

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

## PARISH NEWS

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### Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

During these strange times of the Pandemic, various people have reflected on the struggles that we face as we try to return to some kind of normality. This week sees the challenge for staff at schools as they attempt to return and offer a safe environment for children to learn and socialise with their friends. It is not easy as my brother a head teacher of a senior school in Devon has discovered. Not only are you facing during the summer break questions from parents unhappy with the exam results, either the original ones or the ones assessed by the teachers but also you have some unhappy that teachers are demanding their children return to school. The problems do not stop there as my brother attempted to answer questions from local residents living near to the school about how they were going to be kept safe with large numbers of students walking past their homes!

Of course, there are issues perhaps more serious than the ones my brother and other teachers face. We have the threat of recession, the potential loss of jobs (unless you work for Zoom or Tesco's on-line delivery teams!) Black lives Matter and the images of violence from America, people's health, the grief caused to many by the Covid 19, the future for young people and the list goes on. In the Bible you find people trying to rebuild following wars, famines and plagues. Our own Bishop of Oxford has likened this situation to the Exile from 587 BC, the time when God's chosen people lost their temple, their homes and their families and were forced into a difficult life in Babylon.

I wrote last week about The Archdeacon Andrew Jones from Wales and his book on Pilgrimage. The book was published in 2011 but the chapter 'Experiencing Exile again' could have been written any time over the last few months. Jones quotes Patrick Whitworth who lists a number of ways that people find themselves in exile situations. People who lose their familiar environment that gives them identity and meaning. "Ranging from youngsters leaving home for the first time to those who are refugees or victims of divorce'. Looking at images of people desperate to find hope in a new land, putting their lives at risk highlights the issues from around the world. Other people will possibly have experienced a loss of security and well-being. I know that there is a risk of an increase of mental health issues and particularly, sadly, with young people. People who experience hospital treatment or acute bereavement and loss are also those who may have this feeling in the metaphorical sense of loss of home and a place of belonging.

Jones' book suggests that the church needs to be a place of refuge and hope to those exiles seeking meaning in life and that the idea of the pilgrim church can be a help. The key I believe is that as we journey forward, we do so supporting one another. We will at times, as well highlighted in Jeanette's excellent sermon need to reconcile our differences but if we do not journey together I fear that many of us will struggle. It has been made clear that the church does not have as Jones put's it a 'Road Map' that we can simply follow into the future, but we are as a Christian community provided with hope. Jones goes onto say 'Our relationship with God deepens and becomes more intimate when we stop deluding ourselves that we know what the future holds.' Jones although writing nearly a decade ago could have been speaking now when he says we should not be filled with despair and fear as the church was born in times of crisis and exile. Those of us at All Saints who studied the Acts of the Apostles found a church that grew out of the crisis of exile and travelling to the wider world to offer an authentic and honest hope.

We need to believe that the Kingdom has been won for us by Christ's death and resurrection. That kingdom continues to break in when we as members of the pilgrim church share God's life (as I have mentioned in sermons 'Dancing to the tune of the Trinity' and try to overcome hatred with love. Timothy Radcliffe calls this 'daring to find God's eternity glancing through the clouds now'. Put another way I think this is the thin places idea where the divine touches our ordinary lives. Radcliffe believes in a future church that moves out of exile that will be humbler, simpler and more deeply rooted in authentic and honest hope.

I found reading Jones' book fascinating that both he and Radcliffe were writing in a prophetic way. We now need as a community to support one another in community so that the church is alive for those of us claiming to be members but also for those who in these challenging times will seek answers. People are asking in small numbers about baptism services, Christian nurture, Tiny Saints re-starting and ways of engaging with families. Schools are also wanting our support and input as will other groups within our community. People want to help us. One mother from Tiny Saints listened to the potential challenges posed in re-opening and has sought advice from the lady running Bright Horizons. Another person seeking adult baptism and confirmation has offered to volunteer on weekends should we need help in any way. This Sunday we will be praying together at night prayer with our two neighbouring churches and as we have been sharing on Thursday's we will pray together trying to notice where God is at work. We will be using the Examen as we remind ourselves that we are travelling in God's presence as we look back over our days giving thanks for anything we are grateful for, reviewing the day noticing where we felt God's presence and where we accepted or rejected his invitation to grow in love. We will recall moments of sorrow for which we are sorry and ask for forgiveness and reconciliation (See Jeanette's sermon) and ask for the grace to live the following day with the ability to see God's presence more clearly. May we journey forward in humility and with hope as the pilgrim church.

**All Saints Walk for "Ride & Stride"** - please contact Stella Harding (07738 179710) if you would like to join us for a short walk around two or three of the local participating churches on Saturday 12th September. I do hope some of you will come along; the route will be planned according to participants' abilities, and will - of course - be subject to the weather on the day.

Full details of the annual "Ride and Stride" event, how it benefits All Saints, and how you can contribute can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

## Resources

Eucharist 10.00am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

### **And new from this Sunday: the return of Sundays@Six via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

Eucharist 10.00am Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September: Requiem Eucharist to remember our departed loved ones.

If you have internet access, please continue to use the Church of England and Oxford Diocesan resources. The Diocesan resources can be found without internet on 01865 920930.

The Church of England's new resource 'Daily Hope' which includes comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections can be found on free telephone 0800 804 8044.

### **Night Prayer Thursdays 8.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVlplTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

**Thursday 3 September – Jeanette will lead as we remember St Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome.**

Psalm 116

1 Thessalonians 2: 3-8

Hymn 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea ;  
there's a kindness in his justice  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven ;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgement given.
- 2 For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind,  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own ;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he would not own.
- 3 There is plentiful redemption  
through the blood that has been shed ;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this ;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.  
*Second half of tune :*
- 4 If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word ;  
and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

\* Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)

We'll be using the simple service from the Church of England prayer books we've been issuing. It begins on page 24 and finishes on page 30. Or use this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>

You should have received a copy of this helpful blue book but if you haven't please let me know.

**Looking ahead - on Sunday 13 September I will offer the 8.00am BCP service in church. I will lead this much-loved Anglican service once a month to see if people would appreciate this communion service moving forward.**

## Prayer Intentions

Since the Gospel this Sunday challenges us to care for one another we are emboldened to turn to approach the Father of the needs of all.

Eternal, ever living God, we pray for those who this day need our prayers, those we see around us, family and friends near and far and strangers and communities we will never meet or know but who we hear of and see on our screens.

We pray that as the pilgrim church we might journey together and open to welcome people asking questions of faith in these challenging times.

We pray that as a community we may always be willing to encourage one another and seek forgiveness and reconciliation when it is needed.

We remember people in society who feel forgotten, unnoticed, unloved and unmissed. We remember too those who are worried for their futures.

We pray for people recovering following coronavirus including Nick Moss, FR John Chadwick and we pray too for those like Mark, the grandson of Anita, needing God's loving assurance at this time.

As the schools have returned this week, we pray that the teachers and all the staff may help to make the environment a safe one for children to flourish. We pray too for young people going to University and for those searching for and beginning new jobs.

We pray for care workers, NHS staff and all those who serve on the frontline. From our community we pray for John, Helen, Joanne, Karen, Carole, Richard, Ricky, Dagma, Emmanuel and Magda.

We pray for the recently departed including Brenda Mullins, Patricia Holmes and Ann Johnson. We pray for all our departed loved ones and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Lord in the heat of the moment we sometimes find it hard to know right from wrong. Forgive us our failings and wrongdoings. Forgive too our insensitivities to the ways of others and forgive anything that cuts us off from each other and from you.

Help us to see those we meet in our communities in the way that you see them. Help us to offer support from what we know and learn from you. Send us out to be a shining light for you, and a guiding light for those in confusion, aloneness and darkness.

Heavenly Father, through the promise of your Son we dare to believe that by uniting in prayer, you will hear and grant our petitions. Grant therefore your blessing upon our prayers and peace upon our world in the Holy Name of Jesus, our Lord.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

This will take place in church at 7.00pm on Monday 28 September. There are vacancies for both Deanery Synod and Parochial Church Council members. Anyone interested can email the PCC Secretary ([jan.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.moss@btinternet.com)) for more details or speak to Fr Jeremy. To be considered for election this year candidates must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2020**

The church electoral roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 28 September 2020. If you are not on the All Saints Electoral Roll and would like to be, or you have moved house in the last year, or if you have a family member who has passed their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, then please contact me on [sastannett@gmail.com](mailto:sastannett@gmail.com).

***Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer***

## Worship for Sunday 6 SEPTEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

This week's Epistle continues the theme of Christian Behaviour and Paul includes two memorable quotes, "Love your neighbour as yourself" and "throw off the deeds of darkness and put on our armour as soldiers of the light." The Gospel however, gives us some practical advice about dealing with those who sin against us. First, reason with them one-to-one, and if that fails to work bring other believers to help. After which introduce the sinner to the congregation. Jesus also makes the point that as believers we also need to reconcile our own, varying interpretations understanding of belief in the presence of God.

What better way to introduce the Epistle than the hymn "Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armour on," AM 780 words by Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788) to the tune Ethelwald by William Henry Monk (1823-1889). The words of this hymn are based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians where he also uses the metaphor of using God's armour to give us courage and protection in fighting evil and establishing the gospel of peace.

Taking into account quantity and quality, Charles Wesley deserves the accolade the greatest hymn writer of all time. He is credited with writing around 6,500 hymns, admittedly, most of which have failed to pass the test of time but there are 2 or 3 dozen which are in regular use which puts him ahead of most other hymn writers.

William Henry Monk was an organist, composer and music editor. Possibly best known for writing the tune Eventide, which is set to the words "Abide with me" he was also highly influential in the propagation of hymn singing in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and beyond by being the first music editor of "Hymns Ancient and Modern" published in 1861. The tune St Ethelwald starts at a relatively high pitch and over the course of the first two lines of words drops progressively down to an octave lower. The next part of the tune ascends steadily to almost the starting pitch and then settles down to the key note at the end. A simple and satisfying melodic structure with a firm tread to it which suits the words of this hymn so well.

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,  
and put your armour on,  
strong in the strength which God supplies  
through his eternal Son;
2. Strong in the Lord of Hosts,  
and in his mighty power:  
who in the strength of Jesus trusts  
is more than conqueror.
3. Stand then in his great might,  
with all his strength endued;  
but take, to arm you for the fight,  
the panoply of God.
4. Leave no unguarded place,  
No weakness of the soul:  
Take every virtue, every grace,  
And fortify the whole.
5. From strength to strength go on;  
wrestle and fight and pray;  
tread all the powers of darkness down,  
and win the well-fought day;
6. That, having all things done,  
And all your conflicts past,  
Ye may o'ercome, through Christ alone,  
And stand entire at last.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZaGZfrBS-pc>

The second hymn is “Make me a Channel of your Peace” AM 725 words and music by Sebastian Temple (1928 – 1997).

The words are paraphrase of the well-known Peace Prayer which is attributed to St Francis of Assisi. However, this prayer, in fact, traces its origins to a Catholic organisation spiritual magazine called La Clochette (The Little Bell) published in 1912 and was probably written at the time by its editor Father Esther Bouquerel.

The prayer was distributed widely during World War I and again during WW II. It is an anthem of the Royal British Legion and is usually sung at its annual Festival of Remembrance. The theme of peace and reconciliation is the perfect reflection on the gospel reading.

Sebastian Temple grew up in South Africa and later moved to London, where he worked for the BBC on news broadcasts relating to South Africa. Sebastian converted to Catholicism and spent much of his time composing music for worship. He adapted the Prayer in 1967.

1. Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;  
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;  
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

3. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving of ourselves that we receive,  
and dying that we're born to eternal life.

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

We return to the theme of the Epistle for the final hymn, which is, “Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray;” words by Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840 -1929) to the tune Irish published 1749.

In his Epistle, Paul uses the metaphor of waking from sleep and the dawning of a new day, which represents a new era. This hymn uses the same idea of the transition from night to day. The first verse starts with the sense of yearning for a new and better world. The second verse reminds us that even in the dark times God is with us. Verse three sets the signs and hope of the dawning day. Then verse 4 describes the nature of this new world and finally verse 5 paints the picture of the peaceful God-centred life which is also the culmination of the Epistle.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer was born at Framingham, Mass. USA, in 1840, and educated at Harvard, where he graduated B.A. in 1869. He entered the Unitarian Ministry in 1872. He was joint editor with W. C. Gannett and J. V. Blake of “Unity Hymns and Carols”, published in 1880. Hosmer wrote around 56 which were published jointly by him and W. C. Gannett in 1885 as “The Thought of God in Hymns and Poems”.

The tune was first published in "A Collection of Hymns" in Dublin in 1749 by S Powell of Crane Lane and possibly edited by J Wesley's sometime colleague, the German J F Lampe. The book did not name this tune but subsequently acquired the general but relevant name, Irish.

1. Thy kingdom come! On bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad:  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

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

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **EPISTLE Romans 13: 8 – 14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15 - 20**

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'



Last year, I enjoyed a fabulous walking holiday in the Canadian Rockies. I didn't know anyone else on the trip but when I arrived at Calgary airport, I met up with the other 14 people in the group along with our walking guide. Over the next 24 hours we quickly got to know one another. But there was one person in the group who seemed intent on having disagreements with everyone! The walking guide was a very experienced leader and quickly identified there was a problem. So that evening, over dinner and a glass of wine, he bravely raised the issue with the said person and then the rest of us in the group. Thankfully, by frank and honest discussion, group harmony was re-established. This was important, not just because we were all hoping to enjoy our holiday, but also because we needed to be able to support each other during our walking expeditions, some of which were quite long and challenging.

This example highlights that harmony in groups or communities is important alongside the value of reconciliation when there is discord. This is the theme picked up in today's Gospel text. Matthew suggests that those who follow Jesus are expected to reflect Jesus's qualities and live like Him both in their individual lives and in their church communities. In particular, he emphasizes the quality of reconciliation which according to Justin Welby, is at the heart of Christ's call to those who follow him. Matthew's Gospel is clever in its structure which presents a marvellous tapestry of flowing narrative interwoven with carefully crafted blocks of teaching. Chapter 18 is a perfect blueprint for the basic principles of reconciliation which is often a multiple-person process as complicated as the people involved. Matthew presents us with a scheme of action for the mending of broken relationships within the Christian community.

Many of us find comfort in community; it gives us a sense of being in it together which can lead to deepening relationships of love, caring and nurture. Indeed, the Latin root of the word community is related to another word, compassion, which means to "suffer with", or more loosely, to "walk beside". A perfect example is how we have all supported each other throughout the recent months of the pandemic. We have been able to encourage each other, pray for each other and help each other in so many meaningful ways. During lockdown, although our church community was scattered, we still united together to support one another because church is about community; it's about how we support each other, how we journey together and how we experience God in others.

Now I'm not sure about you, but I find today's text a challenging one. How do we take the first steps to heal broken relationships, if the hurt done to us is very painful? It can be difficult to let go of the destructive power of memory and past hurt. But reconciliation is about seeking to transform relationships that have become damaged and we need to recognise that we cannot grow or flourish without restored relationships. We need to be brought back into a relationship where each feeds the other and nurtures their dignity.

Of course, there will always be disagreements between people, just think of our own families where there are often sparks, misunderstandings and trampled feelings. A perfect family probably does not exist; let us not forget there was a 20% rise in domestic abuse suffered during lockdown. But hopefully we learn to live alongside one another, supporting each other through the tears and the laughter, to forgive, to be generous and open, and to move beyond

our own needs. Human relationships can be hard work, even when there is a lot of love. Undoubtedly, conflict will be an inevitable part of the life of the church.

So, perhaps we need to look to St Paul who, in our Epistle today (Romans 13: 8-end) points out that all obligations are summed up in one commandment: **love your neighbour as yourself**. Paul in his writings returns again and again to the importance of harmony and the mutual upbuilding in allowing communities to flourish. Following Christ is not an individual pursuit of holiness but involves sharing the journey with others and caring for each other. As Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12, *“for in the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body”* going on to say, *“the body does not consist of one member but many.”* Christianity could be described like a team sport or a community activity to which we each bring different gifts and skills. As the body of Christ, we need to reflect the heart and grace of God which was shown in Jesus. We need to be **one with God and one with each other**, not isolated or apart, but growing together as a church family that shares God’s love with others and spurs each other on to a deeper relationship with God.

Reconciliation requires humility, honesty, and patience. In an atmosphere of Christian prayer, Christian fellowship and Christian love, personal relationships can be righted, even in the mess and the brokenness. Reconciling with each other becomes nothing less than a necessary part of our calling as adopted sons and daughters of God.

In our Liturgy for the Eucharist we are given two wonderful opportunities for reconciliation and Christian unity. Firstly, through the Prayer of Preparation, and then secondly through the sharing of The Peace of Christ. Bishop Lyndsay Urwin (who many of us will know from Walsingham) says that when we share The Peace we shouldn’t seek out only those we like the look of! He says it should be an exchange of equal love between us all as the enmity between people has been brought together in Christ and we are made one communion.

So as we come to the Lord’s Table to receive God’s gifts to each of us, let us take those opportunities for reconciliation, one with God and one with each other, remembering that as we look towards the Cross, we can see Jesus’s example to us though his life, death and resurrection of God’s reconciliation with humanity.

Amen

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2020

Heritage Open Days this year will comprise virtual tours only from Friday 11 - Sunday 20 September. This will benefit All Saints as we have our own virtual tour which is also on our website

<http://www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk/welcome-about-all-saints/3d-virtual-tour-all-saints-church/> but see [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for all participating buildings.

## RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Ride+Stride for 2020 is fast approaching and whilst we will not be opening the Church to "ride and striders" this year, we will have a sign in-sheet and will provide water for those visiting All Saints.

Last year the event raised over £20,000 for Berkshire Churches Trust. In the past the Trust has supported a number of key All Saints' building projects with grants and donations, and importantly this year, has already pledged a further £10,000 to go toward the floor repair fund.

We are very keen to continue to take part in the event and Fr Jeremy has offered to lead a group of walkers to visit one or two of the other Maidenhead churches who are involved this year, taking in some of our lovely open countryside on the way. Please contact Stella Harding, either on Maidenhead 632374, or at [sdhardinghouse@aol.com](mailto:sdhardinghouse@aol.com) to let us know if you would like to join the group - safe-distancing rules will be adhered to!

We will ask for sponsorship or donations for the group’s efforts - half of whatever we raise will be returned to All Saints. You will be able to donate either directly at the Church, or through the following just giving link if it is easier for you:

<https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurcheitrust> (using this method of donating also allows the Trust to claim gift aid on behalf of any tax payers); please remember to nominate All Saints Boyne Hill when you give to make sure we receive half of all donations.

More information is available on the BCT website: <http://www.berkschurcheitrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/>

Please contact Stella (details as above) if you have questions about any of these arrangements.

## YOUNG SAINTS AT HOME

See Issue 17 for the summer programme

## REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

During our short break in Devon our elder daughter approached me, concerned. She has a holiday pub job and travelled down after us by train due to her shifts. 'I've got a cough,' she told me. We knew the significance. It was a slight cough, not dry or intermittent. She had no fever, she could taste and smell. But it was a new cough.

'Should I get a test?' she asked. We agreed she should. She logged on to the government website, found a testing site eight miles away in Torquay with appointments that day, chose 2pm and was emailed a code to scan into her phone. We drove to Torquay bus station where a woman in a mask approached our car with a sign telling us to keep the windows closed. She flipped the sign to display her mobile number, which we called to go through the procedure. Another masked man approached, showed a sign with his mobile number, told us what to do and handed a test kit through a chink in the window. Our daughter followed an instruction booklet, using a swab stick to take samples from her throat and nose, put it in a vial and sealed it in a packet. We drove forward, stopped again and dropped it in a box.

The next day just after 6pm she received a text: 'You have tested negative and did not have the virus when the test was done.' I hope other parishioners don't find themselves in need of a test. But our experience was of a rapid, efficient system.

## TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

The Tuesday Club AGM will take place via Zoom at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 September. Members with no computer access have received hard copies of the paperwork in order to make any comments known to the Secretary ahead of the meeting.

## WAMCF Women's Group Monday 21 September 7.30pm via Zoom

**Meeting ID: 825 4902 9323 Passcode: 358536**

Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to join the discussion on our **Creation Season: How do we care for our world?**

## QUENCH REVISED OPENING HOURS

**From Tuesday 1 September, Quench will be open 6 days a week from Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 3.00pm**