

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have just returned from a meeting with the Headteacher of All Saints School having together planned the assemblies and special services for the next academic year. We are also working closely on sustainability issues and hope in June/July 2022 be able to share the projects of the three schools alongside the work we will be putting in to enable All Saints to become an Eco-Church.

The importance of the church's role in education has been part of the mission of All Saints since 1857. The first vicar William Gresley 'was a conscientious and hard-working priest, an excellent preacher, and his High Churchmanship was attractive to many.' 'Gresley took a great interest in all aspects of the parish, in particular in the education of the children, which was reflected in the success of his schools.' (George Edmund Street a Victorian architect in Berkshire edited by John Elliott & John Pritchard). Street and the early clergy clearly had in mind the view that the church and the worship of word and sacrament should be shared in a beautiful building offering praise to God. As well as worship the Oxford movement encouraged the church to be seen at the heart of community and the building of the school (now the Parish Centre), the curates houses, and the Alms Houses enabled the education of the young and pastoral care to be offered.

In more recent times the church has shared the Partnership in Missional Church program (2015-18) when the congregation discerned that Worship, Welcome and Schools ministry should be at the heart of our mission. We have recently added a Sustainability group, The planning of children's and Family group, Resources and Finance and Stewardship. Schools and education of the young is still at the heart of our ministry and today we support Boyne Hill Infants, All Saints Juniors and Altwood Academy. We also share Open the Book in Larchfield Primary and receive Claire's Court Schools for services. Other schools from the town occasionally seek a visit to All Saints for a class on a given subject.

The new PCC Schools group has set the following objective.

To ensure that All Saints Church supports the local schools in areas of worship, pastoral care and learning. We will ensure that our objectives are met in the knowledge that All Saints is a parish that is defined as a 'Presence and Engagement parish'. This is a parish that has 10% of another faith.

The terms of reference that we have set are;

1. Be visible to the schools through assemblies, services in schools and in church, Christian union and pastoral support.

2. Continue to support the ministry of Open the Book teams that have served schools in Maidenhead for 13 years.
3. Provide the church for carol services and other special services throughout the year and ensure that welcome and hospitality are offered.
4. Provide educational opportunities as requested in church. Subjects covered might be Religious Education, History, Art and issues of Sustainability including Geography and the Sciences.
5. Strive to develop the relationship between the church, the schools and uniformed organisations.
6. Liaise with the Welcome, Young Saints, Worship and Sustainability groups.

If anyone would like to support the incredibly rewarding ministry of Open the Book, please contact me or Mike and Jan Moss. We would be delighted to increase the number of Open the Bookers from All Saints. If you do not have a current DBS the procedure is quite straightforward these days; just have a word with Stella Harding, our Safeguarding Officer.

I would like to thank all those who are engaged in ministry within the schools and for those who give their time to support the schools as governors.

Advance notices:

Sunday 31 October 4.00pm 'SAINTS AND SAUSAGES' celebration in the Quadrangle.

We will celebrate our Patronal Festival with a 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre and then by celebrating the lives of the Saints over a BBQ. Please join us to sing great festival hymns and celebrate the lives of the Saints. All welcome.

Sunday 28 November

10.00am Eucharist to mark the beginning of Advent and the celebration of 100 years of the ministry of The Royal British Legion.

2.00pm -5.00pm our first ever Christmas Market with music, food, drinks and Christmas Stalls in the Quadrangle. We are hoping that the service will be celebrated once again for this day at All Saints Church.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 14 October 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

Friday 15 October 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

Sunday 17 October 10.00am Eucharist for the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity in the Parish Centre **Please note that we are returning to one Sunday morning service throughout October which will be at 10.00am**

Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBUE3FYclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX EVENSONG AT ST LUKE'S

Monday 18 October 8.00pm Monday Night Prayer for St Luke on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070 Passcode: 587930

Wednesday 20 October 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

PRAYER INTENTIONS

From the Roots resources:

Lord God, we come humbly before you this week, ready to explore our place in your community. James and John had very set ideas about where they wanted to sit in glory. Sometimes we have very fixed ideas about where we want to sit in this gathering. We like to know our place. Help us to understand that you don't have favourites and we shouldn't either, and that we are a community and we are all in this together. AMEN.

We pray this week for our PCC and for the planning that is taken place to meet the missional challenges we have set ourselves. May God's Holy Spirit be with us all as we discern the gifts we have to share for the building of the Body of Christ at All Saints.

We pray for our Young Saints planning group. We give thanks for those people from this church that give of their time to help young people grow in faith. We pray for new people to come forth to help us with this important ministry.

We pray for all those in need at this time. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Marjorie Pocock, Christine Watts, Terrie Freshwater, Doreen Hill, Vivienne Paterson, Christel Kirschner and Rohan Singh Dharwar.

We continue to pray for all people who have been impacted by the Pandemic and are in need of support. Those who have suffered illness, those who have lost a loved one, people who have lost jobs and face continued job insecurity and those who have suffered loneliness and isolation.

We pray for the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Mary Dorothy Street, Fred Hill, Jacqueline Cottee Smith and Jose Kathleen Redway. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

From Charlie Mackesy as we think about community and the part we play: 'I'm so small,' said the mole. Yes,' said the boy. 'But you make a huge difference.'

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 17 October the Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

The gospel reading refers to a request from the Apostles James and John to Jesus to allow them to sit next to him in the heavenly kingdom. Not only does this request cause indignation amongst the disciples but also it brings Jesus to admonish the two brothers by saying that whoever wants to be great has to be a servant. Indeed, in his own case Jesus came into the world to “serve all and to surrender his life as a ransom for many”

The first hymn could not be more appropriate for expressing the theme of the Servant King, it is “From heaven you came” AM 489 words and music by Graham Kendrick (b1950). Kendrick was the son of a Baptist minister. He started composing songs at 15 years of age, having taught himself to play the piano. In response to the Church’s lack of connection with youth culture during the 1960s, he formed an early interest in the use of rock and folk music for outreach and evangelism.

His prolific song-writing career started in earnest in the 1970s. He was the leading singer-songwriter of the House Church movement and pioneered the use of contemporary music style Christian songs in local meetings and large national events, especially those involving open-air worship, witness and mission. He was a co-founder of the ‘March for Jesus’ (MfJ) movement, an international praise, prayer and proclamation event. Some of his songs originally composed for such outdoor events, for instance, ‘Make way, make way, for Christ the King’, quickly became adopted at indoor meetings and church services¹.

1. From heaven you came helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve
and give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to The Servant King.*

2. There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours, ' he said.

Refrain

3. Come see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

Refrain

4. So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Refrain

“From heaven you came, helpless babe”

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From heaven you came AM 489 Kendrick

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E4963QPHAIM>

The second hymn is "Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it" AM 690 words and music by David John Mansell (b1936).

The second hymn starts with a reference to the portrayal of creation as described in Psalm 8 rather than the incarnation used by Kendrick but of course, the two events are inextricably linked by the life of Jesus. The second verse builds on the quotation in the last line from today's gospel reading. The third verse proclaims the resurrection and Pentecostal spiritual power. Stylistically, this song has more of a traditional hymn feel to it than the more overtly rock and folk idioms used by Kendrick.

Mansell was educated at King's College, London, where he read physics. He worked as an engineer and a physicist before becoming a full-time evangelist in London. He is known for his hymn 'Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it', first published in *Sound of Living Waters* (1974). It quickly became popular at evangelical gatherings such as Spring Harvest, an event for which Graham Kendrick contributed a number of his songs and has been included in many recent hymn books².

1. Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,
for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.
Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it;
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: 'Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!
praise him with Alleluias, for Jesus is Lord!*

2. Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal
in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.
Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding,
yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free:

Refrain

3. Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror,
from death he rose; and all his foes shall own his name.
Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit
to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord:

Refrain

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it AM 690 Jesus is Lord <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HHYt40whHQ>

"Jesus is Lord! Creations voice proclaims it"

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COLLECT

God the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 5: 1 - 10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the

people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10 having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL **Mark 10: 35 - 45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' 39 They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

A MOVING STORY

As mentioned in a previous newsletter the platform under the nave altar and the larger platform under the side altar will not be put back when the floor project is completed. For the time being they will be stored in the Birinus garden. The platform pieces are currently stored in various places within the church and we plan to move them into the garden on the morning of **Saturday 23 October**. Starting at 10.00am it will probably not take more than an hour or so but it does need sufficient volunteers to carry out the exercise. Please let me know if you can spare an hour that morning to help.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 9th time this year. Last year we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! The coronavirus pandemic is causing even greater hardship for some children and their families, and this is one way to show God's love and bring some joy. Please read the attached note for details of how you can contribute. We have our own donation page on the OCC website this year to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form> If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

COX GREEN LUNCHEON CLUB

The Luncheon Club was set up jointly by All Saints, St Edmund Campion, and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green. Its constitution states there should be two representatives from each of the three churches but All Saints currently has only one. We urgently need to find someone to join Pauline Hole in this important work. They meet 3 or 4 times a year; the next meeting is on Monday 18 October at 2.30pm at Cox Green Community Centre. Please ask Pauline for more information or contact rbydoughty@yahoo.co.uk

MARLOW PLAYERS INVITE YOU TO A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING AT 7.30pm ON SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER AT THE LISTON HALL IN MARLOW

For more info see <http://marlowplayers.org.uk/2021/09/september-newsletter-3/>
[Box Office – The Marlow Players](#)

QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOPS NEWS

Last Saturday was Christian Bookshop Day but they're having a whole week of celebrations and we can catch up from today if we're quick:

Wednesday (13 October) is for **Winning!** Visit the shop and enter the free prize draw to win an Advent Gift Bundle worth £25

Then we move on to **Thinking of you Thursday** - buy 3 greetings cards and get another 3 FREE (free cards to be collected at the counter)

Finally (almost) it's **Freebie Friday** - spend £15 and choose a FREE GIFT from the box by the counter!

Then on **Saturday 16 October** come to **Wokingham** and meet Kathy Stewart of the Mount Moriah Trust at the Chocolate Cafe at Holme Grange Craft Village (home to our Wokingham branch) and hear about the incredible work the trust do supporting Jewish and Arab Pastors and their congregations in Israel. Kathy's book "Go to the Land of Moriah" will be available on the day for £10. Light refreshments will be served. Book your place now for just £3! Email admin@quenchshops.com or call Ali on 07962869128

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

I needed new pot plants for either side of our front door. Until now, I've had a pair of box plants clipped into a sphere: a deep evergreen and very handsome. They didn't last, though.

A year ago I found box tree moth caterpillars chomping their way through the leaves, which soon turned a greyish brown. It was too late to save them.

I replaced them but, this year, they succumbed to box blight. The stems, then the leaves, took on a dull yellowish hue. At first I thought they needed water. Then I realised, too, they were dying. No more box plants for me. I decided instead on a pair of young bay trees, and found lovely small specimens in a garden centre.

I was very pleased with my purchase. Checking the label I found an additional note. It said: 'For the Greeks and Romans these were a sign of wisdom and glory.' Even better, I thought. This sounded highly satisfying. On arriving home, I reconsidered. Did I really want to project the threshold of my home as a site of wisdom and glory?

The values of the New Testament are, in this regard, the opposite of those of ancient Greece and Rome. Wisdom among mankind is associated with hubris. Glory is the preserve of the divine.

I hope that our home is a welcoming one, and that the twin bay trees on either side of the doorway signal this. But it makes no unique claim on wisdom. And it is not glorious. Those qualities are found elsewhere.



Operation Christmas Child was formed in 1990 when Dave Cooke from Wrexham saw the horror of children in Romanian orphanages. He asked his friends to help fill a truck with toys and drive it to Romania.

OCC is now the world's largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a shoebox of gifts.

Packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal has become an important part of our ministry in recent years and, speaking with Father Jeremy and others in our community, we agreed that we don't want to stop the support we give to these children. This will be our 9th year of taking part. In 2019, we donated over 100 boxes. Last year, in spite of it being during the COVID pandemic, we donated over 60 boxes.

As the global pandemic continues, the lives of children and families have been turned upside down and, now more than ever, boys and girls around the world need to experience hope and joy, and a shoebox gift offers just that!

We plan to follow the same model as last year. There are 3 ways that you can contribute:

Shoebox Online - you can select your gifts online and Operation Christmas Child will pack and send your shoebox for you. We have our own page this year to make it easy and to track how many boxes we send. Click on this link <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90> (or copy this link into your browser) to pack a shoebox or go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information. It costs £20.



Donation –If you're not keen on the online option, you can make a monetary contribution. You can do this by making an online bank transfer or writing a cheque to the church - or by giving cash. Cheques or cash will be collected from church on Sundays. **Please mark any donations clearly as being for the 'Shoebox appeal'.**

Your own shoebox –You could pack your own complete shoebox. Some of you have done this previously. Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and choose 'How to pack a shoebox' for more information. As you may remember, there are some items not allowed and these are listed on the website – and it may give you some inspiration too! The nearest drop off point is Braywick Nurseries, 41 Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1DX. Dates to be confirmed but likely to be 15-22nd November. Please don't bring your shoeboxes to the church.



A reminder of the project

There are a number of videos on the Samaritan's Purse website which give stories about the children who receive the boxes, but here is my favourite. You may remember it, as we've shown in several times in church.

WOW! video <https://youtu.be/i7g4C4k7UTw>

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love and fuelled by prayer can mean so much to a child and their family – and enables us to share God's love and bring joy to children around the world.

We hope that you can support this project again this year – and please let me know if you send a box online or drop one off, so I can let you all know the number of boxes we donate.

Thanks, Jenny Wilks

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