

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Sunday we will mark the festival of the Presentation of the Lord. This beautiful feast fittingly concludes the forty days of Christmas with the ceremony of candles – and hence the old English name of Candlemas. Simeon and Anna, two prophets who have prayed and waited faithfully for the coming of ‘yeshua’ the Saviour, now recognise that saviour in Christ. Simeon embraces Jesus whom he proclaims as the light and the glory not just to Israel but to all peoples. As we celebrate this wonderful festival Fr John Ainslie will preside at the Eucharist as he begins his ministry as a priest in the parish of All Saints. As we hold our candles at the Eucharist we will greet the Light of the world, Jesus, and then go into the world to walk in God’s light, to rejoice in God’s love and to reflect God’s glory.

Having celebrated Candlemas at the morning Eucharist we will celebrate our first Sundays at 4 service in the church. This monthly service follows on from the family services and BBQ’s held throughout the summer and into the Autumn. There were sometimes as many as 50 people sharing within the quadrangle, and we hope over time to build up this all-age service by keeping themes that one or two of our local schools are focussing on. This term Boyne Hill Infant School are encouraging the students to ‘Go for Goals’ by showing ‘Endurance’. We will share a 30 minute service with two hymns, prayers, a reading from St Paul on running the race and a talk sharing the life of Scotland’s pride and joy, Eric Liddell. He won a gold medal at the 1924 Olympics, scored tries for Scotland and became a missionary to China during World War II. The hymns will be played for us by Ronald Fullarton on the piano and we hope that over time young people will support and lead this worship.

Following the worship, there will be activities on the theme and those interested in the story of Liddell can watch a short film of his life. There will be hotdogs and other snacks to eat as well as hot and cold drinks. Sundays at 4 will be open to everyone so please come along to support the community.

This exciting day will conclude with the first Evensong and Benediction that Sundays@6 have shared for two years. We will begin by praying the BCP Evensong followed by Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament. The service of Benediction in which we adore Christ for His presence with us, and receive the blessing of His presence, is a service that is closely linked with the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is at the heart of the Church’s life and worship – centred on Christ and instituted by Christ. At Benediction the Christian is able to adore Christ for a period of time longer than is normally found at the Eucharist.

Devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament stimulates believers to a deeper awareness of Christ’s presence, and is an invitation to communion with him in the Holy Eucharist – and with our fellow Christians.

Devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament will hopefully inspire Christians to imitate Christ in lives of loving service to each other and to God. Devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament renews the Spirit of God in us,

giving us wisdom to see the way he is calling us to follow him, and giving us the strength to proclaim in our lives the truth we hear in our hearts.

I welcome and encourage you all to worship God at one of these three services on Sunday.

RESOURCES

Thursday 27 January 2.45pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm *Choir Practice in the Parish Centre*

Friday 28 9.00am *Assembly at Boyne Hill Infant School*
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre *Jesus Goes To Jerusalem*

Sunday 30 10.00am **Eucharist for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

4.00pm **Sundays@4 Worship for All on the theme of Going for Goals and Endurance.** After the service, there will be activities, hotdogs and drinks.

Sundays@Six Evensong & Benediction

Tuesday 1 February *Assemblies at Altwood School on the Theme of Love*
2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 2 10.00am **Requiem Eucharist**
7.30pm *PCC meeting in the Parish Centre*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for the knowledge of our salvation, seen with the eye not of sight but of faith. Enlighten we the congregation of All Saints to be a true Temple to the glory of Christ and a witness to the world.

In our families and friendships, make us a light to lighten the lives of others. Bless and protect the vulnerable ones: the babies, the parents who have few of the world's goods, the aged and the infirm.

This weekend as we gather for evening worship we kneel in adoration before the mystery made manifest in your Son, Jesus, who stood with us, as one of us. So, we stand with one another in adoring you by living the way of love and life he showed us, setting us free to serve in the fulness of your grace.

We pray for our Worship for All this Sunday as we think about how we may be inspired to use our gifts to achieve our goals as individuals, and for the community.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Ursula Hutchison, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner and Carol Aitkin. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for those who have departed in peace and come into the glorious light of eternity, We pray for Joan Poolman, Christel Kirschner and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May we all be blessed by God's love this Epiphany Tide

Fr Jeremy

COVID UPDATE

Rules are relaxing throughout the country, however you will still want to feel confident in Church. It would be good if people who have any doubts could take a lateral flow test before coming to church just so that people feel safe. It remains important to wear a properly fitting facemask that gives a tight cover over the nose. The time will come when we can enjoy singing again but we need to think of other people first.

Worship for Sunday 30 January Candlemas

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

EPISTLE Hebrews 2: 14–18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL Luke 2: 22 — 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Saturday 19 February from 10.00am – 12.15pm in the Parish Centre Sustainability Open Morning - Caring for God's Earth as Christians

Informative and fun. Including Biblical context, guest speaker, Fairtrade coffee and tea tasting, discussions, hints and tips.

If you're interested in knowing more about what we are planning to do as a church and how you can contribute, please come along.

To help us gauge numbers, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or email jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk. To catch up with everything that's going in see the latest sustainability newsletter attached with this edition of Parish News.

TUESDAY CLUB 2.30pm 1 February in the Parish Centre

Our speaker this month, Steve Baskerville, is no stranger to Tuesday Club having entertained us in the past with armchair tours of Oxford and London's Theatreland. This time his subject is a family with many strings to their bow, architecture being only one of them as they are also ecclesiastical outfitters – look out for a stunning picture of a famous wedding dress being side-lined by some gorgeous vestments. Members who have yet to pay their subs could also look out for the Treasurer (not in gorgeous vestments nor onscreen). Visitors welcome as ever.

Jan Moss

Flowers for 2022

There may still be a few weeks left on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name if there is a week left that you would like to sponsor. Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to Stella and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

The Flower Team

CAFÉ OLÉ

Isn't it lovely to see people sitting at the tables enjoying refreshments at the back of church on Sunday and Wednesday mornings? Unfortunately there aren't really enough folk to provide the Sunday ones every week so those who have volunteered are being asked to help once a month which is a bit much. Just another couple of teams would stretch it to once every six weeks. You only need to provide the milk and some biscuits; everything else is there. If you'd like more information email nickkirk2002@hotmail.com or ask whoever's on duty that week.

WAMCF Ladies' Group Monday 31 January 7.30pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81359777332?pwd=S0JBMXB6QmhoVWQ1S29LRGxaSzNCUT09>

Meeting ID: 813 5977 7332 Passcode: 802558

After an initial presentation ladies will be invited to share their own examples of women of faith and courage from their own faiths.