

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

I wonder if you have paid much attention to the series of 14 gold-coloured Stations of the Cross, arranged around the inside of our church building? These are quite modern, compared to the rest of the building and its ornamentation, being introduced in the latter part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. There are, of course, also the much larger Stations of the Cross, vividly three-dimensional and carved from Bath stone. Primary amongst these stone carvings are the Crucifixion itself, on the North wall of the nave, and the Resurrection tableau on the South wall at the back of the church. As you turn back towards your seat after receiving communion you will be walking towards that tableau of the Resurrection, but the lighting on it is so poor you may not have noticed. One of my aspirations is to see spot lighting introduced to give prominence to this carving of the Resurrection scene.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a penitential season, and our worship is more plain – we don't sing the Gloria, we don't decorate the church with flowers, and the Priest wears purple vestments. As we hear again the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness, temptations that he resisted, we are reminded that we are ourselves are sinful creatures in need of the grace and forgiveness of God. But Lent is also a season of great hope. As we learn once again to place our trust and faith in God, we begin to know afresh the power of God to transform our lives. If there is one hymn that, for me, sums up the journey through Lent it is not, as you might think, 'Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild' but:

O for a closer walk with God  
A calm and heavenly frame  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

That sums up, for me, the purpose of Lent – a sense of yearning, a time to learn once again to walk closely with God, to allow ourselves to be led to Jesus, the one who on Calvary gave his life for us and on Easter Morn rose to offer us new life with him in the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is necessarily penitence along the way as we turn from the sins that lie betwixt us and God:

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn  
And drove thee from my breast

But also the promise of God's light and love with us, along the journey but also as our destination:

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

There are many opportunities this Lent to join in travelling this journey, as noted elsewhere in this week's Parish News. We offer the traditional services for Ash Wednesday, a bible study group meeting on Wednesdays through Lent as we reflect together on the story of Holy Week as it is recorded in the Gospels; there is a simple soup lunch every Wednesday from 1<sup>st</sup> March with donations towards a marvellous project to help families and communities in Africa; a quiet morning on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March; and there is Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm from 2 March.

Stations of the Cross is a short (ca 30 mins) reflective service of bible readings, short reflections and prayers inspired by the 14 scenes depicted on our walls in those gold-coloured images I referred to above. As we follow Jesus on his last journey – being condemned to death, his carrying of the cross, his crucifixion, and his burial – we are confronted with the reality of sin, and find ourselves praying for ourselves but also for our society and our world. We begin to see how this story of one man's death speaks into the world's hopes, disappointments and pain; and how we, too, are called to live lives of selfless love – not in our own strength, but in the strength that can only come from God. If you haven't been to Stations of the Cross before, you would be most welcome to join us on any of those Thursday evenings.

I would also highly recommend the 'Come and See' prayers and reflections being offered by the Bishop of Oxford. This is something you can participate in from the comfort of your own home, and in your own time. There are daily reflections that will ping into your electronic inbox, but I think the glory of Come and See are the weekly short video reflections that Bishop Stephen has recorded. I have had advance sight of some of them, and they are terrific, profound but very accessible. I will certainly be watching them each week through Lent. And if you have children and teenagers, there are also weekly videos on the same themes but presented in an attractive way for younger people. Find out more and register online at [oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see](http://oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see)



Whatever you choose to do, I wish you a good Lent, full of new insights and the joys of coming close to Christ.

*Fr John*

## LENT AT ALL SAINTS

1. Thursday evening Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm
2. Talks on Wednesday mornings and during Holy Week based on 'An Easter Book of Days – meeting the Characters of the Cross and Resurrection' by the Bishop of St Asaph. Gregory Cameron.
3. Bible Study, looking at the events of Holy Week through the Gospels. Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Birinus Room, ending with Compline at 8.00pm.
4. Sunday 26 February 10.00am Eucharist with a talk by Duncan Dyason of 'Street Kids Direct'. Duncan has been working with street kids in Guatemala for over 30 years and will be sharing his ministry with All Saints, St Peter's and Altwood School.
5. Friday 10 March – Quiet Day with Fr John including a soup lunch at All Saints.
6. As mentioned above the Wednesday soup lunches supporting 'The Ripple Effect' charity.

## GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Helen Broad (Rod's daughter) and Geoffrey Malkin on their marriage on Sunday 19 February in Consall, Staffordshire. I shall have the privilege of sharing the Blessing of the Marriage. Congratulations to Rod on the wedding of his daughter Helen.

Many thanks to all who contributed last Sunday to our collection for the Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria - a total of £600 was raised and is being sent via the DEC. A wonderful example of our care and concern for those in need. We keep the Earthquake victims and the aid organisations working in Turkey and Syria in our prayers.

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Thursday 16 February</b>	8.00pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday 17</b>	NO Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 19</b>	<b>10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Sunday Next Before Lent</b> <b>Celebrant &amp; Preacher: Fr John</b>
<b>Monday 20</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 22</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b> Celebrant: Fr John Preacher Fr Jeremy 9.00am Hatha Yoga in the Parish Centre 11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre <i>11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home</i> <i>2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home</i> <b>7.30pm Sung Eucharist &amp; Imposition of Ashes</b> Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

## ADVANCE NOTICES

See above for Events in Lent

**Saturday 25 February 4.45pm at the Vicarage Wales v England 6 Nations** You are welcome to join us to watch the match and share a curry

## **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

For those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. For those who have died, for those injured, for those suffering from trauma and loss, for the elderly and the vulnerable, and for children, especially orphaned children. We pray for all Governments and agencies bringing medical care, food and water, and shelter from the bitter cold weather.

For the people and nation of Ukraine, as another year brings the reality of renewed fighting. For the hope of peace. For families who have been separated.

For our church and for ourselves, as we approach the season of Lent. We pray that we will use this season well, and walk closer with God on the path of righteousness, mercy and love.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need at this time. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Jenny Chua, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchinson-May, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Marnos, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark and Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins and Sarah.

May they know the healing peace and presence of Christ, and we pray and give thanks for those who bring them care and comfort.

We pray for the recently departed: Daniel Smith, Giles Haslam and Mike Watkinson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### **O T READING Exodus 24: 12 – 18**

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1 – 9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for

Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

## MUSIC

Prelude: Entrée Solennelle

Opening Hymn: AM 281 Tis, good, Lord to be here *L Boëllmann*

Gradual: AM 279 Jesus, on the mountain peak

Offertory: AM 709 Light of the minds that know him

Communion Anthem: My eyes for beauty pine

Closing Hymn: AM 769 Rejoice! the Lord is King

Postlude: The Great Gate of Kiev (from Pictures at an Exhibition) *M Mussorgsky (arr Hesford)*

## MUSIC & READINGS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

The Readings will be Isaiah 58: 1-12, Matthew 6: 1-6 & 16-21

### 10.00am

Prelude: Fugue in A flat minor *J Brahms*

Opening Hymn: AM 121 Forty days and forty nights

Gradual: AM 131 O for a closer walk with God

During Communion: On a melody by Orlando Gibbons *Healey Willan*

Closing Hymn: AM 1327 Lord Jesus, think on me

Postlude: Fugue on BACH, Op 60, No 3 *R Schumann*

### 7.30pm

Prelude: An Wasserflüssen Babylon *J S Bach*

Opening Hymn: AM 121 Forty days and forty nights

Gradual: AM 123 From ashes to the living font

Offertory: AM 128 Jesu, lover of my soul

Communion: AMNS 628 Father of heaven, whose love profound

Closing Hymn: AM 135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Postlude: Aus Tiefer Noth BWV 687 *J S Bach*

## PARISH NEWS NEWS

Any items for Parish News Issues 22 February, 1 & 8 March should be sent direct to the Parish Office please [allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com) If you currently receive a hand-delivered hard copy these next issues may arrive by post.

## 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.**

### **SUPPORTING ALL SAINTS CHURCH - ON-LINE GIVING**

It costs All Saints approximately £2,500 per week to maintain the current level of parish activity - without the generous time freely contributed by our volunteers this cost would be much more.

If you feel that you are able to assist and help support All Saints financially, with either a one-off donation (via card), or, most beneficially, set up regular giving by direct debit - this can easily be arranged on the recently set-up All Saints Page on the Parish Giving Scheme site, accessible from the top section of the All Saints Website, and also directly at:-

<https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boyne-hill-all-saints-maidenhead/>

Alternatively, for a quick connection, use the QR code below:-



Please also consider if you can help support All Saints Church through donating time and talents – the Church relies upon our teams of volunteers to operate and provide services to the community.

More details are in the attachment issued with Issue 140 – a big thanks to all of our supporters.

*Rod Broad, Hon Treasurer*

**CALLED TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION SATURDAY 4 MARCH 10.am – 3.00pm**  
**A Workshop on HOW WE CAN LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY See poster with Issue 141**