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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

The Last Night of the Proms



This Saturday sees the Last Night of the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in London, the end of perhaps the most celebrated classical music festival in the world. The Henry Wood Promenade Concerts were founded in 1895 by the impresario Robert Newman, with the 26 year old Henry (later Sir Henry) Wood chosen as conductor from the very first concert which was held on 10th August that year in the Queen's Hall Langham Place. Sir Henry Wood was closely associated with the Promenade

concerts all his life, as conductor and architect of its programmes, until his death in 1944. The Queen's Hall was severely damaged by bombing in WW2, and the concerts then moved to the Royal Albert Hall where they are (for the most part) held to this day.

There is something incredibly special in being present to hear music being performed live. On radio and CD you can hear the music; TV takes us one step closer, as we can see the performers. But being physically present with those making the music introduces a sense of togetherness between performer and audience, and a sense of intimacy whether the music is for solo pianist or for a large orchestra and chorus of singers. It is art produced in the moment, you know that this particular performance is unique and the occasion can never be repeated. Each set of performers, each conductor, will have their own way of interpreting the score on that particular day, with whatever inspiration they bring to that particular occasion.

I know that St Paul's favourite picture of the Church is that of a human body – you will remember that he calls Christ the head, us his body, and he likens the different skills and gifts that we bring, and the different ministries we undertake, to the different limbs and organs of the body, all working together under the direction of the head.

I wonder if we might also think of the Church as being like an orchestra? Maybe the score is the Gospel, the core message provided to us by God in Jesus Christ. Maybe we are the various players, each skilled in playing a particular instrument (ie showing forth the love of God in our own way, with the skills and gifts given to each one of us) but all coming together in a harmonious sound, giving glory to God and taking our cue from the conductor. And maybe the one who keeps us all together and in tune, the conductor, is the Holy Spirit? Maybe out of all the various ways of exploring the Gospel, the Holy Spirit selects the particular score best suited to the context of the production – the performers on stage, the acoustics and the audience. Each performance is unique, because each set of performers is unique, and we each bring something different of ourselves to each new day.



So, if you watch or listen to (or are lucky enough to attend) the Last Night of the Proms, think of that amazing creative, joyous occasion as perhaps symbolising just a little bit what being a member of God’s Church is meant to be like.

May we all learn an instrument in God’s orchestra (or train our voices in his choir), catch the beat of the Holy Spirit, and join in with God’s glorious melodies!! And may those who hear the music of God’s love be inspired to come and join in with God’s great choir and orchestra.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK

Thursday 7 September

8.00pm Choir Practice

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10

Heritage Open Weekend & Ride & Stride See pages 4 & 5

Sunday 10

10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

WORSHIP FOR ALL Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John

2.30pm Organ Recital by Dr Relf Clark (See Programme attached to email)

Monday 11

9.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Tai Chi class in the Parish Centre

11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home

2.30pm Senior Saints at Stella's house, 33 Altwood Road

3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

7.30pm Christ Child Market Planning Meeting in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICES

Monday 18 September 7.30pm PCC Standing Committee in the Birinus Room

Sunday 24 September 4.00pm Sundays@4 Service to celebrate St Francis of Assisi and blessing of animals

Monday 25 - Friday 29 September Walsingham Pilgrimage

Sunday 1 October 10.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist with our guest speaker, Margaret Watson of Ripple Effect. Following the service there will be an auction of Harvest gifts and a ploughman's lunch in The Parish Centre – Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you would like to share in the Ploughman's.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for all the blessings of the creative arts – music and dance, painting and photography, sculpture and writing, and more besides. We give thanks for the ways in which they expand our minds, encourage us to reflect and imagine, and introduce us to new ways of thinking and seeing. We give thanks for the ways in which they help us to come to terms with our own life experiences and to find new strength and joy in difficult times. We rejoice in the many ways in which they bring people together and advance the cause of a common humanity.

We pray that we would each one of us find the instrument that God wants us to play, the notes he needs us to sound, as part of his worldwide missionary adventure; that we would be attuned to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, and learn to play together in joyful harmony.

We pray for all those places of darkness and disharmony in our world. For places of warfare, violence and oppression. For the hungry, the vulnerable and the exploited. For refugees and asylum seekers, especially in our own country, and for those enduring great danger to find freedom from oppression. We pray God that the leaders of nations and communities everywhere would leave off those things that damage people, and work for those things that enable people to flourish.

We give thanks for those who care deeply for the protection of the natural world and seek a secure future for humankind and for God's creation of which we are but a part.

We pray for those from our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie & Jess, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed. We pray for their families and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 Romans 13: 8 - 14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL Matthew 18: 15 - 20

Jesus spoke to his disciples. 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Rondo Da Chiesa *P Hurford*

Opening: 327 Awake, awake, fling off the night

Gradual: 42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness

Offertory: 784 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Communion: 725 Make me a channel of your peace

Closing: 777 Sing of the Lord's goodness

Postlude: Serenade *D Bourgeois*



All Saints will be open on Saturday 9 September from 9.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday 10 from 12 noon until 4.30pm.

There will be an organ recital by Dr Relf Clark on the Sunday at 2.30pm; the programme is attached to this email.

Ken Smith



Saturday 9 September

VERY IMPORTANT CARE4CALAIS UPDATE CAN YOU HELP?

Over the past three years processing of asylum claims has been woefully slow, leaving asylum seekers in limbo in temporary Home Office accommodation, unable to work and with just a paltry weekly allowance (currently just £9.10 per week).

Earlier in the year the Prime Minister made the welcome announcement that he would try to clear the asylum backlog and process all legacy claims by the end of 2023. This process has seen a number of positive asylum decisions start to come in all at once, which is great news for the refugee families who can now begin their lives in safety. However, there has been a lack of strategic planning and local authorities now find themselves unable to cope with the number of new refugees presenting as homeless in their area.

Once a person receives refugee status they have just 28 days from the decision date before their asylum support ends. They will receive a notice to vacate their accommodation with as little as 7 days notice. For people who have just been recognised as refugees, having faced persecution, war and torture, this time scale is impossibly tight.

They need to wait for UKVI to send their Biometric Residence Permit and National Insurance Number, open a bank account, apply for Universal Credit and jobs and find a place to rent. The exclusion from work and education during their years in the asylum backlog leave them ill-prepared to understand the system.

Families with children will receive housing assistance from the council. However, most of the new refugees will need to find private rentals, this will be especially difficult for individuals under the age of 35, whose local housing allowance is in the region of £350 per month, who have no credit history, no family to act as guarantors, no one to make the viewing appointments or advocate for them.

In recent weeks we have seen many people become homeless and destitute, the timescales don't allow for benefits payments to start before they need to leave their hotels or hostels.

SO HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. We urgently need landlords who are willing to rent accommodation at Local Housing Authority rates and work with DWP/ councils to accommodate new refugees rapidly

2. We *urgently* need temporary hosts who can offer a room in their home, their annexe or granny flat. There are a couple of agencies locally who are working to find hosts, they vet both the host and the guest to make sure they will be a good fit. Hosting placements can range from a few days respite accommodation, to a few months, allowing people time to get established in a job and build a little income. The most experienced hosting charity is [Refugees at Home](#) and a smaller local charity is [Sanctuary Hosting](#) both are seeking hosts and home visitors.

3 Homeless shelters are full so the homeless are sleeping on the streets, we have been paying for some respite accommodation, a couple of nights in a hotel so people can shower and dry off their clothes after a

few weeks on the street, but this is not sustainable. Can your church offer a bed for a night or act as a night shelter?

4 We need many more befrienders, people who can help fill in UC forms, accompany refugees to banks, help them make viewing appointments, explain utility bills and more.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or can offer any assistance.

Sam Jonkers, Regional Lead Care4Calais Berkshire, South Oxfordshire and Hampshire
07950 807285 [Care4Calais Reading Community Group](mailto:Reading@Care4Calais.org)



CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL

We have had the pleasure of getting to know some refugees from Iran in our congregation over the past year. At our APCM recently, Sam Jonkers from Care4Calais spoke to us about the fantastic work the charity does in welcoming and supporting refugees.

Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

POTENTIAL ALMSHOUSE VACANCY



We are on notice of a potential vacancy at the Almshouse. Applications are invited from ladies aged 60 and over. The bathrooms and kitchens have all been upgraded in recent years. The remote monitoring system has also been upgraded. This provides emergency contact 24/7. Residents need to be able to live independently as there is no warden support for this property. There are three other flats in the almshouse and therefore scope for developing friendships.

In the first instance please speak to Fr Jeremy or Mike Moss.

Mike Moss, Almshouse Trustee

SENIOR SAINTS WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

Senior Saints will meet at 2.30pm at Stella's home, 33 Altwood Road.

TUESDAY CLUB AGM & SOCIAL AFTERNOON 19 SEPTEMBER 2.30pm AT WOODSTOCK, BOYN HILL AVENUE.

The Tuesday Club has been in existence for over 40 years, starting as a Young Wives' Group, then becoming the Wives' Group then the Ladies' Group and now, in its current incarnation, membership is open to all. We usually meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm in the Parish Centre with a varied programme of speakers interspersed with afternoons of making our own fun. Our first meeting with a speaker will be on 3 October when we shall welcome Jennifer Jones from the National Trust to tell us about the life and works of Nancy Astor. New members are always welcome. No charge for a first visit; if you decide to join annual membership is £15. As from October 2023 guests will be charged £3 per visit. Refreshments included.

Jan Moss

FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. You can donate food at all the supermarkets, and a list of what's most needed is in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week. BUT what would really help them is if people are able to set up a regular standing order. It is regular gifts that enable them to plan the food they can afford to buy. This can be done for as much or as little as you like:

Unity Trust Bank

Account Name: Foodshare

Sort Code: 608301

Account Number: 20448464

Reference: [Please use your name as the reference]

RECYCLING BIN The local council have reminded us that we must be careful about what we put in the blue bin and have placed a notice on the top of it to say what can and cannot be put in. In particular, plastic bags of any kind, biscuit, chocolate and sweet wrappers, and dirty food containers must not go in. The wrong items of any kind will mean that the whole contents will go to the tip rather than be recycled, and could mean that the Council will not collect the bin at all. I am sure none of us want that! *Ken Smith*

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ORGAN RECITAL

by

RELF CLARK

10 September 2023 at 2.30 p.m.

Overture to <i>In the Lord put I my trust</i> , HWV 247	Handel (1685-1759)
<i>[Largo] - Allegro</i>	
<i>from</i> Sonata in E flat major, BWV 525	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
<i>Allegro</i>	
<i>Adagio in C für Glasharmonika</i> , K.617a	Mozart (1756-1791)
<i>from</i> Sonata in E flat minor, Op.119	Rheinberger (1839-1901)
<i>Preludio</i>	
<i>Adagio</i>	Frank Bridge (1879-1941)
<i>Berceuse</i> , Op.31, No.19	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Chorale Prelude on <i>Croft's 136th</i>	Parry (1848-1918)

The organ at All Saints', Boyne Hill is among the finest in Berkshire. It was built in 1931 by Harrison & Harrison of Durham and thus belongs to the period that produced such famous examples of their work as the instruments at King's College, Cambridge (1934) and Westminster Abbey (1937). Although it contains material re-cycled from the organ that J.W. Walker built at All Saints' in 1879, it is an entirely characteristic example of the company's inter-war work. It was dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Thomas Strong, on 28 June 1931, when the inaugural recital was given by Dr Henry G. Ley, the then Precentor of Eton College. The organ has three manuals and pedals, twenty-five speaking stops and the usual complement of couplers and aids to registration. In 2003 it was restored by Richard Bower, re-dedicated by the Bishop of Oxford, the Rt Revd Richard Harries, and re-opened with a recital given by the international virtuoso Thomas Trotter. The work of restoration involved the conversion of the mechanism from tubular-pneumatic to electro-pneumatic, but tonally the organ remains the instrument voiced by, or under the direction of, Arthur Harrison in 1931, and it retains such period features as the leathered Open Diapason on the Great, the powerful chorus reeds on the Swell, and the titanic open wood basses. Mark Venning, the recently retired Chairman of Harrison & Harrison Ltd, summed it up when he wrote that the All Saints' organ 'shows all the subtlety and eloquence of this particular style [of organ-building] in its grandest maturity'.

Harrison & Harrison have been building organs since 1861 and doing so in Durham since 1872. They are the largest firm of organ-builders in the UK. Their recent projects included the organs at Canterbury Cathedral, Salisbury Cathedral and York Minster. Their current ones include the organs at Norwich Cathedral and Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Further information can be had from the company's website.

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Relf Clark has assisted at All Saints' since 1985 and is the author of the history of the organs and organists on sale in the church. After tuition with Dr Sidney Campbell at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle he won an open exhibition to Oxford, where he studied with Robert Sherlaw Johnson and F.W. Sternfeld and assisted at the University Church. At the age of twenty, while still an undergraduate, he became a prize-winning Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and he completed his musical education at London University, where he read musicology, and Reading University, where he studied with David Sanger and gained both a distinction in performance studies and the degree of PhD.

Dr Clark writes and lectures on music and has contributed to *The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, and musical periodicals of various kinds. From 1990 to 2005 he was a member of the council of the British Institute of Organ Studies, and for seven of those years he was the BIOS publications officer. He is an honorary life member of the Elgar Society, having been one of its officers for twelve years; his publications include four volumes of Elgar-related essays; and he appears in the Durham University DVD about Elgar's Sonata for Organ, Op.28. He composes for the organ and has given recitals in many parts of the UK.

In 1982, after attending what is now the University of Law, Relf Clark qualified as a solicitor, and in 1993, after a decade as an in-house lawyer with Costain Group plc, he returned to private practice. From 1998 until his retirement in 2017 he practised with a law firm in the City of London, where his clients included the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, of which he is now an honorary life member.