

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

Last Thursday morning a group of people gathered at Stubbings Church to keep a Vigil of prayer for Afghanistan. Fr John Ainslie had invited people to follow the example of Pope Francis in keeping this country and its people in prayer.

'I join in the unanimous concern for the situation in Afghanistan. I ask all of you to pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease and solutions can be found at the table of dialogue.' Pope Francis, 15 August during his Angelus address.

Fr John offered those of us praying in the church the following suggestions which I thought you may like to use as a focus for prayer this coming week.

For the ordinary people of Afghanistan.

For those who now live in fear for their lives in Afghanistan for vulnerable groups, especially women and children.

For the Taliban Government, that it would seek the common good with compassion and respect for human rights and build a just and compassionate society.

For peace and return to normal life in this time of transition.

For the helpful and constructive relations between the new regime and the international community.

For the rejection of all forces of terrorism in whatever form.

For UNICEF and NGO's working in Afghanistan.

For those awaiting evacuation to other countries, especially Afghans who have worked for British Forces; for the military and diplomatic personnel managing the evacuation process.

For the Christian Church in Afghanistan.

For military personnel who have served in Afghanistan, especially those who have been maimed and injured, for those suffering mentally from their experiences, those who lost their lives and those who mourn their loss.

Fr John concluded by sharing this heartfelt prayer from the Church of Scotland

All-loving God, Your hands have fashioned every corner of this treasured planet, and the beautiful land of Afghanistan is as precious as every other place Your children call 'home.' By its rivers and mountains, its fields and gardens, its busy towns and ancient villages, it is the heart's desire of its people and the place where their lives and loves are nurtured.

We grieve today with those who grieve over Afghanistan, the people who call it home indeed, the people exiled or suddenly having to leave, and the men and women from other countries who have made sacrifices in recent years in the cause of that country's future.

We remember with renewed sadness the loss of lives of military personnel during the years of this country's involvement in Afghanistan, conscious of the questions that must today be troubling the minds of those in our community who were bereaved, those who were wounded on operations, and those who were forever changed by experiences suffered there.

We pray for peace, dignity, freedom and confidence for the men, women and children of Afghanistan; for courage, vision and generosity within the international community responding to such need, and for tranquillity of mind amongst our own Service community and its wider family.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the peace-giver, we pray,

AMEN.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Friday 27 August No Tiny Saints until Friday 10 September

Sunday 29 August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBUE3FyclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

4.00pm BBQ IN THE QUAD All welcome

Please come and join us for the latest of our summer BBQs and join in our short act of worship. Our Theme will be 'New Beginnings' and 'Facing Change.'

No Monday Night Prayer on Zoom until 6 September

Wednesday 1 September

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

We pray for all those preparing for the return to church in the Autumn. We give thanks for all those who have worshipped and given their time and talents in the past and we pray for people to return 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 continue to pray for all those in need at this time. We pray for the country of Haiti following the earthquake that the people of that country has suffered. We pray for those who have lost their lives, those that have lost their homes and livelihoods and for those trying to aid this country in its recovery.

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, David Emerson, Doris Winn and Joan Poolman.

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 Edith Majchrzak and Mandy Rogers, who died on 18 August. 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 'Everyone is a bit scared' said the horse. 'But we are less scared together.'

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 29 August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship Brian Graves

The gospel tells of Jesus' reaction when challenged by the Pharisees and theological leaders about how some of his disciples were failing to abide by the long-established rules and traditions associated with avoiding uncleanness and defilement.

Jesus makes two points: one is that focussing on these traditions is more to do with maintaining a tradition and community identity at the expense of focussing on the commandments of God. Secondly, these traditions represent an outward behaviour. True pureness of heart comes from within. It is this internal spiritual acceptance of the grace of God which directs our outward actions.

The first hymn I have chosen neatly summarises a desire, receipt and acceptance of this spiritual purification. It is "Breathe on me, Breath of God" AM 236 words by Edwin Hatch (1835 – 1889) set to the tune Carlisle by Charles Lockhart (1745 – 1815).

This hymn is based on the meeting between Jesus and Nicodemus, a Pharisee, in John's gospel. The hymn writer describes how purity of heart and action is attained by being re-born in the spirit. In John's gospel, Jesus likens the spirit of God to the wind. In the hymn, Hatch uses the metaphor of "Breathe of God" to describe the animating power of the invisible, freely flowing and enveloping nature of God's spirit.

This hymn began life as a poem in Hatch's privately printed volume, *Between Doubt and Prayer* (1878). It was later published by his widow in *Towards Fields of Light* (1890), entitled '*Spiritus Dei*'; it had earlier been included in Henry Allon's *The Congregational Psalmist Hymnal* (1886). It has been widely sung ever since.¹

Edwin Hatch was born into a nonconformist family and educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham and Pembroke College, Oxford (BA 1857). He joined the Church of England in 1853 and took Holy Orders (deacon 1858, priest 1859). After a brief time working in an east-end parish of London he was appointed professor of Classics at Trinity College, Toronto (1859-62). He then served as rector of the high school in Quebec City (1862-67), before returning to Oxford to become vice-principal of St Mary's Hall (1867-85). In 1883 he also

became rector of Purleigh, Essex. He was appointed University Reader in Ecclesiastical History at Oxford (1884) until his death in 1890.²

Little is known of Lockhart's early life, and his place of birth is unknown, though it may have been London, where he lived for most of his life. He was a blind organist, who held several appointments in London, some of them simultaneously. The longest-held was at St Katherine Cree, Leadenhall Street, where he was organist from 1766 until his death. He was also organist of St Mary's Parish Church, Lambeth, from 1785 until his death; and at other times he was organist of the Orange Street Chapel, Leicester Fields and of the Lock Hospital. He contributed twelve hymn tunes to the *Lock Hospital Collection* (1769), edited by Martin Madan, and a further twelve to the Second Edition (1792) of which Carlisle is the best known. Lockhart also wrote *A Set of Hymn Tunes, and an Anthem* (c1810), which he dedicated to William Wilberforce.³

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love, what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee, I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live, with you the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Breathe on me breath of God AM 236 Carlisle <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TssHTATafi0>

The second hymn celebrates the joys of spiritual renewal and escape from former sinful ways. It is "Lift up your hearts!" We lift them, Lord to thee;" AM 708 words by Henry Montagu Butler (1833 – 1918) set to the tune Woodlands by Walter Greatorex.

This hymn was written during Butler's time as headmaster of Harrow School (1859-85) and first published in the *Harrow School Hymn Book* (Fourth Edition, 1881). According to Edward Graham, it was written for a school confirmation. It was also included in the *Public School Hymn Book* (1903).

It had eight verses. It is normally shortened to five, and the original verse five demonstrates its origin as a school hymn:

(5) Lift us to Thee, each boy, each master here,
Our friends, our homes, and all we count most dear,
Learning, and wit, grace, vigour, childish glee,
Lift them, O Lord, and lift them all to Thee.

The other verses that are normally omitted are 4 and 7:

(4) Above the storms that vex this lower state,
Pride, jealousy, and envy, rage, and hate,
And cold mistrust that holds e'en friends apart,
O Lord of love, lift every brother's heart.

(7) O if the hopes which thrill our hearts today
Foreshadow aught that shall not pass away,
And we may trust that all our days shall be
Bound each to each by natural piety,

The comma after 'piety' indicates a run-on to the final verse, 'Then, as the trumpet-call in after years...'. This penultimate verse 7 has a quotation from Wordsworth's 'My heart leaps up when I behold':

And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

It is interesting to note that the young Winston Churchill entered Harrow School in April 1888 and would have used the 1881 book. He did not mention hymns in *My Early Life* (1930), but he did describe the school songs as 'the greatest treasure Harrow possesses'. It is tempting to speculate that the singing of Butler's hymn fired him with an enthusiasm that lasted, perhaps subconsciously: he did respond to the trumpet-call in after years, and his war-time speeches consistently exhorted the British people to lift up their hearts.⁴

Henry Montagu Butler was the son of a former headmaster of Harrow School and Dean of Peterborough, he was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge (BA 1855, MA 1858). He was a tutor and Fellow of Trinity College (1855-60), taking Holy Orders (deacon and priest, 1859). At the age of 26 he was appointed headmaster of Harrow School, where he remained for more than 25 years (1859-85), becoming one of the great headmasters of the 19th century. He was briefly Dean of Gloucester (for 15 months, 1885-86) before being appointed Master of Trinity College, Cambridge. He remained in post from 1885 until his death 32 years later (his great-nephew, the Conservative politician R.A. Butler, became Master of Trinity in 1965).

Butler published several volumes of sermons, and a book entitled '*Lift up your Hearts*' (*Words of Good Cheer for the Holy Communion*) (1898). He is chiefly known for his hugely popular hymn, also beginning with the *Sursum Corda*, "'Lift up your hearts!" We lift them, Lord, to thee'.

We encountered the tune *Woodlands* two weeks ago where it is set to Timothy Dudley-Smith's paraphrase of the Magnificat, *Tell out my soul*, so I will not comment about it again now.

1. 'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;
here at thy feet none other may we see:
'lift up your hearts!' E'en so, with one accord,
we lift them up, we lift them to the Lord.
2. Above the level of the former years,
the mire of sin, the slough of guilty fears,
the mist of doubt, the blight of love's decay,
O Lord of light, lift all our hearts to-day.
3. Above the swamps of subterfuge and shame,
the deeds, the thoughts, that honour may not name,
the halting tongue that dares not tell the whole,
O Lord of truth, lift every Christian soul.

4. Lift every gift that thou thyself hast given:
low lies the best till lifted up to heaven;
low lie the bounding heart, the teeming brain,
till, sent from God, they mount to God again.

5. Then, as the trumpet-call in after years,
'Lift up your hearts!' rings pealing in our ears,
still shall those hearts respond with full accord,
'We lift them up, we lift them to the Lord!'

'Lift up your hearts!' We lift them, Lord, to thee;

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"Lift up your hearts! We lift them, Lord, to thee" AM708 Woodlands

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9Hy5eohfITw>

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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.

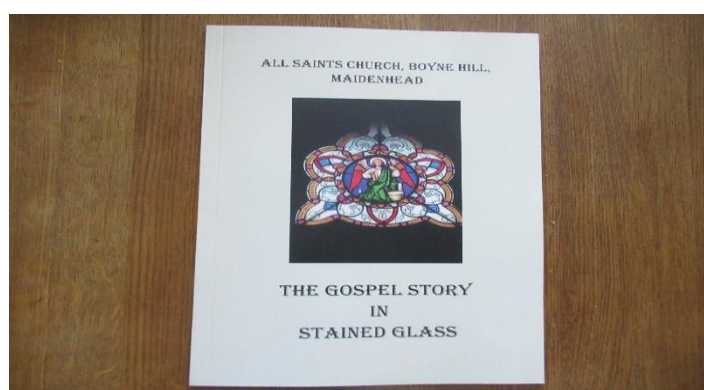
EPISTLE James 1: 17 - 27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

GOSPEL Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15 & 21 - 23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition

of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' Jesus said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'



As a further fund-raiser for the floor project Ken Smith has created a pictorial record of ALL the stained glass windows in the church, including the angels in the cerestory windows and a record of the original windows that were installed by Street prior to their being replaced by the St Augustine window and the Annunciation window. The book consists of 48 A4 pages on semi-gloss stiff paper, most photos are page-size and all are accompanied by an appropriate biblical text. This is the only pictorial record of the windows that exists and only 100 copies have been printed.

Each copy is £10 and as the cost of production has been met by Citygate Automotive every sale will go towards the floor fund.

Sue Stannett has kindly offered to manage the sales so if you would like to purchase a copy of "The Gospel Story in Stained Glass", then please send an email to sastannett@gmail.com with the following information:

1. How many copies you would like to order.
2. How you would prefer to make payment, ie Bank Transfer, Cash or Cheque.
3. Whether you would like to collect the book from the Church Vestry door by arrangement or would prefer to have it delivered.
4. If you are without email, perhaps you could ask a friend or neighbour to request one on your behalf?

Volunteer Stewards and Walkers needed for Ride & Stride 2021: Saturday 11th September

All Saints will be participating once again in this year's "Ride & Stride", welcoming any riders and striders visiting us in the Parish Centre this year. People can walk, cycle, ride or drive to as many churches as they wish during the day, raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT).

Volunteer Stewards: We are looking for volunteers to help provide our usual great All Saints welcome for visitors during the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm; we will set up hourly slots to cover the day – please do let us know if you can help.

Walkers: Fr Jeremy will lead an All Saints team on a walk, possibly visiting the local churches in Maidenhead or following the parish boundary. The length of the walk will be agreed once we have the team in place. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

"Ride & Stride" is Berkshire's annual sponsored 'cycle, run, walk or drive' event organised by the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, (more details can be found at www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk under the Ride & Stride tab). It is part of the nationwide Ride & Stride event run by the National Churches Trust (www.rideandstrideuk.org).

The aims of the event are:

- to raise money for Berkshire's churches
- to promote interest in our county's churches
- to involve people of all ages in a fun outdoor challenge

** Sponsorship and donations are divided 50/50 between the church of the participant's choice and the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust will recover the gift aid on eligible donations and will use its share of the funds to help churches in Berkshire with the costs of conservation and renovation. All Saints has already benefitted from support from the Trust; they have given us £10,000 towards the floor project, the largest grant from any external organisation.*

Please let Fr Jeremy, Ken Smith or me know if you would like to act as a Steward, take part in the walk, or sponsor either of these activities.

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Governor with Financial Experience - All Saints CofE Junior School

We are looking for a motivated individual with a professional background (business or charity sector) with a demonstrable expertise in finance to join our Governing Body. The board's current membership contains a high quality and diverse range of skills but is currently lacking expertise in financial strategic planning and oversight and, therefore, we are looking to recruit a governor with these skills to meet this gap.

Being a governor is very rewarding and a great way to contribute to the local community, to share your existing skills and to learn new ones! If you want to have an informal chat, please contact Jenny Wilks at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk or, for more detailed information, take a look at <https://www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/news/detail/finance-governor-vacancy/>

Equally, if you know someone outside the school community who could be interested, please pass the details on to them.