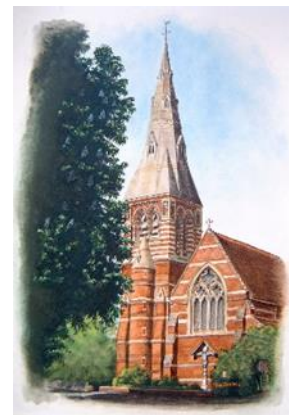


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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I would like to begin this week's Parish News by thanking all those members of our congregation who contributed to helping us open All Saints to the public for the 10 days of mourning following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. Over the 10 days we had a small number of people arrive for just about every period of time that we offered. All those that visited the church to write in the book of condolence, light a candle or pray said how important it had been for them to reflect within a beautiful building that offers a wonderful sense of prayer and peace. Thank you too for the bell ringers who rang the bells on the eve of the funeral and at 10.00am on the day of the funeral.

I am sure that we were all moved by the experience of watching the funeral and committal services from Westminster Abbey and St George's Chapel, Windsor. The Archbishop of Canterbury offered a wonderful sermon at the Abbey. His words 'The pattern for many leaders was to be exalted in life and forgotten after death,' but 'The pattern for all who serve God – famous or obscure, respected or ignored – is that death is the door to glory.'

Reflecting on the Queen's speech during Covid, the Archbishop ended with an allusion to a Vera Lynn song, saying 'We will meet again.' It was a sermon that spoke of new Life now and in the Kingdom to come.

On the eve of the funeral Fr John shared with us a beautiful and moving Requiem Eucharist and a good number of people attended. Those that shared the service commented that it was an appropriate way to express the Christian hope in our local church. I shared the following words at the service for those who may wish to read them.

SERMON FOR THE REQUIEM FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022

Texts: Lamentations 3: 22-26 and 31-33, 2 Corinthians 4: 16 – 5: 4 and John 6: 35-40

People who do well in life whether that is in business, sport, music, the film industry or running a country, are sometimes asked the question 'What is the secret to their success?' It could equally be what was the bedrock of an ordinary life well lived, perhaps a marriage bringing up your children in a loving, caring and stable environment as we celebrated at the Eucharist in the morning at All Saints.

What motivated you? Where did you find your inspiration and stamina? What guided you? What helped you through the challenging times of struggle and pain? Her Majesty the Queen has been globally praised for doing an outstanding job since she came to the throne at the age of 25. For 70 years she has been our

Queen, Head of the Commonwealth and Supreme Governor of the Church of England with amazing diligence, great grace, intelligence, and humility.

As I quoted in my sermon last week, Tony Blair said the Queen had stability, reassuring presence (Pandemic 2020) and resilience through harrowing times in an extraordinary time of change in the country and the world. In the case of the Queen her motivation was her faith. At her Coronation she vowed to serve God's people as a servant of God and her authority came from God.

In her address of Christmas 2000 the Queen said, 'For me, the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework in which I try to lead my life.' In 2008 her message had 'I hope that, like me, you will be comforted by the example of Jesus of Nazareth, who often in circumstances of great adversity, managed to live an outgoing, unselfish and sacrificial life.' 'He makes it clear that genuine human happiness and satisfaction lie more in giving than receiving, more in serving than in being served.'

I was out with Street Angels last evening and spoke to a man who had waited twelve hours to pay respects to the Queen lying in state. The man said 'I have no faith, and I'm no royalist but the example she set and the feelings I experienced in Westminster Hall were, I guess the nearest I've come to a spiritual/religious experience.

With this in mind, this is why on the Eve of the Queen's funeral service, churches around the countries of the UK and Commonwealth will be celebrating Requiem Masses, or services of thanksgiving and focussing on the faith and hope the scriptures bring.

We begin with Lamentations. The book is a lament of sadness and grief of the ancient city of Jerusalem, destroyed by Babylonians in 587 BC. The Jews cried over the destruction of the Holy City, the loss of their families, their homes, and the place where they believed God was present, the Temple. They wept for their loss and feelings of abandonment. We weep too and lament (we've seen it in church and on our television screens). The loss of continuity and hope in challenging times in a world that at present laments war, climate crisis, and the cost of living crisis. We lament too the loss of our Queen who brought solace.

The Queen has Jesus as her moral compass. When we follow Jesus, we move away from self-sufficiency to solidarity and from hard indifference to compassion. As Lamentations says, 'This I call to mind and therefore I have hope, the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end, they are new every morning, great is his faithfulness.'

In 2 Corinthians we discover that St Paul is willing to suffer, to sacrifice because he has ultimate hope in the future. 'The best is yet to come.' The Archbishop of Canterbury has said that the Queen was not afraid at the end of her life. I suspect she too knew that the 'Best is yet to come.' The Greeks believed that there's a division between the body and soul, between creation and heaven. It leaves us thinking that the earthly life has little value, but the hope of the Kingdom demands we live life here bringing the glory of heaven. The Queen would quote the Lord's prayer 'Thy Kingdom come on Earth as in Heaven.' Also, Christ will transform our lowly bodies that they become like his glorious body. We will live life caring about each other, seeing each other made in God's image and working in harmony with the new Earth instead of destroying it.

We are celebrating the Eucharist, The Mass, the perfect way to mark the end of life as we hope that we have lived it in the presence of the Risen Lord. Chapter 6 of John's gospel points to the Eucharist. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II valued communion whether in Windsor, Balmoral, Sandringham, and I am sure at many altars.

Jesus in this chapter says 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live for ever. The bread that I shall give is my own flesh for the life of the World.' This is Incarnation. John

ch1 14 'the word became flesh and dwelt among us (the Queen spoke of this in numerous Christmas Addresses) and that same flesh is given to us as a living bread. Through our Lord's incarnation and death, we may find New Life. He who feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. At the Eucharist we experience a foretaste of the Kingdom as we come alongside Jesus and all those who have gone before us.

The Queen at her Coronation when Handel's 'Zadok the Priest' was sung, the symbols of the Queen's status were removed, the crimson velvet robe, the diamond diadem, and the coronation necklace. She was left in a simple white dress. She wears a ring but is not giving to a husband but to a people. The archbishop anoints her with Holy Oil to show that she is being set apart to serve and love her people in all her actions, with all her heart and all her mind.

She followed Christ to be set apart not to be served but to serve. Christ sacrificed his life that we might have life in all its fulness. We lament the death of our Queen, but we have hope like St Paul that our lowly bodies will be like God's glorious body and having received the gift of the Living bread we may experience transformed life.

At the end of the sketch that will be forever remembered when the Queen shared tea with Paddington Bear, Paddington was heard to say, "Happy Jubilee, Ma'am, thank you for everything." The Queen's response, "That's very kind."

We may pray Your Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 'Well done good and faithful servant, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.' Amen.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This Sunday is Harvest Festival time – Please bring any donations of vegetables, fruits, tins or bottles (wine is always welcome) for the auction this year. Following the service, we will share the auctioning of the goods that you have offered. As I mentioned at the service on Sunday this is the time of year when you are 'fleeced' by the vicar as he tries to get maximum donations from the goods so that the money raised can go to charity. This year we are looking at 'Toilet twinning'. Please see Jenny Wilks notice on p 8.

Following the auction Paul Lion has kindly offered to provide a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch for £5 per person. There is a list in church or contact the church office by Friday Lunchtime so that we can give final numbers to Paul.

SUNDAYS@4 AND CONFIRMATION FOR CHILDREN

Last Sunday we shared a vibrant Sundays@4 which included teaching for the 9 children from our church who will be confirmed on Sunday 20 November. The nine children, plus other families, learned a little about the sort of person Jesus was and the love he showed on the cross and the resurrection life that he gained for us. After the service we enjoyed the BBQ and ice-creams before Elaine See offered the parachute game during which adults and children shared great fun. Thank you to John Gay for cooking the BBQ.

Please remember our children's candidates in your prayers: Tyler Burgess, Edgar Barnard (Ned), Timothy Barnard, Maxim Fullarton, Ruth Grossman, Beatrice Grossman, Nour Eric Shima, Aurelie Grace Shima and Konga Tete Scopas.

GOVERNORS SOUGHT AT ALTWOOD CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

Neil Dimpleby, the Head Teacher of Altwood Church of England School, has asked me to write in this week's Parish News to see if there are people able to help take the school forward. Under the leadership of Neil, the school has made wonderful progress over the last few years. John Bolodeoku, our Churchwarden, is also a governor of the school. As a church we have always made good contact with the school and offer assemblies

and a Christian Union discussion group. We now share partnership with The Revd Jo Ellington who has shared an excellent year of chaplaincy at the school.

I would be delighted if there are one or two people who may read this request and feel that they may be able to offer support as a governor. One of our key areas of mission at All Saints is our relationship with our church schools so please take time to pray and discern if you believe you can help.

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday 29 September *3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*

7.00pm Adult Confirmation Course in the Birinus Room

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 30

9.00am Harvest Assembly at Boyne Hill School

10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre *The Story of Noah*

Saturday 1 October

8.30am – 6.00pm Trip to Berwick and the South Downs

Sunday 2

10.00am The Parish Eucharist for Harvest Festival

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John

followed by an auction of harvest goods and a Ploughman's Lunch

4.00pm Children's Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

6.00pm Sundays@6 Harvest Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Monday 3

9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday 4

8.00am Churches Together Ministers' Breakfast

9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School

9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre (see p 7 for details)

Wednesday 5

10.00am Requiem Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre

3.00pm Meeting of Almshouse Trustees in the Birinus Room

7.00pm Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel with Fr John in the Birinus Room (see p 7)

7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre

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

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 12.30pm. Please sign the list at the back of church if you 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.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

On this day of Harvest, we give thanks that all things were created through Christ and for Christ. We pray that we will reflect and discern as we care for and respect all that God has created. May we learn to work in partnership to respect the lives of other people, animals, plants, and the creatures of the sea.

As we give thanks for the gifts of creation and the food that we are provided. We pray that we may value the food that we have. May we reflect on the way we use our food and reduce the amount of waste that we create.

We pray for our children's confirmation group, Nour, Aurelie, Tim, Ned, Ruth, Beatrice, Maxim, Tyler, and Konga, as they think about the ways we can save energy and re-cycle products. The new commission in Baptism and Confirmation challenges us to see how we might look after God's world. We give thanks that our young people are taking this challenge seriously.

We pray for our 'Toilet Twinning' project and for other ideas that the Sustainability group are encouraging us to think about in the coming months. We give thanks for our congregation at All Saints and the part they have played in doing the small things well to enable us to gain the Bronze, Eco Church award.

We continue to pray for peace and justice in all places of war, violence and aggression. On our hearts and minds at this time we pray for the people suffering in Pakistan through floods, People in East Africa suffering a food crisis through failing rainy seasons, the people of Ukraine and Russia suffering through war and the people of Iran seeing so much suffering and heartache in their country at this time. We pray for the people and country of South Sudan and for Emmanuel, Laura and Konga and the family they have in that troubled part of the world.

We pray for the people of the UK who will face problems through the fuel crisis and cost of living challenges. We pray for Food Banks and other charitable organisations who are trying to alleviate suffering.

We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Sue Nordberg, Cheryl Brookes and Pat Tointon. May they know God's healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed, Roderick Maclennan, Carol Aitkin, John Hicks and Ted Carpenter. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Fr Jeremy

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER HARVEST THANKSGIVING

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE Deuteronomy 26: 1—11

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL John 6: 25 — 35

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to Jesus, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Salix *P Whitlock*

Opening Hymn: AM 290 We plough the fields and scatter

Gradual: AM 287 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer

Offertory: AM 282 Come, ye thankful people, come

Communion: AM 557 Beauty for brokenness

Closing Hymn: AM 777 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Postlude: Recessional on 'St George' *V Griffiths*

HARVEST FESTIVAL CHARITY COLLECTION

This year the charity we will support at Harvest is Toilet Twinning. You may not have heard of it, but it is a charity which funds the work of international development agency, Tearfund. Our donations will be used to provide clean water, basic sanitation and hygiene education in some of the world's poorest countries. Today 1 in 4 people around the world lack safe drinking water and 1.7 billion people don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet. £60 will help fund a project in a poor community that will enable families to build a basic toilet, have access to clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives. For each £60 sent, we will receive a certificate to pin up in one of our toilets showing a photograph of our overseas toilet twin and GPS coordinates so anyone can look up our twin's location!

All donations and proceeds from the Harvest food auction will go to Toilet Twinning.

www.toilettwinning.org Please support our Harvest appeal.

TUESDAY CLUB 4 OCTOBER 2.30pm IN THE BIRINUS ROOM

For our first meeting of the new season we'll welcome back Jennifer James from the National Trust. This time she'll be speaking about Nancy Astor which should be really fascinating. As ever guests are welcome at a small charge of £2 per head.

Jan Moss

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY GROUP STARTS WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER

I will be leading a bible study group on Mark's Gospel on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-8.00pm (followed by Compline for those who would like to stay) starting on 5 October, meeting in the Birinus Room. If you are interested in joining us, please add your name to the list at the back of church or drop me an email on revjohnainslie@gmail.com so I know how many to expect.

Fr John

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

Calling all Children'S Society Box Holders: It is time to collect in the boxes for counting. I can offer you a variety of options, so please choose whichever is most suitable for you.

- Send a cheque (made out to 'The Children's Society') to me at the address below
- Bring your box when you attend church service on Sunday or Wednesday. If I am not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house.
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house.

You all have my phone number on your box so please call if you need further clarification, assistance or want to discuss anything with me.

My address: 46 Boyn Hill Road SL6 4HJ

Many thanks for your continued support. It makes a real difference to hundreds of children and enables the Society to continue their work.

Anne Clark

ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET – SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Preparations are underway now for the market. We are starting to contact small local businesses and crafts people about having a stall and we will, once again – courtesy of our own wonderful knitters and craft ladies - have our own handicrafts stall which was such a success last year.

We hope to have several choirs entertaining visitors and the Salvation Army will be joining us to share Christmas Carols at the end of the afternoon.

There will be Indian food once again, and hot drinks, and nearer the date we will be asking the bakers amongst the congregation to help with mince pies and cakes.

For now, we would be very grateful for your help with donations of:

1. Prizes for the raffle
2. Items for the tombola

Please remember that we can only accept new / unopened items for the Tombola

Please leave any donations in the box provided at the back of the church, or take your item(s) to the Parish Office for the organising team to collect.

Stella Harding

MAIDENHEAD STREET ANGELS WOULD LOVE YOU TO JOIN THEM. PLEASE SEE POSTER ATTACHED TO EMAIL.

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.