

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

PARISH NEWS

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

In this week's Parish News I am sharing with you the events that are coming up over the next few weeks. This Saturday a number of us are meeting at 10.00am at the Methodist Church in the town to share a walk visiting a number of the churches that are participating in the Ride and Stride event **(for full details see p 8)**. This excellent event has been taking place for many years and I remember walking around Sunninghill, Sunningdale and Ascot in my days in Bracknell. My memory of the walk, cycle of jog in the late 90s and early 2000s was that it was a big event. At one of the churches in the Ascot area you would arrive to a wonderful cream tea between 2-4pm. The money raised from the sponsorship from the walk goes to the Berkshire Churches Trust a charity that has been extremely supportive of All Saints when we undertook the restoration of the Spire and currently the floor. Do join us if you would like to. If you can't join us for the walk but would like to sponsor, please let Stella Harding or me know.

On Sunday 12 September we will be sharing the last of our Summer BBQs in the Quadrangle. We will begin with a short service looking at 'New Beginnings and Facing Change' before enjoying sharing food and a glass of wine. The use of the Quadrangle has been quite a success and has brought the community together. As the Autumn draws in we will continue with a once a month service and hospitality hopefully in the church at the end of October. Please do come and join us at 4.00pm on Sunday. If the weather is like last Sunday, when I enjoyed the Multi Faith cricket match at Boyne Hill it will be lovely.

Also on Sunday we begin the new season of Sundays@6 with a zoom compline from St Luke's. Many people have enjoyed the fortnightly evening services on zoom and this term we hope too to offer a few evening services in church.

Returning to our use of the Quadrangle - Tanya Fullarton, Jayne Chapman, Stella Harding and I are meeting to begin the planning for our new Christmas Market on Sunday 28 November from 2-5pm. We are hoping to have stalls, hot food and mulled wine, music and some fun activities. If you would like to offer to run a stall please let one of us know. I have contacted the Salvation Army to see if they will lead worship for us with Christmas Carols to conclude the event.

On the morning of the 28 November we will celebrate with the Royal British Legion their 100th anniversary at our 10.00am Eucharist. We hope that by that time people will feel more confident to return to church to share this celebratory day.

Our Harvest Festival will this year take place on the 3rd October. Sadly, we will not be back in church by then, but we will host a 9.30am Harvest service in the Parish Centre followed by an auction in the Quadrangle. This gives me the opportunity to play 'Del Boy' once again so that we can raise money for 'WaterAid' this year. One of the challenges we are setting ourselves as a church through our Sustainability group is to support an overseas charity. If you would like to donate Harvest packs that I can auction this would be much appreciated.

I know many of you are looking forward to returning to All Saints for worship. We are hoping that by mid to late October the floor will be restored, the church cleaned, the organ ready to play and the new sound system in place. It would be lovely to celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints on Sunday 31 October. I am hoping that those of you that have given your time and talents in various ways in church life will want to return to continue that ministry. We are hoping too that new people will find a sense of belonging as we reopen All Saints in the near future.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Friday 10 September Return of Tiny Saints in the Quadrangle

Saturday 11 September 10.00am All Saints Striders meet at High Street Methodist Church

Sunday 12 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBu3FYclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

4.00pm Parish BBQ in the Quadrangle with a short family service on the theme of 'New Beginnings and Facing Change'. All are welcome.

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX on Zoom This week: Compline with St Luke's

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349 Passcode: 945101

Monday 13 September 8.00pm Monday Night Prayer on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070 Passcode: 587930

Tuesday 14 September 2.30pm Tuesday Club AGM at the Vicarage followed by a Cream Tea

Wednesday 15 September

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Most merciful and gracious God, we offer you our heartfelt love and praise because your Son, Jesus Christ, was willing to risk everything for the whole world. Even for us. We come to worship you, earnestly seeking your will for us – however risky that might be, you are worth it. Amen.

Creative God, you called us into your Kingdom, and adopted us as your children. Redeeming Saviour, you showed us how to be servants, denying ourselves to serve others. Sustaining Spirit, you give us strength to take up our cross in the service of the Kingdom of God. Teach us to serve others, and in doing so, to serve you. Amen.

We continue to pray for all refugees from Afghanistan and other countries that they may be shown compassion by those they seek support from.

We pray for the Ride and Stride this weekend. We give thanks for all those who will offer hospitality at the churches and halls, those who will walk, cycle and run between churches and those who will sponsor the event. We give thanks for the Berkshire Churches Trust and for the support they offer to maintain places of worship like All Saints.

We pray and give thanks for the work of Cliveden Conservation and for all those from the community who have given their time and talents in the past. We pray Lord that people will return to church to play their part once again and for new people to feel a sense of belonging that will lead to participation within the life of the church.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Marjorie Pocock, Joan Poolman and John Hicks (brother of the Revd Joan Hicks of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green).

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 May Ridgely and Mandy Rogers. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Mandy is the sister of our one-time curate, Fr Robert Langton. Please remember Fr Robert in your prayers.

Charlie Mackesy as the Boy the Mole and the Fox look out on the sky at night 'So much beauty we need to look after.'

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 12 September The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

Jesus asks Peter what he perceives is His role in life? Peter replies that he is the Messiah. At which, Jesus shatters his illusion of an earth-bound liberator by describing his forthcoming death and resurrection. Peter still fails to grasp the full implications of Jesus' resurrection and rebuke's him for describing such a negative destiny. Then it is Jesus's turn to rebuke Peter for failing to understand God's purpose. After which, Jesus presents the challenge of faith. That to follow Jesus requires us to relinquish our conventional earthly forms of comfort and position and to rely on God's protection instead. This vulnerability can be unnerving but ultimately is the path to a new heavenly life.

The two hymns I have chosen are based on the theme of committing one's life to God through Jesus. The first is "O Jesus, I have promised" AM 748 words by John Ernest Bode (1816 – 1874) set to the tune Hatherop Castle by Geoffrey Phillips Beaumont (1903 – 1970).

This hymn was written in 1866 for the Confirmation of Bode's three children. It was published in leaflet form by SPCK in 1868, entitled '*Hymn for the newly Confirmed*', in the New Appendix to the *New and Enlarged Edition of Hymns for Public Worship* (1870), and in their *Church Hymns* (1871). It was taken in to the Second Edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern* (1875), and it has rarely been absent from a major hymn book since that time. It originally had six verses, but in most books these have been shortened to five. The omitted verse 4 was concerned with discipleship, and (using the example of Peter) with sin and forgiveness:

O let me see Thy features
the look that once could make
so many a true disciple
leave all things for Thy sake;
the look that beam'd on Peter
when he Thy Name denied;
the look that draws Thy loved ones
close to Thy piercèd side.

It is a most appropriate hymn for Confirmation, inviting the singer to renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil (in verses 2 and 3) which is also relevant to Jesus' rebuke to Peter in today's Gospel¹.

Before going to Cambridge, Geoffrey Beaumont worked in his father's office as a trainee solicitor, going to Trinity College as a mature student. He trained for the priesthood at Ely Theological College (deacon 1932, priest 1933). He was curate of St Antholin, Nunhead (1932-34) and of St John the Evangelist with All Saints', Waterloo Road, London (1934-41). From 1941 to 1946 he served as a chaplain to the RNVR, being awarded the MBE in 1944. After the war he returned for a year to the Waterloo Road church (1946-47), before going back to his old Cambridge college as chaplain (1947-52). He was chaplain to the British Embassy, Madrid (1952-56), and vicar of St George's, Camberwell (1957-59). He became a member of the Community of the Resurrection in 1961, taking the name of Father Gerard. He was sent as a missionary to South Africa, becoming curate of Stellenbosch in 1968 until his death there.

Beaumont was primarily responsible for introducing light music into church worship and hymnody during the 1950s. He had had experience of writing music for the Cambridge University Footlights revues, both as an undergraduate and when he was chaplain of Trinity (A Flash in the Cam, 1951), and he applied this experience to hymns².

1. Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.
2. let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

3. let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion,
The murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.

4. Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

5. let me see thy foot-marks,
and in them plant my own;
my hope to follow duly
is in thy strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my Friend.

'O Jesus, I have promised'

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O Jesus I have promised AM 748 Hatherop Castle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JnBpzAua3kA>

NB This recording omits verse 2

The second hymn is a rousing hymn of praise for the benefits of life served under the protection of God, it is "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation" AM 765 words by Joachim Neander (1650 – 1680) translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827 – 1878) set to the tune Lobe Den Herren, a German 17th - century melody .

Neander's hymn, beginning '*Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren*', was published in his *A und Ω. Joachimi Neandri Glaub- und Liebesübung: auffgemuntert durch einfältige Bundes Lieder und Danck-Psalmen* (Bremen, 1680). It has five verses. Catherine Winkworth's translation, in the metre of the original, was first published in *The Chorale Book for England* (1863). It was in four verses, her verse 2 combining parts of Neander's verses 2 and 3.

The success of the hymn, which in some form is found in books of every denomination throughout the world, must be owing in part to the tune, which is found in its original form in *Ander Theil des Erneuernten Gesangbuchs* (Second Edition, Stralsund, 1665), set to a poem beginning '*Hast du denn, Liebster, dein Angesicht gänzlich verborgen?*' ('Hast thou, beloved, completely concealed thy face?'). The poem was adapted as a hymn, beginning '*Hast du denn, Jesu...*'. The tune was altered in an edition of Johann Crüger's *Praxis Pietatis Melica* of 1668 and used by Neander for his hymn in the 1680 book: the words may have been written to fit this tune³.

Neander was the son of a schoolmaster and he was educated at the Academic Gymnasium ('Gymnasium illustre') of Bremen. According to his first biographer, Reitz, Neander was scornful of religion as a young man, entering St Martin's Church, Bremen to make fun of the proceedings and of the pastor, Theodor Undereyk (1635-1693). He was so affected by the worship and the sermon that he stayed to pray and praise, later seeking out Undereyk for conversation and counselling. He subsequently held posts as a private tutor, school headmaster and ultimately an un-ordained assistant to Undereyk at St Martin's Church, Bremen (1679), a post that he held briefly until his death. Neander's hymns numbered 57 in the first edition of his work, published in the year of his death: A und Ω 'Alpha and Omega'⁴.

Catherine Winkworth was the daughter of a silk manufacturer, who moved his family to Manchester in 1829. In common with most young women of the time, she had no formal higher education, but studied German with Tobias Theodores. With her sister Selina, she spent the year 1845-46 in Dresden, living with an aunt.

Back in Manchester, she and her sisters Susanna and Emily became part of the circle of young intellectuals who were friends of William Gaskell and his wife Elizabeth, some of whom were Unitarians (Catherine remained a member of the Church of England). The friendship continued after the Winkworth family moved to Alderley Edge, fifteen miles outside Manchester, in 1850. Friendship with the Gaskells led to a meeting with the cultured German diplomat, Christian Carl Josias Bunsen, who had produced a massive selection of German hymns, *Versuch eines allgemeinen evangelischen Gesang- und Gebetbuchs* (Hamburg, 1833). He invited Catherine Winkworth to translate some of them and she produced *Lyra Germanica* (1855) and *Lyra Germanica Second Series* (1858).

The Winkworth family moved to Clifton, Bristol, in 1862, where Catherine interested herself in social problems, especially those of women, and campaigned for women's education. She was a member of the committee that established Bristol University College (now Bristol University), sat on the Council of Cheltenham Ladies' College, and was secretary of the committee which founded Clifton High School for Girls. While on a journey abroad, she died suddenly of heart disease at Monnetier, France⁵.

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shieldeth thee gently from harm, or when fainting sustaineth:
have you not seen
how thy heart's wishes have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee:
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if to the end he befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from his people again:
gladly for aye we adore him!

Praise to the Lord, the King of creation AM 765 Lobe Den Herren

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNwIK1atF8c>

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- 4 JRW. "Joachim Neander." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 14 Aug. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/j/joachim-neander>>.
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COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 James 3: 1 - 12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue – a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

GOSPEL Mark 8: 27 – 38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' Jesus asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

Ride & Stride 2021: Saturday 11 September

Fr Jeremy's team of walkers will be meeting at 10.00am at High St Methodist Church (top of the High St, near the boy and the boat statue). **Please can all those already signed up to walk, together with anyone else who would like to join Fr Jeremy, make sure you are there by 10.00am so everyone can set off together.** Unfortunately there aren't many Maidenhead churches participating this year so the **route** is a simple one:

High St Methodist Church to St Peter's Church (just off the Marlow Road)
Coffee at Palmieri's (on the Marlow Road opposite Tesco's)
Return to All Saints Church via St Mark's Hospital Church (in St Mark's Road)

We are still waiting to hear if St Edmond Campion in Altwood Road is taking part; if they are, depending on time and the length of the walk, and if anyone would like to, we may call in there on the way back to All Saints.

Sponsorship: There is plenty of time to sponsor both our walkers and the Stewarding team who will be welcoming visitors in the Parish Centre. The sponsorship form will be available in the PC next Sunday. As a reminder, half of all the money we raise will go to the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust and the other half will come back to All Saints.

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Cox Green Luncheon Club needs you!

Cox Green Luncheon Club is back on Tuesdays after the pandemic! The Club has been running since the 1980s as a joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd, St Edmund Campion and All Saints. They have lost some helpers since the club had to close due to Covid so new volunteers are needed to join the rota for the kitchen – to peel potatoes, wash up and assist the cooks; also to set up the hall, lay tables and put furniture away after. Please contact Ruby Doughty for more information on 01628 630703 or rubydoughty@yahoo.co.uk.

PATHWAYS, OUR DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

The Autumn edition of Pathways is now available in the Parish Centre and in the Parish Office. Please take a copy – it is free. Or you can read it on-line at <https://www.oxford.anglican.org/pathways-pdf-version/>

ADVANCE NOTICE

There will be no Parish News on Wednesday 22 September

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

It was back-to-work week. Many employers encouraged staff to return to workplaces in person now Covid-19 restrictions have eased. Newspapers reported, rather nostalgically, that trains were crowded once again and traffic congestion had reached pre-pandemic levels.

Encouraging? I thought not. I have enjoyed commuting to my charity's office in London once or twice a week. I don't want to return to daily rush-hour commuting stress. I therefore tried a new commuting routine: traveling by train from Maidenhead to Paddington, as normal, but then riding a Boris Bike instead of a London Underground train.

I plotted the route in advance, downloading it to my smart watch. But on arrival at Paddington there were no bicycles at the nearest docking station. I had to walk for 5 minutes to find a bike, then spend several minutes wobbling around busy roads to find my pre-plotted route.

The journey itself was lovely: a wonderful cycle path through Hyde Park beside the Serpentine, dodging the odd roller-skater, and nice exercise. Why didn't I do this before, I asked myself as I pedalled the final turns towards my destination? I reached the docking station to find it full. I searched online for the next nearest and it, too, had no free spaces. I found a third dock where I parked the bike but it took 10 more minutes to talk back to my office.

It was worse on my way home: a long walk to find a bike, then a search for where to leave it. Will it get easier? I hope so!