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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Heritage Weekend



It is a real delight to open up our beautiful building at All Saints on Saturday and Sunday for Heritage Weekend. We hope to welcome many into our building, and our very own Relf Clark will be giving an Organ Recital on Saturday afternoon at 2.30.

Saturday is also the annual “Ride+Stride” event, promoted by the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust – partly to raise money to help maintain the beautiful churches across Berkshire, but also to encourage us to visit local churches to appreciate them as buildings and to see and be encouraged by what they are offering and doing as church communities.

Seen from the surrounding roads, a church building such as All Saints is a tangible and visible witness to the local community of the way in which the Christian faith has been, and continues to be, held and celebrated in our land; a reminder for those with eyes to see of the presence of

Christ in our daily lives and of the loving care of God for his whole creation, our own local community included.

Inside, it becomes a place of prayer and worship, a place of encounter with the living God who created us and sustains us, who redeems us and brings us the hope of eternal life. Here, we find the symbols of our faith – Mary and the saints, the cross, the sculpted tableau of the Resurrection on the West wall, the Paschal Candle telling of the presence of the Risen Lord with his people. Here, we find the places where God gives himself to us, in baptism at the font and in the Eucharist at the Altar. And the beautiful stained glass tells the story of our redemption in Christ, from his birth at Bethlehem to his Resurrection and Ascension. A colourful storybook of our faith.

Generations of people have encountered God in the stillness of our church building, countless people have been transformed through the power of the Eucharist; and God has come to meet them in the simple tokens of water, bread and wine. The story of salvation has been told and re-told, especially through the great celebrations of Christmas, Holy Week and Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost, and we pray that as we do that

year by year we will each one of us be transformed into the people God calls us to be. And we remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those whose faith and commitment have kept the light of the Gospel shining bright in this place.

So when we celebrate the Heritage of our church building, we celebrate not just its physical beauty but the beauty of lives transformed and communities blessed; we celebrate not just the faith and commitment of past generations, but the faith and commitment to God of this present generation of worshippers; we celebrate not just the God who we see spoken of in the stained glass, but the God who longs to know and speak with each one of us, personally; we celebrate not just the peace of the church building, but the peace that Christ can bring into our hearts and minds.

So do come and spend some time in our beautiful church, if you are able. Give thanks for all the good things God has done for you, and open yourself to the good things he wants to give you in the future. Give thanks for previous generations of faithful worshippers, and commit yourself anew. And this weekend and into the future, speak with one another of the faith, the grace, and the love that you find here, encourage one another, renew one another, bring joy, hope and healing to one another.

Fr John

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 8 September 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 9 10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

Saturday 10 9.00am – 10.30am in the Birinus Room **Tenants of the King** Bible study
Part 1 of this 4 part discussion course takes place over breakfast, focusing on God's creation and our response as Christians.
Please feel free to come along even if you haven't yet had a chance to sign-up. There will be plenty of croissants to go round!



10.00am to 4.00pm Church open with guided tours at 10.30; 13.00 and 15.00.
2.30pm An Organ Recital by Dr Relf Clark. Programme details attached

Sunday 11 10.00am **The Parish Eucharist for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

12 noon **Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Ivy Alexandra Rea, her parents and godparents
1.00pm – 4.00pm Church open. Guided tours at 13.30 and 15.00.

Monday 12 4.00pm **Children's Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room**
9.15am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday 13 9.00am *Open the Book at Larchfield School*
9.15am Morning Prayer in Church
2.30pm *Tuesday Club AGM at the Vicarage*

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10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre

*2.30pm Senior Saints meet for afternoon tea at Pauline Hole's house,
58 Marlborough Road*

ADVANCE DATES: There are now sign-up sheets at the back of Church for anything which needs to be signed up for!

Saturday 1 October South Coast trip to Berwick, in East Sussex. This trip has been arranged with the Revd Peter Blee, vicar of 7 Sussex churches near the South Downs. The trip will focus on Berwick where remarkable work has taken place and will be followed by a walk between Berwick and Alciston which is part of the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path that Peter has created in recent years. We will arrive in Berwick at 11.00am for tea and coffee followed by a talk on Berwick church followed by worship.

Between 1-2pm we will share a pub lunch at the Cricketers in Berwick village. 2-3pm – Pilgrim walk from Berwick to Alciston. 3.00pm Contemplative worship at Berwick followed by tea and depart for Maidenhead at 4.15pm returning home around 6.30pm. There will be a sign-up list at the back of the church in the near future.

Sunday 2 October 10.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist followed by an auction of harvest goods. Following the auction there will be a harvest ploughman's lunch to enjoy.

Sunday 30 October 10.00am Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints. Our Associate Archdeacon, The Revd Liz Jackson will be our guest preacher as we give thanks for the marvellous floor restoration work that has taken place. Following the service, we will share hospitality with guests involved in the project. Following the drinks at the back of the church there will be a church community meal at the Gandhi Restaurant at 12.30. Again, we will ask people to sign a list at the back of church if they wish to share in the meal.

Sunday 20 November 10.00am Confirmation here with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We do need a few more people on the planning group and will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls.

Fr John will also be leading a Bible Study in the Autumn as well as leading a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Tuesday 20 September to Friday 23 September. This will be the first Pilgrimage from All Saints since 2018 to the place where so many of us have enjoyed services of deep spiritual meaning and wonderful hospitality.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Ivy Rea who will be baptised on Sunday, and her parents and godparents.

We give thanks for our Church building and for all who contribute towards its upkeep and maintenance, and for all those who, through flowers, music, welcome, refreshments, serving at the altar and in other ways enhance the worship that we give to God here week by week.

We give thanks for our church community and for the many ways in which we encourage and nurture one another, learn together and serve God. We pray for Tiny Saints, Young Saints and Senior Saints. We pray for the many events we have planned in the Autumn, that many will find them enjoyable and helpful and that through spending time together old friendships will be deepened and new friendships formed.

At the start of a new school term we pray for our schools, for children, staff and those who serve as school governors.

We pray for our new Prime Minister and the Ministers she will appoint, that they will serve this country well and ensure the needs of the poorest and most vulnerable are provided for and that honesty, fairness, justice and compassion will be hallmarks of their leadership.

We continue to pray for peace with justice in all places of war, violence and oppression.

We pray for those of our church and parish in any kind of need or anxiety at this time. We pray for our local hospitals, doctors and nurses and social carers as they work under huge pressure and we pray that they will be given the resources they need to serve our community well.

We pray by name for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Eddie Sheppard, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Elaine See, Viv and Andrew, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Sue Nordberg, Jane Baldery, the family of Vicki Axten, Cheryl Brookes.

We pray for the recently departed, and among them for Roderick Maclennan, Carol Aitkin, Kathleen Bristow, John Woodward, Eileen Wheeler and John Hicks, brother of the Revd Joan Hicks. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. And we pray for those who mourn the death of a loved one at this time especially Revd Joan.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 1 Timothy 1: 12 - 17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL Luke 15: 1 - 10

All the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

MUSIC

Prelude: A Meditation on 'Brother James' Air' *H Darke*

Opening Hymn: AM 493 Hope of our calling

Gradual: AM 800 The Lord's my shepherd

Offertory: AM 365 Let us build a house

Communion: AM 553 Touch the earth lightly

Closing Hymn: AM 494 I the Lord of sea and sky

Postlude: Fugue in E Flat BWV 552 *J S Bach*



PS There's probably still time to sponsor walkers and/or stewards

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.



URGENT APPEAL FOR THE CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

During the pandemic we were unable to provide lunch on Christmas Day at SportsAble for people living alone in the Maidenhead area and we delivered Christmas hampers instead. Sadly our brilliant catering team is unable to continue helping. So if you know of anyone who could help organise the food preparation and service, or if you would like to volunteer to help with something else, then please contact Tony Weeks on 01628 627265 or email him at tonyweeks@gmail.com

The organ at All Saints', Boyne Hill is among the finest in Berkshire. It was built in 1931 by Harrison & Harrison of Durham and thus belongs to the period that produced such famous examples of their work as the instruments at King's College, Cambridge (1934) and Westminster Abbey (1937). Although it contains material re-cycled from the organ that J.W. Walker built at All Saints' in 1879, it is an entirely characteristic example of the company's inter-war work. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Thomas Strong, on 28 June 1931, when the inaugural recital was given by Dr Henry G. Ley, the then Precentor of Eton College. The organ has three manuals and pedals, twenty-five speaking stops and the usual complement of couplers and aids to registration. In 2003 it was restored by Richard Bower, re-dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Richard Harries, and re-opened with a recital given by the international virtuoso Thomas Trotter. The work of restoration involved the conversion of the mechanism from tubular-pneumatic to electro-pneumatic, but tonally the organ remains the instrument voiced by, or under the direction of, Arthur Harrison in 1931, and it retains such period features as the leathered Open Diapason on the Great, the powerful chorus reeds on the Swell, and the titanic open wood basses. Mark Venning, the present Chairman of Harrison & Harrison Ltd, summed it up when he wrote that the All Saints' organ 'shows all the subtlety and eloquence of this particular style [of organ-building] in its grandest maturity'.

Harrison & Harrison have been building organs since 1861 and doing so in Durham since 1872. They are the largest firm of organ-builders in the UK. Their recent projects included the organs at Canterbury Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral and York Minster. Their current ones include the organs at Norwich Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Further information can be had from the company's website.

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Relf Clark has assisted at All Saints' since 1985 and is the author of the history of the organs and organists on sale in the church. After tuition with Dr Sidney Campbell at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle he won an exhibition to Oxford, where he studied with Robert Sherlaw Johnson and F.W. Sternfeld and assisted at the University Church. At the age of twenty, while still an undergraduate, he became a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and he completed his musical education at London University, where he read musicology, and Reading University, where he studied with David Sanger and gained both a distinction in performance studies and the degree of PhD.

Dr Clark writes and lectures on music and has contributed to *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, and musical periodicals of various kinds. From 1990 to 2005 he was a member of the council of the British Institute of Organ Studies, and for seven of those years he was the BIOS publications officer. He is an honorary life member of the Elgar Society, having been one of its officers for twelve years; his publications include four volumes of Elgar-related essays; and he appears in the Durham University DVD about Elgar's Sonata for Organ, Op.28. He composes for the organ and has given recitals in many parts of the UK.

In 1982, after attending what is now the University of Law, Relf Clark qualified as a solicitor, and in 1993, after a decade as an in-house lawyer with Costain Group plc, he returned to private practice. From 1998 until his retirement in 2017 he practised with a law firm in the City of London, where his clients included the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, of which he is now an honorary life member.