the Stewardship Group to consider how best to protect and maintain it for future generations .

We now need to reinstate regular church cleaning following the magnificent effort of those who helped the massive clean up after the completion of the work.

Professional advice is that we simply sweep the floor so the work is not too onerous and part of a regular cleaning schedule of dusting and polishing. We'll invest in new equipment of soft brushes, static dusters etc.

We hope to put together a rota of people able and prepared to clean in pairs with weekly tasks and additional tasks on a monthly basis.

The more volunteers we have then the frequency will reduce . We already have our first pair of volunteers so if you think you can help please contact Jeremy Nordberg at [nordbergjs@aol.com](mailto:nordbergjs@aol.com) or 01628 676750

*Jeremy Nordberg Chair, Stewardship Group*



## **Heritage Open Days" and Ride and Stride – 10 and 11 September**

As in previous years the Church will be open to welcome visitors and offer guided tours as part of the national Heritage Weekend. This is a lovely opportunity to share the beauty of our church with the wider community (we have had visitors coming long distances in the past) and, especially this year, to highlight the fantastic work carried out on the church floor. All are of course welcome to attend at any time.

The programme is:-

**Saturday 10 September Church open 10.00 to 16.00. Guided tours at 1030; 1300 and 1500. At 14.30 Relf Clark will give a 30 minute organ recital– please see his programme details in the appendix to the Parish News.**

**Sunday 11 September Church open 13.00 to 16.00. Guided tours at 13.30 and 15.00. Eucharist and refreshments at 10.00.**

If you click on Heritage Open Days 2022 on the web you can find not only All Saints but all the other open events in the country, by for example post code or county.

The Berkshire Churches Trust "Ride & Stride" will also take place on the Saturday when we will welcome visitors "riding and striding" to raise money through sponsorship for their own churches. We will be organising a walk for any one from All Saints who would like to take part, and there will be a sponsorship form at the back of the church in support of the walkers' efforts. Half of any money raised will come back to All Saints.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for volunteers to act as Stewards, to help welcome visitors to the church and provide drinks for weary travellers. Please do sign up if you can offer an hour or so on either of these days. We will be sponsoring the Stewards for Ride & Stride too.

*Ken Smith and Stella Harding*

## **FOODSHARE**

**In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.**

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**ORGAN RECITAL**

**by**

**RELF CLARK**

**10 September 2022 at 2.30 p.m.**

Overture to <i>In the Lord put I my trust</i> , HWV 247	Handel (1685-1759)
<i>[Largo] - Allegro</i>	
<i>from</i> Sonata in E flat major, BWV 525	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Allegro</i>	
Two pieces for a musical clock	Haydn (1732-1809)
<i>Presto - Menuett</i>	
Canon in B minor, Op.56, No.5	Schumann (1810-1856)
<i>Choral Song</i> , from <i>Choral Song and Fugue</i>	S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)
<i>Berceuse</i> , Op.31, No.19	Vierne (1870-1937)
Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565	attributed to J.S. Bach

**The organ** at All Saints', Boyne Hill is among the finest in Berkshire. It was built in 1931 by Harrison & Harrison of Durham and thus belongs to the period that produced such famous examples of their work as the instruments at King's College, Cambridge (1934) and Westminster Abbey (1937). Although it contains material re-cycled from the organ that J.W. Walker built at All Saints' in 1879, it is an entirely characteristic example of the company's inter-war work. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Thomas Strong, on 28 June 1931, when the inaugural recital was given by Dr Henry G. Ley, the then Precentor of Eton College. The organ has three manuals and pedals, twenty-five speaking stops and the usual complement of couplers and aids to registration. In 2003 it was restored by Richard Bower, re-dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Richard Harries, and re-opened with a recital given by the international virtuoso Thomas Trotter. The work of restoration involved the conversion of the mechanism from tubular-pneumatic to electro-pneumatic, but tonally the organ remains the instrument voiced by, or under the direction of, Arthur Harrison in 1931, and it retains such period features as the leathered Open Diapason on the Great, the powerful chorus reeds on the Swell, and the titanic open wood basses. Mark Venning, the present Chairman of Harrison & Harrison Ltd, summed it up when he wrote that the All Saints' organ 'shows all the subtlety and eloquence of this particular style [of organ-building] in its grandest maturity'.

**Harrison & Harrison** have been building organs since 1861 and doing so in Durham since 1872. They are the largest firm of organ-builders in the UK. Their recent projects included the organs at Canterbury Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral and York Minster. Their current ones include the organs at Norwich Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Further information can be had from the company's website.

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**Relf Clark** has assisted at All Saints' since 1985 and is the author of the history of the organs and organists on sale in the church. After tuition with Dr Sidney Campbell at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle he won an exhibition to Oxford, where he studied with Robert Sherlaw Johnson and F.W. Sternfeld and assisted at the University Church. At the age of twenty, while still an undergraduate, he became a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and he completed his musical education at London University, where he read musicology, and Reading University, where he studied with David Sanger and gained both a distinction in performance studies and the degree of PhD.

Dr Clark writes and lectures on music and has contributed to *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, and musical periodicals of various kinds. From 1990 to 2005 he was a member of the council of the British Institute of Organ Studies, and for seven of those years he was the BIOS publications officer. He is an honorary life member of the Elgar Society, having been one of its officers for twelve years; his publications include four volumes of Elgar-related essays; and he appears in the Durham University DVD about Elgar's Sonata for Organ, Op.28. He composes for the organ and has given recitals in many parts of the UK.

In 1982, after attending what is now the University of Law, Relf Clark qualified as a solicitor, and in 1993, after a decade as an in-house lawyer with Costain Group plc, he returned to private practice. From 1998 until his retirement in 2017 he practised with a law firm in the City of London, where his clients included the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, of which he is now an honorary life member.