

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I would like to share with you in this week's news the Harvest Festival celebrations which will be held in the Parish Centre at the 9.30am Eucharist. Following this service there will be the opportunity for your vicar to act the role that he loves so much: that of Del Boy auctioning harvest vegetables and fruits etc to raise money for WaterAid. The auction will take place outside in the Quadrangle before the church continues to return to some normality as we host our first Baptism for over a year at 12 noon.

As some of you will know All Saints has now formed a Sustainability group which will focus on becoming an Eco-Church and focus on the local and wider needs of supporting God's creation. The plan for this harvest is to support people that are without clean water. WaterAid tells us that **1 In 10** people worldwide do not have clean water.

THE INJUSTICE

Our climate is changing at an alarming rate, making it even harder for people to get clean water. More frequent and extreme flooding is polluting fragile water sources; longer droughts are drying up springs. Lives are at risk.

THE ANSWER: WATER

It all starts with a supply of water that keeps pumping through flood, drought and disaster. It could mean communities raising waterpoints so they withstand floods; storing rainwater in rooftop tanks for times of drought; monitoring water levels so people can prepare for shortages.

THE IMPACT

With clean water people stay alive and healthy. They can earn a living and go to school – and prepare their communities for future shocks. When disaster strikes, they will have the resources to respond and recover.

I will share with you a few stories from around the World where the work of WaterAid is helping communities to be more resilient in the face of challenges during next weekend's Harvest service. The information will be shared via the excellent WaterAid resources called 'OASIS – Knowing the way to tomorrow.'

I do hope that as many people as possible will be able to fill the Parish Centre and stay for the auction so that we can raise money for this outstanding charity. We obviously need your support with Harvest gifts that we

can then auction. Alternatively, you may prefer to offer a donation that we can then pass to WaterAid to support their work.

Please do support this year's Harvest service and Sustainability activity.

This week our new Worship and Schools groups meet at the vicarage to take forward our Mission Plans. It is wonderful to see that the Schools Open the Book teams are sharing the bible stories once again at Larchfield and All Saints Schools and are being given a wonderful welcome by the students and staff of the school communities.

Great news too that the Street Angels are back out supporting people in Maidenhead again.

Advance notices:

Next Sunday 10 October 10.00am in the Parish Centre

From next Sunday onwards there will be just one Sunday service in the Parish Centre at 10.00am

Sunday 31 October 4.00pm 'SAINTS AND SAUSAGES' celebration in the Quadrangle.

It's highly unlikely that we will be able to celebrate our Patronal Festival in the church but that should not stop us celebrating the lives of the Saints over a BBQ of sausages. Let's sing some great festival hymns and celebrate the lives of the Saints. All welcome.

Sunday 28 November

10.00am Eucharist to mark the beginning of Advent and the celebration of 100 years of the ministry of The Royal British Legion.

2.00pm -5.00pm our first ever Christmas Market with music, food, drinks and Christmas Stalls in the Quadrangle. We are hoping that the service will be celebrated once again for this day at All Saints Church.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 31 September 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

Friday 1 October 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

Saturday 2 October The marriage of Christopher Walters and Louise Pouw

Please keep Louise and Chris in your prayers as we welcome them for our first wedding in almost two years. Thank you to all those from our community who have made special efforts to make the church look the best it can for this celebrational service.

Sunday 3 October 9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist for WaterAid in the Parish Centre

followed by an auction of harvest goods in the Quadrangle. There will not be an 11.00am Eucharist to enable the auction and the 12 noon Baptism to take place. There will however be extra seating (still with some distancing and wearing of masks).

Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBUE3FYclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

12 noon HOLY BAPTISM

Please pray for River Melanie Eileen Hales, her parents and godparents.

Monday 4 October 8.00pm Monday Night Prayer on Zoom: St Francis of Assisi

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

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070 Passcode: 587930

Tuesday 5 October

9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School

2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre The Royal Wives of Windsor 1070 - 1952

It's very exciting to be having our first live meeting since March 2020 and Graham Horn is an excellent speaker. Guests are welcome as ever. We make a small charge of £2 for visitors but if you think you might like to join you can come along to your first meeting free of charge.

Wednesday 6 October

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Dear Lord, we thank you for the gifts of food and clean water. For the food that brings us together in Eucharistic celebration that nourishes us and offers the gift of New Life. For the food that nourishes us and enables us to share community and friendship together. We pray for those without, whose harvests and cupboards are empty. Help us all to work together to share the world's resources.

We pray to for the ministry of WaterAid as they strive to help people resource clean water that will keep people healthy and enable young people to go to school to learn to provide for a better future.

Lord of the Harvest, we thank you for the gift that is creation and for the opportunity that you offer us to care for and sustain it. We are sorry for the many ways we neglect your challenge to us, and we pray that we may move forward trying to conserve the world in which we live.

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, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Marjorie Pocock, Terry Freshwater and Fred and Doreen Hill.

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 Mary Dorothy Street. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

As we think of the way we live our lives sometimes without thought for looking after God's creation we turn to Charlie:

Charlie Mackesy: 'I wonder if there is a school of unlearning.'

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 3 October Harvest Thanksgiving

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

The conclusion of the harvest has always been a time of celebration for people of all cultures throughout the world. It represents the culmination of all the work involved in sowing, cultivating, gathering crops and the creation of a store of food to sustain their communities until the next harvest.

The celebration of a church service harvest festival as we might think of it today was revived by Robert Steven Hawker (1803 – 1875) in 1843 during his long incumbency at Morwenstow, Cornwall. No harvest festival would be complete without the hymn “We plough the fields and scatter” AM 290, words by Matthias Claudius (1740 - 1815), translated from German to English by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817 - 1878), set to a tune by Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747 – 1800) and harmonised by John Bacchus Dykes (1823 – 1876).

In his twenties the German poet and journalist Matthias Claudius ceased being an active Christian, but when he was 37 he became seriously ill, which precipitated his return to the Christian faith. During his illness he wrote a number of poems including religious ones. In 1782, a friend invited him to dinner and asked him to bring an example of his Christian poems. Claudius wrote "Wir pflügen und wir streuen" based on Psalm 144 for this occasion. The poem had 17 verses, in due course it was published in "Asinus omnia sua secum portans" as a peasant's song. From there, it was published in number of German hymnbooks. The majority of which cut most of the original 17 verses with the publishers often deciding to start with the 3rd verse which started with "Wir pflügen und wir streuen" (English: We plough the fields and scatter).

In 1862 in England, Jane Montgomery Campbell, who was proficient in the German language, started to translate a number of German hymns into English. She worked creating a version of "Wir pflügen und wir streuen" in English, where she did not make a strict translation from the original German but did retain the hymn's original focus of giving thanks to God for the harvest. She taught the hymn to the children at the Church of England parish school in London where her father was the rector. The hymn was later published in Charles Bere's "Garland of Songs and Children's Chorale Book".

Johann Abraham Peter Schulz was a German musician, most renowned today for writing the tune used for “We plough the Fields and scatter”. However, in his day, he was a well-regarded professional music teacher, composer, keyboard player and Music Director for the Court of several European royal families.

1. We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.
Refrain

3. We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, that thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.
Refrain

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWHMZsf-Ano>

The second hymn is “Come, ye thankful people, come,” AM 282 words by Henry Alford (1810 – 1871) and tune St George’s Windsor by George Job Elvey (1816 – 1893)

The first verse of this hymn is the expected thanksgiving for a harvest safely gathered-in but the remaining verses make reference to Jesus’s parable of the wheat and tares as told in Matthew 13.

Alford, Henry, D.D., was the son of the Rev. Henry Alford, Rector of Aston Sandford. Alford junior was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and after his graduation was ordained to the Curacy of Ampton in 1833. Subsequently he was vicar of Wymeswold in Leicestershire, 1835-1853, then incumbent of Quebec Chapel, London, 1853-1857 and finally Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. In addition, he held several important academic appointments, including that of a Fellow of Trinity, and the Hulsean Lectureship, 1841-2. Alford was a noted scholar and poet although he is now remembered for his edition of the Greek Testament and one or two hymns.

The composer of the tune St George’s Windsor, Sir George Elvey, was appointed to the position of organist of St George’s chapel Windsor in 1835, when he was only 19 years of age. At the time, the choir was in a very sorry state and he rapidly set about improving the standards and achievement of the music at the Chapel which he maintained to wide acclaim during his 47 year tenure as organist.

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest home!

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in God's garner to abide;
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3n7IUCdqAM>

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.

O T READING Joel 2: 21 - 27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

GOSPEL Matthew 6: 25 - 33

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than

food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group Monday 4 October 7.30pm Maidenhead Synagogue

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to this live meeting.

Speaker: Caron Kipping: Recognition to Recovery (Domestic Violence issues) at Maidenhead Synagogue, Ray Park Avenue, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX Further details from: sally514@btinternet.com or www.wamcf

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

Like many members of the All Saints congregation I was pleased to receive a letter this month from Father Jeremy about the plans to return to worshipping in the church. I was especially pleased as my letter talked, too, about arrangements for the choir to resume singing in our services. By good fortune, a change in my working arrangements means that I can commit more fully to singing with the choir.

The strength of music at All Saints has been a constant part of worship since I began bringing our two older children to the church more than 20 years ago. I remember our elder daughter taking part in a performance of ‘Hosanna Rock’ when she was so small that her chair tipped off the edge of the dais.

When I return to the choir stalls, I shall do so in memory of my late mum, whose death in November I have written about previously. It was she who encouraged me, as a 12-year-old boy, to join the choir at Desborough School. The experience of singing several great choral works stayed with me throughout my life: whenever I hear Handel’s Messiah, I still think of the bass solo ‘Why do the nations so furiously rage’ as the voice of God, dismayed at a vanity and sin of mankind.

I feel honoured to sing with the All Saints choir, which is both accomplished and friendly. I urge anyone who knows a keen singer to do as my mum did when I was 12: encourage them to join our choir.