

In future newsletters we will update you with the attempts to meet our Mission Action Plan objectives. If you have skills, talents and ideas to offer please contact the church at allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com.

- On Saturday 29 June at 12.00noon there will be a special service to celebrate my 25th anniversary of being a priest to be followed by hospitality. Please email allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com if you would like to attend so that catering provision can be made.
- Do please join us for our Summer Fete on Saturday 6 July between 12 noon and 4.00pm.

With my prayers,

Fr Jeremy



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TO ENCOUNTER CHRIST IN WORD & SACRAMENT

Parish Church of All Saints Boyne Hill Maidenhead

Electoral Roll Newsletter



Encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament

Welcome to this church of All Saints, Boyne Hill. Our hope is that during this service you will encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament. You will be fed and nurtured to share a little of our Lord's light and love in the World.

One of the most powerful stories of encounter found in the Bible is the story of the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24: 13—35). The early disciples are found heart-broken as they have witnessed the death of their great hope, Jesus. As they walked the road Jesus appeared to them and asked why they were so upset. They responded by asking Jesus, 'Are you the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what has happened?' Jesus asked, 'Do you not understand the scriptures?' He then opened the scriptures to them; explaining that the prophets pointed towards a Saviour who would overcome sin and death and bring light to the world.

The disciples invited Jesus into their home for a meal. At the meal Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him. Jesus disappeared from before their eyes, but they realised that they had encountered the Risen Lord in the Word (the Bible) and Sacrament (the breaking of bread).

The disciples returned to Jerusalem to become part of the early church that we can read about in the Acts of the Apostles. The Good News of light overcoming darkness, goodness overcoming evil and new life overcoming death would soon spread across the World.

We can be transformed by this message. Bring your sad stories to our Lord. Allow Jesus to warm your hearts with the words of the Bible. Open your eyes to see the Risen Lord in the breaking of bread. When we encounter Our Lord, we can start to do the small things well. When we throw a small stone into water, however small, it causes a ripple. Each of our acts of kindness can make a difference. May we all partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ in the World.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all that you give to the Christian community at All Saints, Boyne Hill by way of your time, talents and financial gifts. This support helps enable the church community to serve Altwood, Boyne Hill and Larchfield communities as well as maintain a place of worship that was designed by G E Street, a renowned Victorian architect. The church was designed to offer worship to the glory of God, a school to educate the young and pastoral support through curates and the Almshouses.

Over the last 3 years we have been sharing a Diocesan process called Partnership in Missional Church which allowed us to listen to God's preferred and promised future for our congregation and inviting us to become a more missionally focussed church. This model encourages us to listen to God's word in scripture, listen to each other and to listen to the needs of the wider community. As a congregation we have been learning how to notice where God might be at work in our daily lives.

Following a series of meetings held at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, All Saints School and at the church we have developed through PMC the following Mission Action Plan.

1. Vibrant worship
2. Schools ministry
3. Welcome

Underpinning the mission action plan is the need for sustainability. We have set up a Finance/Stewardship group, a buildings group (to sustain the wonderful Victorian buildings) and administration. Alongside this we have been offered outstanding input from one family offering us help with 'Branding'.

This new quarterly newsletter follows a wonderful Easter with excellent congregational support through music, liturgy, hospitality and stunning arrangements of flowers. The services were well attended, and Easter Day celebrated the Resurrection Hope as well as thanksgiving and blessings for the newly confirmed and a newly married couple.

At our recent APCM we welcomed Rhodri Bowen, the parish development officer for Berkshire Archdeaconry, who has shared ideas of how to be a welcoming community.