

A L L S A I N T S C H U R C H  
*Boyne Hill, Maidenhead*

ANNUAL REPORT 2012



# Fr Jeremy's Report

I am writing this report for the year 2012 at All Saints following another wonderful Holy Week and Easter. At this time of year we reflected on the later chapters of Luke's Gospel and particularly the Road to Emmaus story pointing us again to the resurrection hope and the fact that the early apostles at the supper entered into communion with the Lord. Following this amazing experience they went back to Jerusalem to begin the story of the early church that we read about in the Acts of the Apostles. With this thought in mind I will once again use the 5 priorities of Living Faith alongside the experience of communion with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit that we experience in the Eucharistic worship at All Saints year by year. The challenge this year as with every year is to be the Body of Christ in the world reflecting our Lord's light, His Love to those around us.

It has to be said that the year of 2012 was a wonderful one for the country with the Olympics, Paralympics and Diamond Jubilee celebrations. We as a congregation shared these events with our own celebrations and we had the joy of sharing two Ordination services of Revd Debbie to the priesthood and Fr Neil to the Deaconate. As if that were not enough we also had the excitement of Bishop Andrew joining us in November for the Confirmation service when 9 people were confirmed from this church.

Let us look though at the year through the 5 themes of Living Faith.

## 1. The Sacred Centre

This year Elizabeth Bryson ran two Alpha courses. The first of these was held at the Birinus Room and encouraged young mothers to follow the course in the company of their young children. Alongside this course Elizabeth led another course held at Boyne Hill Cricket Club and this encouraged a few people from outside the worshipping community to share the Alpha experience. It was the two courses and the ministry of Elizabeth, Sirpa and the people who offered hospitality that led to 9 people being confirmed.

Another success was the growth of Church on the Move which had people sharing their ministry through bible studies, the celebration of the Eucharist and hospitality. Many people kindly offered to host the evenings in their homes and this has brought a real sense of community to the congregation of All Saints.

The year also enabled us to share another wonderful Pilgrimage to Walsingham with our friends from Bracknell when again we were able to share fellowship and the spiritual journey that a pilgrimage offers.

As a congregation we also tried to develop the All Age worship with All Saints Together. Although this was not met with complete approval we did discover potential for trying different styles of worship within the Eucharistic service.

## 2. Making Disciples

Once again we can celebrate the fact that the Open the Book teams continue to flourish throughout the town. We are in our 5th year of OTB at Larchfield and All Saints schools, and the children continue to enjoy hearing the Bible stories.

The Baptism preparation team has grown in confidence as Sue and Elizabeth visit families and invite them to Baptism preparation. At the preparation Debbie Firth offers Godly Play and the families are told about Tiny Saints, Messy Church and Young Saints so that following Baptism they may feel encouraged to introduce their children to the church.

Tiny Saints thanks to Elizabeth, Sirpa other young mothers and the Mothers Union has enabled this group to flourish. Young families come together for their children to play, learn and enjoy hospitality and worship. At times there have been 50 plus children and adults attending Tiny Saints.

Young Saints and Messy Church continue to offer a wonderful ministry to the young families of our parish.

## 3. Making a difference in the world

As with last year we have continued to offer ministry in the schools through Open the Book, listening to children read, classes in church and school and assemblies, celebrating the great Christian festivals together. Fr Neil Bryson has made an excellent link with Desborough School and Revd Debbie and the OTB team continued to make links in Larchfield. In the Care Home Brigitte Ranger and Revd Debbie continued to visit people in the Care Home and offered a range of services including Revd Debbie establishing a communion service to the residents.

Fr Neil and Elizabeth have offered wonderful support to the people who are housebound by taking Holy Communion to them and by visiting people in hospital when it was needed.

It is good to know that Sirpa is still helping with Street Angels and Mike Moss is on the planning group supporting this vital ministry. Sue Stannett has continued to offer support to prisoners by writing letters.

In Larchfield the Ecumenical team provided a summer club at the school, there was the Breakfast in the Park when much fun was had playing sports with the children and in Advent a fun day was held at the school. River Church continues to offer wonderful community events for the people of Larchfield and we are hoping that we can support them in the future through Larchfield Open Table, offering hospitality for families at the new community centre.

We are still as a congregation offering support to Christian Aid and other charities throughout the year as well as still supporting the Diocese of Taita Taveta through the training of clergy to the priesthood. I am hoping to visit the Diocese in 2013 to visit parishes and schools and to take part in the ordination service.

#### **4. Creating Vibrant Christian Communities**

Again special thanks to Christine Watts for the planning of another superb Parish Fete. This year it was held in Advent and the day seemed to attract a good number of people which created a lovely atmosphere. It was an event that encouraged members of All Saints to really support one another.

The Christmas Carol service and School services and were enjoyable and the Salvation Army offered their wonderful worship in the quadrangle during Advent.

Another significant event was the Olympic service that we held at Boyne Hill Cricket Club when despite the weather we had a moving service held outdoors followed by lunch, games and watching the Olympics with a plate of Bob's stunning curry in the evening. Special thanks to Matthew Firth for the idea but others played a large part not least Mary Cooper for delivering thousands of leaflets advertising the events.

Mike Moss planned an outstanding evening at SportsAble. The evening allowed those present to hear from Paralympians who have enjoyed fantastic experiences in competing in Paralympics across the world. We also heard about the significant part played by SportAble (WAMSAD) in giving people the chance to learn new skills and find a passion in life. Mike was able to present a cheque to John Jenkins of Sportable.

We shared an enjoyable afternoon cream tea followed by evensong with excellent talks on the Queen's Diamond Jubilee at All Saints. Some of our congregation listened to an outstanding concert and looked back through the decades of the Diamond Jubilee with the three church schools at Norden Farm.

In August 68 people shared a fun parish holiday to Torquay again brilliantly organised by Janet and David Emerson.

#### **5. Shaping confident, collaborative ministry**

Within the ordained ministry it was great to see Revd Debbie and Fr Neil ordained in Reading and Oxford. We wish Revd Debbie well in her new parish and give thanks for her pastoral ministry and her development of links in the Larchfield community. Fr Neil is leading services and preaching confidently as well as offering a good ministry to the schools and we look forward to his ministry developing further within the team.

Elizabeth Bryson has offered again another wonderful year of ministry through Alpha courses, Tiny Saints, Confirmation planning, pastoral visits and preaching.

Ministry though is not just about the ordained and the 'Communion model' reminds us that all of us need to share our gifts. We have people offering gifts in supporting the ministry of Messy Church, Baptism Preparation, Young Saints, Open the Book, Flower arranging, Alpha and Bible Studies, Mothers' union, Tuesday Club, Hospitality and cleaning teams, Bell ringers and coffee and tea makers on Sunday mornings. The fantastic office team of Elaine, Christine, Doreen, Janet Barbara continue to make my life easier.

Thanks to the congregation of All Saints All Saints I believe remains a Church that has great potential to deliver the vision of 'Living Faith' but more importantly a community that tries to reflect God's light in the world. I would like to express my thanks to the choir, the servers, our Director of Music, Brian and all those who help with the pew sheet, rotas, service booklets, those who clean the church and prepare the flowers. The Church Wardens, Andrew and Rod, have served us brilliantly and our sacristan Christine, the sidespeople, our school governors and our superb office staff all again this year deserve credit.

Finally thank you to all of you again who have supported the ministry at All Saints. The support of Dr Revd Judith Thomas has, along with other local clergy, been great as have our links with St Luke's and the Church of the Good Shepherd.

As I have written in previous years there are many, many people who have not been named in this report and yet give so much to the life of this church. Thank you to all of you. Finally we have developed, thanks to Rod Broad, the Saturday morning PCC's which has given us focus for mission. Pray for us as we seek to find a new PCC team for the coming year to take on the many financial and ministerial challenges we face.

With my love and prayers,

**Fr Jeremy**

# PCC Report

## Roderick Broad

The PCC has met on 7 occasions in the year following last year's Annual Parochial Church Meeting, one of which was a short meeting to elect the PCC Officers and Standing Committee. The Standing Committee has met several times to prepare for PCC meetings and transact occasional business between PCC meetings.

The PCC appointed Peter May, with Lynn May assisting, as Treasurer and Christine Watts as PCC Secretary. The Standing Committee comprised Fr. Jeremy, the Treasurer and assistant, the Secretary and both Churchwardens.

During the year we introduced planning meetings with our extended PCC (our PCC and people who also carry out a major role in the operation of the Church). Two meetings were held on Saturday mornings. The first at Burnham Abbey was followed up with another in the Parish Centre and our Church. These meetings helped to build the Church's plans for development, identify areas of improvement, inform and involve everyone in discussions and help build our Christian Team and Ministry. These have been well received and have led to several actions being put in place. At the PCC's request these are planned to continue in 2013.

The PCC has been grateful to Revd Debbie Davison, who, as curate, developed our mission in Larchfield. We thank her for all her help, love and pastoral care and confirm that, in 2013, Revd. Debbie will be moving to continue her ministry and training in another Parish and we all wish her well.

During 2012 Fr. Neil Bryson was ordained and we are pleased to welcome him as a non-stipendiary curate.

Our team of Sides Persons performs a valuable role in welcoming people to the Church and helping the services run smoothly. We are fortunate to have had new members join us in 2012 and we also ran a Saturday morning training/refresher/discussion group for our sides people which has proved beneficial.

Matters relating to the Fabric of the church and associated buildings are covered in the Fabric Report, and financial matters are covered by the PCC Accounts. The PCC has sought to both inform the congregation of our financial position and to raise the profile of the Planned Giving scheme during the year. This has included two presentations by the treasurer to the congregation.

During 2011 the parish, with the assistance of the Deanery and a loan from the Diocese, purchased a house in the Larchfield area of the parish for use as a Curate's House. The property is subject to a mortgage provided by a local Christian charity. During 2013 a decision will need to be made with regards to the future use, or sale, of this property.

Towards the end of the 2011 PCC year, the PCC approved plans for revisions to the All Age Worship services. The intention was to provide a more integrated all-age liturgy, whilst maintaining the catholic and eucharistic nature of the service. These services have been trialed monthly from April 2012. Following feedback the format has been amended and will, in 2013, include six "special" All Age Worship services with an increase in the number of "Messy Church" services which are attracting a significant number of families.

The year also saw several major celebratory events, associated with the Queen's Jubilee and the Olympics, both of which generated good engagement with our local community, and with our schools. We were also pleased to be able to host a Standard Re-Dedication service for the local branch of the Royal British Legion.

The extensive outreach work including Open the Book, assisting with reading at Larchfield School, services and pastoral activity at Larchfield nursing home, extended communion at other local nursing homes, baptism preparation, Tiny Saints and Young Saints have all continued thanks to many willing and enthusiastic helpers and colleagues.

All Saints is blessed with a very large number of people who voluntarily work to keep our wonderful and spiritual Church operating and to support Fr. Jeremy in our mission. There are too many people to list and The PCC records it's thanks to all those who help with these activities, and those who continue to develop the vision of how All Saints can embody the love and grace of Christ to those in our local community.

# Churchwardens Annual Fabric Report : April 2013

## The Church

### The South West Corner:

The investigations of the drains, via radar and by digging, continued and in March 2013 an inspection cover was fitted to facilitate rodding and inspection by TV . The cover is in the Calvary Garden. Siting a second cover on the SW corner itself was deemed inadvisable as there are the other services in the same area. The other holes remain now to be refilled and resurfaced with grey tarmac to blend with the existing surface.

The damp proof course around the West end of the church has been exposed so that the masonry can now dry out. Once the drains are repaired and the soakaway cleared of silt, we shall wait for the ground to dry out before starting the repair of the brickwork and replacing the window. The method of repair has been reassessed by the Structural Engineer and the Architect, and the decision is now to repair without tie bars . This will mean less invasion of the aesthetic and less expense. Regular meetings with the Architect, Roderick McLennan have taken place on site at every stage of the process. Quotations for the necessary remedial work, repair of the window arch and replacement of the stained glass window will be sought at the point at which the ground is dried out. Once we have quotations, we will send all the information to the claims adjuster, Chris Rechtern. Should EIG not recognise a claim, we will seek grants towards the cost of repair.

### Interior

The font lifting mechanism and the S hooks were inspected by an official of EIG in March 2013: this annual inspection is in accord with best practice. Advice from the Inspector given on site has been implemented.

In the Sacristy the humidifier is redundant and could be removed. The organist has been asked to take this matter in hand, by contacting the builders. The organ as at March 2013 is plainly in need of regular maintenance. It is noticeably out of tune and there are some malfunctions in at least one of the stops, possibly linked to "running" or an escape of air from the system. The organist has been asked to call in the appropriate persons from Harrison & Harrison to deal with this as a matter of priority.

### Sound

A generous donation was made to enable us to replace the amplifier, and achieve a better loop result. The sound is now balanced and the appropriate priorities selected. It is the case that changes to the settings are made and these result in distortion or malfunction. The repeated extraction of the pocket equipment wears down the cables. Ideally, volumes should be controlled by someone at the amplifier, rather than by the wearer, as the wires are snarled and snagged and then fracture. We now have a roving cordless microphone.

### Lighting

Bulbs have been regularly replaced. The spotlights in the Chancel seem to blow rapidly (there is again one out at the end of March 2013). We have called in Steve Langley to repair and replace the Sacristy and Parish Office lights. New lights have been fitted in the Birinus room.

### Displays and use of space

The point made in 2012 stands: The West end of the Church is still rather untidy and the Architect would like to see a better arrangement. It would be desirable, both aesthetically and for mission and community purposes to have better display boards and to update displays before they become tattered, untidy and ignored.

### Pews

Some new hassocks embroidered for the Diamond Jubilee have been given. One or two of the pews are in need of repair as the joints are no longer glued tightly. Any which seem unstable are not in the main body of the church and are not in use as seating.

### Exterior

Gutters were cleaned and inspected as agreed with English Heritage.

The large cedar tree in Bishop Court is encroaching on the building at the NE corner. It lies within the responsibility of one of the residents, but none is so far accepting that responsibility. Efforts to find the owner are unavailing. It is probably protected (apparently that means it is not owned by RBWM). We may have to find the money to have the branches over our boundary lopped.

### Glass

In March 2013 it was noticed that several fragments of glass are missing from the cinquefoil windows on the South side of the Nave. Roderick McLellan has been twice to see the problem. We have found the largest pieces- two halves of the St Cecilia angel's head and surrounding glory. These can be repaired, and are stored in the Parish Office. Chapel studios will be asked to assess the situation and offer a quotation. The two pieces from the angel's head show that one is in clean condition but the other covered with algae. This may suggest that the piece cracked and separated some time ago.

### Lightning Conductor

There was a fire lit by persons unknown in February 2013 at the base of the Tower, resulting in possible damage to the lightning conductor. There appears to be nothing wrong, but the Architect would like it checked.

In the case of all damage recorded here, the Police, the Architect , EIG and any other appropriate persons were contacted and informed within forty eight hours of the damage brought to attention. The DAC were informed as appropriate and Petitions for Faculties prepared.

**Events and external groups:**

It was pleasing to be able to use the Parish Centre and the Birinus room for the visit of the choirs of All SS Marlow and Reading Minster for Choral Evensong, and the Birinus room when we had a fund raising recital in November 2012. The November Bazaar used the Church and the Parish Centre.

# Windsor and Maidenhead Deanery - Highlights 2012

All Saints Church is situated within the Deanery of Windsor and Maidenhead, and participates fully in the life of the Deanery - particularly through participation in the Deanery Synod.

The vision of the Deanery is to encourage, support and help parishes as they assist people to become committed followers of Christ. The Deanery is led by Fr Michael Smith (Area Dean) and Mr Martin Chandler (Deanery Lay Chair). The Deanery Synod comprises both lay and ordained members from the parishes across the Deanery, with every parish being represented, including All Saints.

One of the main activities of the Deanery in 2012 was the preparation of an updated Deanery Plan, which sets out priorities for the Deanery and provision for future allocation of stipendiary clergy across the parishes. All Saints PCC was consulted, and fed into, the Plan. The Deanery Plan acknowledges the positive developments made at All Saints in recent years especially through mission activities in Larchfield; Open the Book activity in schools; and the joint working with St Lukes and The Church of the Good Shepherd (Cox Green) on marriage prep, Sunday evening services and in other ways. The Plan does not anticipate any changes to stipendiary clergy allocation that would affect All Saints.

The Deanery Plan was adopted by the Deanery Synod in September 2012.

In 2012 the Deanery Synod met on 4 occasions during 2012. The main focus for the March meeting was a presentation about Mission Action Plans and preparing Deanery Plans. At its June meeting, the Bishop of Reading formally licensed Fr Michael Smith as new Area Dean, and this was followed a presentation by Alison Webster (Oxford Diocesan Social Responsibility Advisor) on the "Making a Difference in the World" aspect of the Diocesan "Living Faith" priorities.

In September, the Synod debated and approved the draft Deanery Plan. In November, the Synod heard a series of presentations on the theme "Partnership in World Mission". Bishop Andrew again attended the Synod, and spoke of his time in Africa. Revd Will Stileman spoke about St Mary's link with Rwanda, and others spoke of various links including a "priest-exchange" visit with a township in South Africa. Bishop Andrew commended PWM projects for consideration by parishes, pointing out the value in experiencing encounters with ordinary people from different cultures, backgrounds and missionary situations.

The other main activity of the Deanery during the year was to manage the process of ensuring the financial contributions were made from parishes within the deanery towards the costs of the diocese and the church centrally (which of course is "returned" to our parish through the payment of training, housing, pension and stipend of stipendiary clergy including Fr Jeremy). The diocese is currently debating changes to the parish share system which will need to be discussed within the deanery, especially by parish treasurers, during the course of 2013.

# Larchfield Care Home

## **Brigitte Ranger**

Throughout the past year we have continued to explore ways which best meet some of the spiritual needs of the residents who suffer from varying degrees of dementia. We have been holding regular services which last about half an hour. After a few words welcoming everyone and a short opening prayer we sing old familiar hymns and listen to a short passage from the bible. The service ends with the Lord's prayer with quite a few of the residents joining in. Once a month we also offer communion to a number of residents.

In June 2012 we arranged and provided a Jubilee Tea with home baked scones, jam and cream and lovely cakes. Pictures of the Queen were laminated and made into table mats. The Home had arranged for an entertainer to play and sing old time songs and it was wonderful to see quite a few of the residents tapping their feet and joining into the singing. Some residents' families had also come and the afternoon was a great success.

In December we held a Carol Service and the large entrance hall was packed with residents and members of their families. Some staff dressed up for a Nativity tableau to provide a visual dimension to the Nativity story, two parts of which were beautifully read by Kitty and Evelyn, two of the residents. Everyone enjoyed singing old favourite Christmas carols and it all ended with tea and hot mince pies.

It is always rewarding to visit individual residents. Sometimes, looking at family photographs together triggers memories, a face lights up and, occasionally, a name is remembered. Listening to music together, holding their hand, can have a calming effect on an otherwise restless person.

We are currently planning to arrange art and craft sessions on a regular basis.



# Altwood School

Altwood Church of England Secondary School is well-respected, multi-faith, popular 11-18 age range (827 role) Church of England School in Windsor and Maidenhead. The school converted to become an “unsponsored” Academy in July 2012; allowing the school more independence and freedom. As a result, the school is growing in size and is increasingly oversubscribed. Pupils are drawn from a variety of social, cultural and religious backgrounds. The dominant minority ethnic background is Asian. There is a broad ability range. The school holds a business and enterprise specialism. The school was last inspected in March 2012 in an Ofsted interim assessment, which confirmed the schools status as good and that the schools performance had been sustained. The school has also received an SIAS inspection in 2009, which graded the school as outstanding.

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Altwood Church of England Secondary School as a Church of England School are outstanding – SIAS Inspection

## **“A strong ethos of care and respect permeates the school.” OFSTED**

Altwood Church of England School is a genuinely inclusive, caring and harmonious community school, which views every young person as unique and special. The school welcomes all, values all and respects all. As a consequence, high expectations exist at the school and there is a real sense of pride in being part of this thriving, successful and popular school. Although the Church of England ethos shines through all aspects of school life, the school is a community that is enriched because it is made up of young people who are of the Christian faith, other world faiths and of no particular faith and all have a valuable and valued part to play. Students are excited by learning, love challenge, aim high and experience great success and fulfilment.

The outstanding Christian ethos to the benefit of the school and wider community – SIAS Inspection

This Christian ethos is reflected in the schools mission, which is:-

‘Our Mission is to be a high achieving learning community based upon Gospel Values, where all feel valued and secure, all are enabled to fully develop, progress and attain and all fulfil their academic and personal potential’

The links between the School and the Church are outstanding. One of All Saints Church Wardens is a trustee of the Academy Company and regularly attends the governor meetings.

Fr. Jeremy regularly undertakes School Assemblies and leads the thriving Christian Union in the School, which utilises the School's newly refurbished (and dedicated in 2013) School Chapel. The School's annual Carol Service takes place in All Saints Church and the Head Teacher, Kathleen Higgins, strongly promotes the Schools Gospel Values and links with All Saints.

# Report from the Foundation Governors of All Saints C of E Junior School

**Oliver Wilson, George Hutchinson, Mike Broad & Alwyn Kimber**

As Foundation Governors it is our role to see that Christian principles are adhered to as closely as possible, through encouragement, understanding and sometimes as 'critical friends' to the Head Teacher and other members of staff in the school, and by forging links between the Church and School. We go into school unannounced to check that all the pupils are attending Collective Worship and at least once a month one of us will try to witness an Act of Worship.

All Saints has 224 pupils on roll as of January 2013. The Head Teacher, Bridget McGregor takes her responsibility to the Christian ethos very seriously. She and her staff aim to provide a caring Christian environment, where learning is enjoyable for all and everyone is able to develop to their full potential. The school promotes attitudes of mutual respect and responsibility, providing a sound foundation for adult life.

There is a daily Act of Collective Worship, on set weekly themes, which all the children attend. This is an inspirational time led by the head teacher, the senior staff or a member of the clergy. The 'Open the Book' team lead the Worship every Thursday and on Wednesdays, each class has their own Act of Worship in their classroom. This often includes 'Candle-time', a moment of calm and reflection in a busy school day. Throughout this term a class has been given responsibility for organising the Act of Collective Worship on a Friday, with minimal guidance from the class teacher. This has been taken very seriously by pupils, and staff have commented on how effectively the children have modelled their own acts of worship on those they have experienced previously in school.

In the past, the school has extended an invitation to the congregation of All Saints Church to attend an Act of Collective Worship at the school. We hope to make this invitation once again during the Summer term and look forward to a good response from members of the congregation. Many of the congregation sing with the Community Choir established by Bridget. All are welcome, regardless of ability, at All Saints School on alternate Wednesdays, during term time, at 7.30pm (see School Newsletter for dates).

All the pupils become familiar with All Saints Church by regular visits. The Christmas and Leavers services, which involve the parents coming into Church, are always well attended with 'standing-room only'. Year 4 visit the Church to learn about various features e.g. altar, pulpit & font and Year 6 hold a pretend Baptism in the Church. This is important as they learn about the promises made by Parents and Godparents.

Good links have been established between the school and the neighbouring infant and secondary schools. This year Altwood School hosted a celebration of the Jubilee weekend. All Saints, Boyne Hill and Altwood School were joined by St Edmund Campion School. Over a thousand children, all dressed in red, white and blue, enjoyed traditional activities and entertainment together. The giant gathering was concluded with a rousing performance of the National Anthem and the release of one balloon for every child in attendance.

At the Church Schools' Diamond Jubilee Concert at Norden Farm on 9th and 10th July children from Altwood, Boyne Hill and All Saints, together with adults from the Community Choir, sang and danced their way through a celebration of the past 60 years. This was a wonderful evening full of nostalgia and great singing.

At a recent OFSTED inspection governors and teachers are proud to report that the school received a GOOD rating. Spiritual, social, moral and cultural aspects of the school were considered a strength.

We would like to thank the head teacher and all her staff for all their hard work and co-operation. So that when we visit the school we feel welcome and part of the community.

The members of the school would be delighted to email their weekly newsletter to any members of the congregation who would like to know more.

# Report from the Foundation Governors of Boyne Hill Infant and Nursery School

**Sally Deal and Dorothy Strack-Hankey**

As Foundation Governors it is our role to see that Christian principles are practiced throughout the school by the Head Teacher and other staff members as well as celebrating the different faiths and their festivals

Boyne Hill will have 259 pupils on roll as of April 2013. The Head Teacher, Jenny Stephen leads a team of very dedicated staff who practice Christian ethics throughout their practical teaching and role play

Themes for Collective Worship, are planned very carefully and are attended by all pupils. This is an inspirational time led by the head teacher, the senior staff or a member of the clergy.

Good links have been established between the school and the neighbouring junior and secondary schools. This year Altwood School hosted a celebration of the Jubilee weekend. All Saints, Boyne Hill and Altwood School were joined by St Edmund Campion School. Over a thousand children, all dressed in red, white and blue, enjoyed traditional activities and entertainment together. The giant gathering was concluded with a rousing performance of the National Anthem and the release of one balloon for every child in attendance.

The children attended the Church Schools' Diamond Jubilee Concert at Norden Farm on 9th and 10th July together with children from Altwood, and All Saints, together with adults from the Community Choir, sang and danced their way through a celebration of the past 60 years. The children also took part in the schools torch relay between schools as well as watching the torch travel through Maidenhead Centre.

We would like to thank Jenny Stephen and all her staff for all their hard work over the past year but it is with sadness we announce that Mrs Stephen will be retiring at the end of the Summer Term but welcome Miss Jane Hunsley to the role of Acting Head Teacher.

## All Saints Parish Centre Users Committee

Representatives of All Saints Church continue to enjoy quarterly meetings with the key users of the Parish Centre; the groups regularly represented at these meetings are: Brownies, Rainbows, Mothers & Toddlers, AA and Tiny Saints.

All of the user groups are enjoying the wonderful new kitchen which enables them to make much better use of this important area in the Parish Centre; the toilets have also benefitted from new fittings, and other enhancements have been kindly provided by Tiny Saints.

We have continued to ensure that our Hire Agreement is reviewed regularly and several updates have been made, following very useful feedback from Janet Emerson, Booking Clerk, to help facilitate greater flexibility in booking arrangements.

Sylvia Denison continues to manage the day to day care of the Parish Centre with great care and diligence, ably assisted by husband Reg, Artist-in-Residence, who is on hand to keep a watchful eye and to help with small DIY projects and offers of assistance for the user groups.

In 2012 we welcomed Peter May onto the Committee; as the PCC's Treasurer. Peter has provided some excellent input and advice during our discussions about fixtures and fittings.

In all the Parish Centre Committee meetings provide a very useful forum for discussing the use of the Parish Centre and ways of continuing to improve and enhance this valuable facility...and we also resolve any issues or concerns over a cup of tea and wonderful cake provided by Sylvia!

# Messy Church

## **Christine Dunford**

After 6 successful years of running Messy Church at All Saints School we decided it was time for change. With new families attending we wanted to take the event to the Church to give Messy Church a greater sense of the traditional style of worship. The new kitchen equipment installed at the Parish Centre also enabled us to provide hot food. In 2012 we ran 4 Messy Church events and feedback has been very positive: it gives the children an opportunity to explore the church without the congregation in attendance; it enables children to experience the informal worship style within the traditional environment.

Our average attendance levels have continued to be between 30-40 people at any given session. Some families regularly attend church and others are new to our community. This year we are also focusing on welcoming new families from Tiny Saints/Baptism Prep/Church Schools.

Building on last year's success at our new venue we have arranged 7 Messy Church events for 2013. All are welcome at Messy Church, whatever your age, so please join us for some messy activities, worship and fellowship over a meal.

# Choir Jubilee Event

## **Brian Graves**

In the afternoon of Sunday 3rd June 2012, we held a "Songs of Praise" style service to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Elizabeth Bryson arranged readers and led the service. Dr Relf Clark played the organ and the choir, directed by Brian Graves, led the musical contributions.

There was a congregational rehearsal before the service to encourage strong singing of the hymns. The congregation was further fortified by cream teas in the Parish Centre between the rehearsal and service. We are very grateful to the various helpers who provided the refreshments.

The service itself featured music either performed during the Coronation service in 1953 or was written by musicians involved in it. The choir performed two anthems, "O Taste and See" by R Vaughan Williams and "Rejoice in the Lord Always" by John Redford.

Elizabeth Bryson, Relf Clark, Andrew Stafford and Brian Graves provided short introductions to the main musical items.

Despite the cold and wet weather conditions on the day (reminiscent of the Coronation day itself), a good congregation attended, including a number of visitors.

## Report from 8th Maidenhead Rainbow Guides 2013

Rainbow Guides are the youngest members of Girl Guiding UK, age range from 5 – 7 yrs old. All Saints has a thriving unit of 12-14 girls who meet from 4:30pm to 5:30pm every Friday in term-time at the Parish Centre. The leaders are Alwyn Kimber (Duck), and Heather Noyce (Hedgehog), ably assisted by Brigitte Ranger (Swan), Marie Taylor (Hamster), Charlotte Dennis (Squirrel) and Caroline Campbell (Rabbit).

We have fun playing games, making things, cooking, singing and stories (usually each meeting is based on a theme). Last year we worked for our Diamond Jubilee Badge, our Big Birthday Challenge Badge and our Smartie Badge. These involved various activities, including learning the National Anthem, recycling and learning about the Commonwealth. We have been quite active too, with silly sports, nature walk, eating healthily and keeping fit. In May we went on the train to Marlow and then took an enjoyable walk to Higginson Park. We had a tea party for some of the older members of the community in July. The Rainbows were allowed to invite two people to the party (Granny, Grandpa or an elderly friend / relative) – I've never seen them quite so excited. Also in July we were to hold our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic at Punt Hill. However, this was changed to an indoor shared picnic due to the inclement weather – a portent for the rest of the Summer, maybe? Other outings have included a visit to Braywick Park, the Panto at St Mark's Crescent Methodist Church and a visit to the Mayor's Parlour.

### **Every year we renew the flowers in four pots in the quadrangle.**

We have met with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Maidenhead West Division, Maidenhead District and Berkshire County. A big party was held at Garth Hill School for our 25th Anniversary. Rainbows from all over the county attended. Just before Christmas the District held their Christmas Celebration. It was great to see all the age groups joining in the activities together. I was proud to receive my 20 years service award at this event. We have recently had a day of Rainbow Riots. The theme this year was 'Circus'. About 80 Rainbows attended this all-day fun-filled event at Holyport Village Hall.

### **We are looking forward to a great Summer with lots of outdoor activities.**

Because of Data Protection we can no longer keep a paper waiting list. If you know of anyone who would like their daughter to join Rainbows they will need to go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk), click on the parent's tab and follow the route to register their daughter.

# Young Saints Report for APCM

Members of Young Saints Teaching Team this year: Christine Dunford, Michelle Symonds, Hannah Wilson, Sirpa Arovaara, Pearl Boayke, Jenny Wilkes, Sally Dahlbohm, Zoe Reece, June Crouch.

## **Attendance**

We currently have c. 40 children on the register who have attended Young Saints this year. However, the numbers of children attending each week now is not as many as last year. There have been at least 3 occasions so far this year when only 2 or 3 children have been in Young Saints. Since last year's report we have only occasionally had 20+ children attending a session, and this used to be a regular number. The reasons for this are due to children reaching the age of 11/12, and they are no longer able to attend due to other commitments or they prefer not to go into Sunday School; families moving away from the area; one large family moved to a different church, as they provide a larger Sunday School divided into age groups.

## **Electronic Register**

This has now been set up by Pearl Boayke and Peter May, to enable us to electronically register children. This will enable us to provide more accurate attendance reporting than the paper version. All parents/carers have been asked to complete a form to give us their child's details for our records.

## **Godly Play**

Last summer Debbie Firth ran a Godly Play training course, which about half of the Leaders were able to attend. Since then Godly Play has become a feature in our teaching rotated with other teaching styles.

## **Resources**

Last summer Debbie Firth also led a session to source new resources for Young Saints which June Crouch kindly ordered for us, and restocked our cupboard.

## **Events**

- A family picnic was organized last summer, but had to be cancelled due to the poor weather.
- The Young Saints team ran a children's second hand stall at the 2012 Christmas Fayre.
- Raising Congregation Awareness of Young Saints Teachings

The Young Saints team would like to raise the congregation's awareness of the valuable teaching that takes place in Sunday School. We are currently planning to raise the profile of children leaving the service for Young Saints by encouraging them to process together with Bible and Cross. During the Notices children can go to the front to briefly share their learning with the congregation. Work is often displayed at the back of the Church.

## **The Future**

At our last meeting in January, attendance was discussed and Michelle produced leaflets/posters to be put up in the Parish Centre for the Toddler Group and given to Father Jeremy to take to schools. New families with very young children have attended Messy Church this year due to promotion at Tiny Saints and Baptism Prep. Once these children reach the age of 4 they will be able to join Young Saints.



# Street Angels

Street Angels Maidenhead (SAM) is a Christian-run charity whose main aim is to be of assistance to those who need help at night-time in Maidenhead. Maidenhead's Street Angels took to the streets for the first time on Friday 11th February 2011. The official launch evening was attended by the Home Secretary, the Rt Hon Teresa May MP as well as many local dignitaries and representatives from the police.

## **Street Angels has worked successfully in many other towns in the UK.**

We are Christian volunteers who believe that people deserve care and love in their time of need. Those needs could be homelessness, intoxication, drug abuse, assault or any other issue that has caused personal distress or the potential for physical harm. We'll help people whoever they are, whatever their situation by listening, caring, offering practical help or by referring people to other specialist agencies who can help them. We currently work on the streets of Maidenhead on the last Friday of the month and every Saturday night between 10.30 pm and 1.30am.

The project involves volunteers from almost all the churches of Maidenhead whether they are actual street team members, base supporters, prayer team members, or financial backers. Street team members have received training including conflict management, drug and alcohol awareness and first aid skills. They also have been CRB checked.

Street Angels Maidenhead have currently about 30 volunteers from different churches in Maidenhead. There are several people involved from All Saints Church. Mike Moss works as a trustee for the charity and Jane Morgan and Sirpa Arovaara as street team members. Street Angels also receive weekly prayer support from the ministerial team of All Saints Church.

The project has now been going on in Maidenhead for more than two years. It has been very successful. Every time that we are out on the streets at night we manage to help people. This can mean anything from assisting someone who has become separated from their friends and has no means of getting home to helping people who are suffering from the effects of alcohol and are at risk. We also offer a friendly presence and a listening ear to anyone who needs that, and are happy to pray with anyone who asks. We receive a lot of very positive feedback every week.

However we currently need more street team volunteers for us to be able to keep the fantastic project going and expanding.

**Sirpa Arovaara, Street Angels Maidenhead street team member**

# The Church Website for All Saints

<http://www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk>.

The website received on average 450 visits per month over half of these visits come from search engine traffic. This is people searching in Google and other search engines either looking directly for our church, or for information about churches in Maidenhead. The top queries entered into a search engine which find our site are:

- all saints church maidenhead
- all saints parish records maidenhead
- all saints maidenhead
- parish records all saints church maidenhead
- parish records all saints maidenhead
- churches in maidenhead
- all saints boyne hill

## **Can you contribute to the site?**

Contributions are always welcome for the website - for many people it will be their first impression of our church so we have a chance to demonstrate the wide variety of things we are involved in, and the different activities on offer for people of all ages. Some ideas:

- Write a short news piece (just a few paragraphs) about an event you have attended or helped organise.
- Write a news article about something that will be happening soon - to help publicise it.
- Write a short article about why you enjoy being a member of All Saints

Send photographs from an event or outing for the gallery? (please make sure than if they feature young people we have permission to put them on the site)

If you run a group at All Saints check the information about your group is on the site and up to date.

If you could do any of the above then please send your news, photos or edits to Rachel Andrew, [me@rachelandrew.co.uk](mailto:me@rachelandrew.co.uk) and I'll be pleased to add it to the site.

# Alpha Autumn 2012

PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS BOYNE HILL

at Birinus Room at All Saints Church

10 Friday mornings 9:15-10:15

For more details contact: Parish Office Tel. 01628 621933

14th September	Who is Jesus?
21st September	Why did Jesus die?
28th September	How can I have faith?
12th October	Why and how should I pray?
19th October	Why and how should I read the Bible?
26th October	Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?
9th November	How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
16th November	How does God guide me to make the most of my life?
23rd November	What about evil and does God heal today?
30th November	What about the Church and telling others?

Alpha Autumn 2012

at BHCC Boyne Hill Cricket Club

7 Thursday evenings 7:30 – 9:30 at BHCC and

Saturday 27th October 10am-4pm at All Saints Church

For more details contact: Parish Office Tel. 01628 621933

27th September	Who is Jesus?
4th October	Why did Jesus die?
11th October	How can I have faith?
18th October	Why and how should I pray?
25th October	Why and how should I read the Bible?

Saturday 27th October Holy Spirit Day in the Birinus Room at All Saints Church

Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do?

- How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- How does God guide me to make the most of my life?

8th November	What about evil and does God heal today?
15th November	What about the Church and telling others?

# Evangelism Report for 2012

'If you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way.' (1 Peter 3: 15-16)

The 'Evangelism Group' and others from All Saints went to an inspiring training day in Reading on 25th February, which encouraged us to use the exciting events of 2012 to reach out to our Community with the good news of the love of Jesus.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday 3rd June. In the afternoon we had a Cream Tea followed by Songs of Praise for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which was an opportunity to invite people to join us.

Diamond Jubilee Street Parties Some people from All Saints organised and attended Street parties with their neighbours. These Parties were great occasions to get to know our neighbours and increase the feelings of community and care.

The Olympics On Sunday 5th August we had an outdoor Worship for All Eucharist at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, which we invited friends, neighbours to attend. This was followed by a picnic lunch, fun and games and watching the Olympics together on the television. Hearing about Eric Liddell's passion for running and for God inspired some guests to sign up for the Autumn Alpha.

The Paralympics evening of Celebration at SportsAble on Sunday 26th August was a moving occasion to hear from some of our local Paralmpians telling us about how they achieved their dreams.

Holiday Club at Larchfield was in the last week of July, when the children learned more about the love of Jesus through singing, craft activities and games. All the Larchfield children who attended enjoyed this Holiday Club. It was good to have people from All Saints Church helping by being activity leaders, helping with craft preparation, refreshments and praying for this week.

10 o'clock in the Park was held throughout the Summer Holiday in Desborough Park, when children were given food, drinks and organised games in the Park. Many people from All Saints Church and people from other Churches in Maidenhead helped to make this a fun time for the children of Larchfield, showing care and the love of Jesus in this practical way.

The Alpha Courses provided opportunities for people to explore what Christians believe and come to a faith commitment at the Confirmation Service in November.

**Elizabeth Bryson (LLM and Evangelism Champion)**

## Mothers` Union Report for 2012-13

We are quite a lively group, and have had quite an active year. `Feed the Children` went into liquidation, but we have found another outlet for our blankets and pullovers etc – Women and Children in Kori Chiefdom (Sierra Leone). This means too that we can continue our `stitch ups` with St Luke`s. If anyone has outgrown baby clothes or `baby grows` in good condition, we should be glad of them – also towels and, of course, wool. Just give them to a member of the M.U.

We have enrolled five new members this year, and welcomed Ellen from her former branch in Durham. We still have our sprinkling of men, though, sadly, Ted has moved to Swindon to be nearer his daughter and, of course, Geoff died.

We celebrated the Queen`s Jubilee with a red, white and blue party, drinking her health in bubbly, and acting A. A. Milne`s The King`s Breakfast in costume.

After two very interesting talks from prison officials, we decided to help with prison work. We sent three boxes of Christmas cards to the Chaplain of Bullingdon for his prisoners, and had a raffle for `Angel Tree` which provides Christmas presents for prisoners` families. We still contribute financially to `Praying through the Day` which is a prayer booklet that our church gives out to all baptism families.

Our biggest ploy has been to help with `Tiny Saints` which, started by Elizabeth (our lay minister) and Sirpa Arovaara, meets on Friday mornings and is staffed by Mothers` Union members. We prepare and serve refreshments, help the children with their toys, and generally get to know the young mums. We share a bible story, teach them little songs and choruses, and pass on our magazine `Families First`. A rather nice thing to come out of it is that they have a collection at the end of each term for the work of the Mothers` Union overseas.

We still have a very good relationship with our R.C, and Baptist neighbours, and visit each others` meetings about four times a year, and share in our various enterprises – ecumenism in practice!

**Ena Jones (Leader)**

# OAK

## **OAK is the Ordinands Appeal in Kenya**

The OAK project is an exciting way that we can contribute to the building of God's kingdom in Africa. We give money to pay for the training of Ordinands in Kenya. When new priests are ordained, Bishop Samson is able to set up new parishes in his diocese. This means better provision of services, pastoral care, teaching and evangelism in the villages and towns of Kenya.

We first supported Margaret and Eunice. Then we funded Patrick through his training for Ordination, in Bishop Samson's Diocese of Taita Taveta in Kenya. Patrick completed the third year of his training in August 2010. He graduated in November 2010 and was Ordained Deacon on December 5th 2010. We are now supporting Jemimah Mkiwa Mgalu, who is in the third year of her training. They are all very grateful for the financial and prayer support from All Saints' Church.

Patrick married Hope Catherine Mghoi on 5th May 2012 at St Luke's Church, Wongonyi. Patrick and Hope then transferred to a new Parish called Buguta, Kasigau. Hope is studying to be a teacher. She is at Mwingi Teachers Training College. Patrick was ordained Priest in December 2012, after being a Deacon for 2 years. He is very grateful for all the help that he has received from our Church.

Jemimah is at the Bishop Hannington Institute where she is in her 3rd year studying theology and training for Ordination. She is working hard and doing well. She is very grateful for our financial and prayer support. Thank you to everyone who gave money in 2012 to pay for Jemimah's tuition and full-board accommodation in this 3rd year of her theological training and preparation for Ordination in the Anglican Diocese of Taita-Taveta in Kenya. Jemimah will be Ordained in November 2013.

Eunice is now studying for her Bachelor of Divinity after being acting vicar at one of the churches up in the Taita hills at Sagalla. She is studying at St Paul's, Limura, outside Nairobi, where she is encouraging, hardworking and a good example to others.

Margaret is now Priest in charge in the parish of Waa on the south coast, south of Mombassa and she is a chaplain of Waa High School. Her husband, Judah, is curate at St. Peter's, Nyali. They are happy to have their child.

In 2013 we plan to start to support another Ordinand through training, so that we can continue to support and contribute to Mission in Kenya and the building of God's kingdom in Africa. Please give financially to OAK and please continue to pray for Jemimah, Revd Margaret, Revd Eunice and Revd Patrick.

**Thank you, Elizabeth Bryson (LLM and OAK Co-ordinator)**

# Pastoral Care Report for 2012

Pastoral Care is given at All Saints by many people by conversations, visiting, giving lifts to and from Church, telephone calls and helping people in many ways to show the love of the Lord. There are teams of people involved with leading and helping at Baptism Preparation, Tiny Saints, Young Saints, Marriage Preparation, Confirmation Preparation and the Alpha Course. The Sidespeople and others welcome new people to our Church Services. Here is a list of some of the ways that we have offered Pastoral Care in 2012. There is more detail about some of this Pastoral Care in separate Reports.

- Baptism home visits, Baptism Preparation, post-Baptism visits
- Tiny Saints Toddlers Group
- Young Saints
- Open the Book – taking dramatised Bible stories to Larchfield Primary and All Saints Junior Schools
- School Assemblies at Boyne Hill Infants, All Saints Junior, Larchfield Primary and Altwood Schools
- Christian Union at Altwood School
- Some School R.E. lessons and visits to the Church
- Larchfield Holiday Club in August
- 10 o'clock in the park – Summer Holiday food, drinks and games
- Confirmation Preparation for 8 adults
- Messy Church
- The Alpha Course
- Bible Study groups
- Marriage Preparation
- Wedding Anniversary cards given to people married at All Saints
- Home Communion taken to people at home, in Nursing Homes and hospitals
- Extended Communion taken to Normanhurst and Clara Court every month
- Funeral visits and post-Funeral visits
- Requiem Eucharist at All Souls – invitations given after recent Funerals
- Prison Ministry – writing letters
- Larchfield Nursing Home Services, visits and activities
- Street Angels
- Food Share Project – giving food to needy people in Maidenhead
- Caring for members of the Church groups: Mothers' Union, Tuesday Club, the Choir, the Servers
- Visiting people at home
- Healing Services
- Praying for the sick and those in other need
- Pilgrimage to Walsingham

**Elizabeth Bryson LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)**

# Tiny Saints

Tiny Saints Toddlers' Group started in December 2010, to provide a Church Toddlers' Group with a Biblical theme each week. We invite those planning their baby's Baptism to come to Tiny Saints, as this makes an excellent 'next step' after Baptism. We have a Christian theme each week to introduce small children to the teachings of Jesus. There are craft activities linking to the Bible story, toys and activities suitable for babies up to children aged 4 years, Bible story books to enjoy, fruit and healthy snacks for the Tiny Saints, and tea, coffee and cake for their Carers. We have a time of singing – children's songs, nursery rhymes and songs about Jesus, such as 'Jesus love is very wonderful'. We enjoy a Bible Story and end with our Tiny Saints prayer. Some Tiny Saints come every week, some occasionally and most weeks we have new Tiny Saints.

In 2012 Tiny Saints has grown in numbers – we have had up to 28 Tiny Saints and their Carers at a session! Three of our Tiny Saints mums came to the Confirmation and Alpha Course on Friday mornings before Tiny Saints. It was a great joy for them to be Confirmed in November 2012.

Here are some comments that have been written by the Carers about Tiny Saints:

- We enjoy coming to Tiny Saints each week because we have made new friends (young and old) The children enjoy the various crafts and toys.
- We all love the sing-song and bible stories and the genuine welcome we all receive.
- Lovely social environment to enjoy. Links nicely to Church and community.
- Very well organised and run.
- Tiny Saints is a lovely Playgroup because it is Christ centred and follows a biblical theme. It's wonderful when my little one bursts into song later in the day and I know that it is one from Tiny Saints.
- Lovely environment for my daughter to meet other children (and me to meet other mums!) We really enjoy the singing & story time.
- We love the group. It's a lovely environment for the toddlers. The crafts are really imaginative and my daughter loves the singing at the end.
- Fantastic group. We look forward to Friday mornings. Very lovely ladies and we love the live music!

Thank you to the great team of people from the Church who help by setting out the toys, organising the craft activities, preparing the food and drinks, playing the piano, talking to the Tiny Saints and their Carers to provide a friendly, caring welcome.

**Elizabeth Bryson, Tiny Saints leader, LLM**



# Flower Arranger's Report

**Barbara Bannister**

It is with great pleasure that I am able to report on another successful year in which the church has had a good display of flowers each week. Thank you to all members of the congregation for their generous sponsorship of the flowers week by week, and the special gift of lilies at Eastertide. This sponsorship means that there is no money taken from church funds for the decoration of the church.

Thanks are due to Marian Duncombe, Jean Balchin, Katie Easthill, Jo Towers, Carole Deverill, Valerie Duncome and Ann Rawlings for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. During 2012 June Crouch joined the rota and is very welcome. June is working with Ann at present and is very enthusiastic. At Festivals we have been helped by Brenda Illott, Rosemary Tyson and others. Alan Ketley and Pauline Hole set up the Easter Garden, which was a great help. We are extremely blessed at All Saints, both in the number and ability of our team of flower arrangers, which enables us to keep the church looking good every week.

We are always looking for more people to become involved and join the rota - in pairs or on their own. We are very willing for anyone to work with one of us for a while to learn the ropes and gain confidence. We are always pleased to welcome members of the congregation at any time to see what it is all about. The arranging is normally done on Friday mornings - do drop in if you are interested. It really is a very enjoyable way to serve the church and give pleasure to everyone, as well as giving glory to God.