

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
MAIDENHEAD**

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

In 2015 members of the All Saints, church community shared in the Diocesan Partnership in Missional Church program. Over three years of listening to God through scripture, listening to each other and noticing the needs in the community we discerned that God was calling us to offer:

1. Transformative worship
2. Further develop schools links
3. Offer a ministry of Welcome

The church has tried to always be a church of word and sacrament. The idea that Jesus is the one true sacrament revealing God's love and that we his baptised members and beloved brothers and sisters then play our role in sharing his light and love to the world. In communion we partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ to the world. We are moving forward through Eastertide towards Ascension and Pentecost and the prayer of the church that we may be empowered by the Holy Spirit to use our gifts for the benefit of the community.

Over the last two weeks people that have read the Parish News and/or shared as the gathered community for Eucharistic worship will have noted the last two weeks Gospel readings have focussed on the Good Shepherd and pastoral care and the True Vine and the need for belonging and acceptance with the Body of Christ.

The ministry of Welcome is then of paramount importance as we seek to offer a sense of belonging (Abiding in the True Vine), pastoral care and the hope that in some way we might want to give of our time and talents. As a PCC we decided to form a 'Welcome Group' and that group just before Lockdown last February looked at the 'Everybody Welcome Course' by Bob Jackson and George Fisher. I have decided to share some of the course through the Parish News as it is sent to approximately 180 homes. This means that there is the chance that a wide number of people might read about the course alongside the welcome group. 'Everybody Welcome' is about making welcome central to all that we do. We are told from research that 90% of the people who try our churches fail to join them. I have just shared a meeting with the heads of our three church schools and a person from the Borough who told me she once came to our church! She will be a key member of our sustainability project next year alongside our schools so hopefully we will see something of her again.

If we found that 25% or 50% of the people who tried our church became members through a sense of belonging just think about the potential impact! Welcoming newcomers into the worshipping community is a ministry not just for clergy but also for each member writes Bob Jackson. This suggests that not only should everyone be welcomed but that everyone should be welcoming. The gospel is a message of radical inclusivity. Look carefully at the Good Shepherd going outside his flock and the grapes of the vine being enjoyed by people outside the vineyard! In terms of seeking forgiveness the Prodigal Son is perhaps the most powerful story in scripture. It is with this radical belief that Pope Francis has for the last eight years encouraged a church of 'Open Doors' and a church of 'Mercy'.

Over the next four weeks I will write about the 'Everybody Welcome' course. The first session looks at helping people to discover the church's existence and character. People need to know about us. How do we make contact with the community and how might we be more visible in it?

As well as the visibility of the church building people discover a church through the activity of the church members. We need to show the community that we are alive and active church. Some churches are low profile with limited contacts and hence few visitors. Other churches are high profile, lots of contacts and many people trying them out.

The course suggests that there are four ways of becoming visible.

1. Personal contacts
2. The church programme
3. Special services and events
4. Church premises and publicity

Personal Contacts

How many people do we know who don't go to church? One of the successful ideas that churches used was 'Back to Church Sunday'. We used this some years ago and it meant us inviting via an invitation card people to a service in September. It need not be a service but perhaps a fete, a concert, a Christmas market, outdoor carol singing, watching rugby at the vicarage to see Wales take on England! This September we have 'Back to Church' opportunities. One to welcome people (hopefully) following the Pandemic but also to invite one or two others that might like to see the restored Street Church Floor and a church with ideas for the future.

Church Programme

These are activities like Tiny Saints that brings families and children together. It is Tuesday Club, Young Saints, Senior Saints, Film Club (formerly for Young Adults), Summer Fete and occasional courses. In the past we have had pilgrimages, Messy Church, Parish Holidays and shared services with breakfast at the vicarage. I am sure you could think of other activities over the years.

Other churches have been successful with breakfast clubs and Men's Groups that discuss topical issues. Special Services and events

This might be mission events as we did in 2007 attached to our 150th anniversary, the 2012 Olympic events year and more recently combining with local charities like Street Angels, Homeless organisations, Open the Book in schools, memorial service at All Souls and on occasion Harvest services. Of course, alongside these services we have regular school services when the opportunity for welcome and hospitality can take place.

Church Premises and Publicity

How do our buildings look? Do they appear well loved and cared for? What do our notice boards look like? Don't look too closely at the one on the Bath Road! Do the gates of our church always look locked or at least closed? If we could have the building open more midweek to allow people quiet space or even to offer space

for activities for other groups. Clearly having more flexible space inside the church would help. It isn't just the church but how does the Parish Centre look and the Birinus Room and Office? Publicity is another key issue and I thank Rod for his outstanding work on the web pages. Facebook and Twitter that Julia and Jane have offered as people keep connected and know about events. Part of our success with Tiny Saints and more recently with the Easter Egg hunt was the Facebook support from Tanya.

We now have a weekly Parish News and if we keep this even on a monthly format moving forward this may help. If you would like to discuss any of these ideas, then please join the course on the 12th May from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. If you can't join the course, please read and reflect on the four weeks of 'Everybody Welcome'.

SAD NEWS

It is with great sadness that we heard of the death of Neila De Silva on 4th May. Neila has been a long-standing member of the All Saints community and was over recent years a much loved member of Tiny Saints. I am sure that many of you will remember Neila's excellent hospitality particularly the cottage pie at her home at Christmas following the carol service. We keep Duleep, Dinali and their family in our prayers at this time.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 6 May 10.30am Coffee Morning on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81404382998?pwd=Wkp0SmY3MGxhNFdHSTRJNTRWSDkvdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 0438 2998

Passcode: 466266

All you need is a cup of coffee or tea and perhaps a biscuit or two. Then feel free to share a conversation.

8.00pm Night Prayer

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVtIpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

Psalm 104, Mark 12: 18-27 and An Eastertide Hymn

Sunday 9 May

9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

It will also be possible to watch on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85912814977?pwd=VFNmL1hzME1ROVFcW1oSXNFa1NpUT09>

Meeting ID: 859 1281 4977

Passcode: 702902

5.00pm CHRISTIAN AID SERVICE ON ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX ON ZOOM

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

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

Joining with the communities of The Church of the Good Shepherd and St Luke's

Monday 10 May 7.30pm Prayer Group on Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 850 1160 0714

Passcode: 553120

This group, following the example of our successful 'Church on the Move' from a decade ago, focusses on an area of mission that we would like to pray for. If you have anyone you would like us to pray for please let Fr Jeremy know.

Wednesday 12 May

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

7.30pm Everybody Welcome Course (See Fr Jeremy's Introduction)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82056018434?pwd=MTRFeVVIVTQrWGtla2Y3Sm5VeEhXQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 5601 8434

Passcode: 586093

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A prayer from Roots

Creator God, you have called us to worship you, chosen us to be your friends and invited us to extend that friendship to your people in all the world. May we live as Jesus lived, serve as he served, and love as he loved, to the glory of your name. AMEN.

As we begin the 'Everybody Welcome Course' we pray that we may discern your calling for each one of us Lord. We pray that we may be a church of welcome allowing people to feel a real sense of belonging within the community.

We pray at this time for the country of India whose people are suffering at this time of the pandemic. May the wider community of international support continue to help the people of India at this time of desperate need.

We continue to hold within our prayers George Hutchison, Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery and Albert.

We remember all those whose anniversary of death falls this time. We remember all our departed loved ones especially Neila De Silva. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

From Charlie Mackesy: 'Doing nothing with friends is never doing nothing, is it?' asked the boy. 'No', said the mole.

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

Fr Jeremy

Fr Jeremy's Sermon preached at All Saints on 2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Text: John 15: 1 - 8

A few weeks ago, I decided to take on a task that I had ignored for years. It involved making the front garden at the vicarage look just a little more cared for. It was looking terrible with rose bushes entangled so badly that it was impossible to see any growth or indeed any potential flowering. The one part of the garden that had the prospect of potential gardening had also been destroyed by me as I had over enthusiastically cut the grass a couple of years ago and accidentally chopped down the beautiful tulips that Monika had planted. (During the preaching of this sermon at 11.00am Monika reminded me that I managed to do this twice!)

Having decided to try and make good the garden I spent a few hours cutting my fingers and discovering how impossible a task I had left myself with the years of neglect. We decided to hire a gardener for the day and he, clearly seeing the need for a new beginning cleared out all of the bushes leaving us with a very tidy area and one with potential for new growth. The garden is now looking tidy, if not a little bare but quite miraculously the golden yellow and bright red tulips have come out as a sign of hope.

Stephen Verney, who served at the College of St George at Windsor and later became Bishop of Repton in Derbyshire wrote a wonderful commentary on John's gospel called 'Water into Wine.' In describing this text on the vine, he writes about a farmer who decides to plant a vine. He sets a post for the vine to climb and fixes horizontal supports for its branches. Then in the spring he plants it and as it grows, he trains it and in the following Autumn he prunes it back.

The vine depends for its life on the farmer but equally the farmer depends on the vine. The vine can do what the farmer cannot, it can take the rain that falls and converts it into grapes, which the farmer can harvest and tread into his wine-press and pour juice into his vat to ferment and bubble. The farmer and the vine, writes Verney are dependent on each other as they work towards turning water into wine. Jesus himself says that I am the true vine, and my father is the farmer. We discover that the vine with its roots deep within the soil, but dependent upon the farmer enables the branches to produce grapes that can be crushed to make wine to bring joy and hope to those who drink it. Jesus goes on to say that 'I am the vine, and you are the branches, dwell in me and I in you.' If the branches do indeed dwell in the vine, then that is us dwelling in Jesus. The life of the vine is giving us his branches as baptised members of his body new life.

If the branches grow out of the stem and the roots which are drawing up the rich goodness of the soil and the rain, then the sap of the vine is nurturing us to produce grapes or fruits. We find then the farmer as God the creator, the vine (Jesus) offering us new life and the sap or goodness of the Holy Spirit coursing through us. Jesus says that we cannot bear fruit if we do not dwell in him. There will need to be a cutting back of the branches otherwise we stifle each other. We need to grow towards the light with a clear vision of what God desires us to produce.

Tom Wright returns to the idea of my rose bushes although I suspect he didn't have my garden as an example in mind. If the rose bushes get left, they get tangled (I should say) and produce poor roses or in my case no roses. The bushes need light and need to grow in the right direction and certainly do not want to waste energy. We as the disciples of Christ through our baptism are joined with the vine (Jesus) and to the farmer (God), entering into communion. A relationship of complete love. By taking up our cross we sacrifice false hopes and ambitions and discern what God is calling us to do as individuals and as community.

How can we remain in him? In the gathered community of the Eucharist where we are fed and given life in bread and wine, but also in the word of God that comes alive. We can read the bible, pray and worship God in creation (as many people have done over the last twelve months) and together we can discern the way

that God's light can shine into our communities. We cannot do this alone as we need the vine to be fed and nurtured to enable us to be the Body of Christ.

It is important to notice that 'abiding' is not defensive inwardness but going beyond the walls of the church to share the joy of the fruits with others. Fruitful vines can benefit the world beyond the vineyard just as the Shepherd in last Sunday's text went beyond his flock to other sheep. (John 10:16)

I pray that our community will stay in the vine. This week I will write in the Parish News about 'Welcome' the second of our three part vision from Partnership in Missional Church. Welcome to a place where more people can come to know the vine and the farmer. A place where community life can be celebrated with joy in events and share experiences. A place where we can be nourished by the rains through courses such as confirmation and bibles studies, courses on sustainability as we prepare for next year's event with schools and the local authority. A place where Pastoral Care is valued. If we invite people to the vine and the farmer, they should be loved and nourished as Jesus loves us. They should be valued and noticed just as during Lockdown last year people phoned to see that people had food and medical supplies and that they were not left alone. We will also hope that people can see Christian service in their everyday lives at work not just as something we do in church. (See the LICC song that is with this sermon).

To finish I am hoping that my garden will show signs of life, not just looking tidy. I'm hoping too that the church will show signs of life not just a new church floor important as that is.

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Worship for SUNDAY 9 MAY THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

This week's gospel is the continuation of last week's excerpt from John's gospel. Then, Jesus talked about "I am the real Vine and my Father is the gardener" and the relationship between God, himself and his people on earth. This week, Jesus' key statement is "love one another as I have loved you". The gospel tells of how Jesus calls us to be his Friends, not servants or subjects but to be a member of a community on earth where his example of laying down his life is the source of our mutual friendship with Him and to act sacrificially the rest of humanity. The essence of "love one another as I have loved you" is eloquently expressed in the two hymns I have chosen today. The first is "The love of God comes close" AM 466 words by John Bell and Graham Maule and music by John Bell.

Each verse reflects the key elements of a loving relationship with God which will make us complete with Him through Jesus Christ. The first verse shows that this love is available to everyone. Secondly, true peace stems from the sacrificial nature of this love. Verse three underlines the power of this love to find hope and joy. The fourth verse reminds us of the nourishment this love provides to tired lives and finally, the last verse reminds us of the relationship with Jesus through our communion with him.

1. The love of God comes close
where stands an open door
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor:
the love of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

2. The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn:
the peace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

3. The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears:
the joy of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

4. The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised or bent:
the grace of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

5. The Son of God comes close
where people praise his name,
where bread and wine are blest
and shared, as when he came:
the Son of God is here to stay
embracing those who walk his way.

“John Bell’s impact on congregational song in the later 20th and early 21st centuries has been both profound and wide-ranging. His work as writer, composer, teacher and workshop leader, song-leader, editor and broadcaster, though diverse in character, has been focussed around a single dominant concern: encouraging congregations to claim their proper place at the centre of the music of the church’s worship. He is closely identified with the Iona Community, of which he is a member, and the Church of Scotland, of which he is an ordained minister. His hymn-writing and composition has grown largely out of local, pastoral concerns. Yet his work has found a global audience both within the English-speaking world and beyond.

Bell is co-author, with Graham Maule (1958-2019), of over 250 hymn and song texts, and sole author of an additional 150-plus texts, a number which continues to grow. He is also the composer or arranger of over 275 tunes, most of which were composed to accompany his and Maule’s texts¹. “

We experienced first-hand John’s inspirational teaching style at All Saints in 2018.

The love of God comes close AM 466 Melanie <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aIQO1E6tpJ4>

“The love of God comes close” Words and music: From Enemy of Apathy, 1988
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The second hymn is “God is Love: let heav’n adore him;” AM 644 words by Timothy Rees (1874 – 1930) set to Abbot’s Leigh by Cyril Taylor (1907 – 1991).

This hymn reflects on similar themes to these used by Bell and Maule in the first hymn. What makes this hymn particularly striking is that it was first published in 1922 and although its language is less modern and direct than that of Bell and Maule, one gets the sense that Rees is reflecting the struggles of a contemporary world rather than some imagined poetical one. It is a hymn that shows that although the challenges, concerns and needs that affect mankind vary over time, the power of God's love is unchanging. In that sense, the hymn is just as contemporary as that of Bell and Maule.

1. God is Love: let heav'n adore him;
God is Love: let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
he who spread the heav'ns above,
he who breathes through all creation,
he is Love, eternal Love.
2. God is Love: and he enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp he holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.
3. God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of all,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides us when we fall.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees was educated at St David's University College, Lampeter (BA 1896) and St Michael's College, Aberdare. He took Holy Orders (deacon 1897, priest 1898), serving as curate of Mountain Ash, Glamorgan (1897-1901), and returning to St Michael's College, Aberdare as chaplain (1901-06). He became a member of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, in 1907, and was a licensed preacher in the Diocese of Wakefield. In 1913 he visited missions in New Zealand and Canada. During the Great War, 1914-18, he was a chaplain to the forces, winning the Military Cross in 1917 and being twice mentioned in despatches. He was Warden of the of the Community of the Resurrection from 1922 to 1928. He was consecrated bishop of Llandaff in 1931, serving as bishop there until his death.

God is love let heav'n adore him AM 644 Abbot's Leigh

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyYWW_P9MH4

"Abbot's Leigh" Music: From the BBC Hymn Book 1951

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- 1 Kenneth R. Hull. "John Lamberton Bell." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 10 Apr. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/j/john-lamberton-bell>>

- 2 JRW. "Timothy Rees." The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology. Canterbury Press. Web. 11 Apr. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/t/timothy-rees>>.

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING **Acts 10: 44 - 48**

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

GOSPEL **John 15: 9 - 17**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

A MEETING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS & THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE VIA ZOOM AT 7.30pm on MONDAY 24 MAY 2021

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89893013369?pwd=ZU5ja2NrNmpxMjQ5eVF0emRPR2Rydz09>

Meeting ID: 898 9301 3369

Passcode: 242825

Formal notices plus the Report & Accounts are attached to this edition of the Parish News. The Agenda will be issued nearer the meeting.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2021

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 24 May 2021. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be or you have moved house, then please contact me by email on

sastannett@gmail.com

Sue Stannett



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 9 – 16 MAY

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ZOOM SERVICE SUNDAY 9 MAY 5.00PM

Like last year there can be no house-to-house collection but Churches Together will be ensuring we don't forget the work of Christian Aid as we join together using Zoom for our Christian Aid Week Service. We will sing songs, hear scripture, and learn about the work going on, in conjunction with churches across the UK and beyond!

If you need help connecting to Zoom, or if you want to phone in then please let the Revd David Downing know. revmandm@gmail.com

The code to join us is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2557731522>

300,000 STEPS

This year Christian Aid are asking people to take 300,000 steps to raise money for Christian Aid; and the Revd David Downing of Maidenhead United Reformed Church has accepted the challenge. In the wet, dry, cold and warmth of May he will make sure that people who are suffering most from climate change are getting the support they need through Christian Aid. If you can sponsor him, he says it will be like hearing you cheer him on!

You can get in touch with him via revmandm@gmail.com, or you can sponsor him directly by going to: www.facebook.com/donate/137225505049642/

PSALMATHON SUNDAY 16 MAY

This month, as part of Christian Aid Week, we are invited to join with Christian Aid supporters in Marlow in reading all 150 Psalms end to end, on Zoom. This event will be on Sunday 16th May, from 12noon to approximately 7.00pm. Phew! But you don't have to be there the whole time.

We need LOTS of readers, and we hope that everyone who reads will get their friends and family to sponsor them, raising bags of money for Christian Aid. So please join in! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/psalmathon> for more details and to book your place as a reader: you will be asked to specify a one-hour slot during which you will get your turn. There is a £5 registration fee. We will then send you full details and you will be encouraged to get sponsorship. Nearer the time, we'll confirm which Psalm(s) you will be reading, and we will send you the Zoom code for the event.

QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP HAS REOPENED: Monday to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm

Please support them if you can; they have an excellent selection of cards and gifts for all occasions as well as the books.

WAMCF WOMEN'S GROUP Monday 24 May 7.30pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84369552849?pwd=cW5PV0hiTU9iVFBVYVpmSiQ0UmJnUT09>

Meeting ID: 843 6955 2849

Passcode: 272010

Reflecting on 40 years of WAMCF so come with your memories – however recent or distant.

We will also introduce a project to create a wall hanging between us so you may like to have pen and paper to jot down your ideas.

FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

With Covid restrictions easing, we used the Bank Holiday weekend to do what we'd waited months for: we drove to Bristol to meet our son. We'd barely seen him since he moved there, a week before the first lockdown. It was joyous.

He suggested meeting at the harbourside. This interested me, as I recalled vividly the television pictures in June last year of protestors dumping a bronze statue of Edward Colston into Bristol harbour. Colston's name is widely commemorated in Bristol. We drove to the harbour along Colston Road. He was an eighteenth century member of parliament, merchant, high Anglican and philanthropist. But much of his great wealth was amassed by slave trading. Slavery funded his philanthropy, hence the toppling of his statue.

As we walked from the harbour along the river Avon we passed another statue, a modest stone bust set back from the waterside. Beneath it was engraved the name Samuel Plimsoll, and an emblem of a circle bisected with a horizontal line. He, too, was a Bristol-born member of parliament; a Victorian social reformer who campaigned to protect the lives of mariners. He inspired legislation in 1876 that created a draft line, a mark on the hulls of ships to show their maximum safe load. It stopped greedy ship owners from overloading their vessels and became popularly known 'the Plimsoll Line'. Many tried to stop the new law.

Statues have fallen out of fashion. Many people see public monuments as irrelevant or outdated. But I believe statues have a place and some achievements deserve commemoration.