

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

ANNUAL REPORT 2013



Fr Jeremy's Report

We are moving towards Holy Week as I finally begin writing this report to look back over the year 2012-2013. This week Chelsea qualified for the Champions league semi finals and Manchester United crashed out. In Spain, Atletico Madrid knocked out the brilliant Barcelona side that had won the competition twice in the last 5 years. The Spanish football correspondent Graham Hunter described Atletico Madrid's players as 'performing in communion with one another'. I have enjoyed football for 40 years but never have I heard football described in this way before. Hunter explained to the listeners that the players played in perfect unity, they knew without looking where their team mates were positioned and knew when an individual needed support and when they were in a good position. This playing as a team in 'communion' enabled Madrid to defeat the more talented opposition. It is this 'Communion' of celebrating and encouraging one another's gifts, of lifting one another up when we are struggling. of working together towards a vision that interested me in the summing up of the match.

The amazing story of the Resurrection found in Like's gospel about the Road to Emmaus tells us of people who discover the Resurrection hope and, in the breaking of bread and the opening of the word, discover communion with the Risen Lord. They go back to Jerusalem to share with others the hope. The early church then begins the adventure of sharing the hopes and values of the Kingdom with men, women and children that we read about in the Acts of the Apostles. We too need to encourage people to use their gifts and skills within our own community, with other Anglican communities and ecumenically, to grow the Body of Christ on the pilgrim journey to the Kingdom.

Within our community this year we celebrated with Fr Neil Bryson his ordination to the priesthood and then his First Mass on the Sunday morning. We were able as a community to share hospitality and celebrate this wonderful occasion. The community of All Saints though should reflect upon all of the people who give their time and talent sometimes in very public ways but also quietly and without fuss behind the scenes. I hope in this report to reflect the wonderful support I have had from all members of the community, which was highlighted by the support you gave me to go on Sabbatical last autumn. This was an incredible experience sharing a 500 mile pilgrimage across Northern Spain and then sharing with Bishop Samson Mwaluda, Roy and Jenny Taylor and the people of Taita Taveta Diocese ministry in Kenya.

We have as a Diocese been encouraged by the Bishop of Oxford to find inspiration and vision from the Living Faith mission document. I will try to share through the 5 themes of Living Faith how we as a community have attempted to reflect a little of Christ's love in the world. I am not going to mention names because there are so many to mention and I end up leaving people out.

The Sacred Centre

Again this year Alpha courses were run and a number of people followed the course towards Confirmation. This is very important ministry and I would like to thank everyone who was involved as new Christians came to Faith. Church on the Move met in peoples' homes and Bible study and the sharing of ministry, the Eucharist and hospitality led to some wonderful evenings. The evenings enabled a real sense of community to develop within the congregation. During the year we continued with Messy Church to support families to worship with hospitality and we look forward to the new style of worshipping community through 'Rock Shop to develop in the coming years. Rock Shop will we hope develop young people to play musical instruments and to sing to glory God in praise and worship.

Making Disciples

The OTB teams at Larchfield and All Saints Schools OTB continued for a fifth year. Staff, pupils and indeed leaders all enjoy the experience of sharing the Bible stories enabling a younger generation to hear God's word.

The Baptism preparation team has continued to respond to peoples call to have their children baptised by visiting families, sharing the preparation by explaining the symbols of the service through 'Godly Play' and by sharing the opportunities to be part of the Christian community at All Saints.

One of the ways that young families are able to be part of the Christian family is through the Tiny Saints and we thank all the leaders, parents and members of the Mothers' Union who give their time on Friday mornings.

Although numbers are smaller the Young Saints still offer an opportunity for families to share worship on a Sunday morning knowing their children are being offered creative activities and Christian teaching in the Birinus room.

Making a Difference in the World

Schools work is an important part of ministry within the parish of All Saints. Through assemblies, Open the Book, occasional visits and classes in the church and the wonderful Christmas services we are able to share the Gospel values with young people within the parish. Our Church school governors also play an important role within the community offering their valuable time to support the running of the schools. One of many highlights last year was the service held

at All Saints Church to give thanks for Kathleen Higgins wonderful service as Headteacher and to commission the new head Neil Dimbleby.

Within Larchfield ministry has continued to grow through the Open the Book team, through the summer club, the Larchfield Open Table, through the Care Home and Christmas and Easter services and through people giving of their time to listen to children read. The ministry in Larchfield highlights the value of the communion model in encouraging ecumenical relations. Other churches have led for example the summer club and Larchfield Open Table but it has been wonderful to see good numbers of the All Saints community sharing their time to support this ministry.

As a congregation we support Christian Aid and other charities throughout the year and importantly we have for over 10 years supported OAK in Kenya. I was fortunate to meet some of the clergy that the congregation of All Saints has supported over the years. These people have grown congregations and offered pastoral support and pray in the most challenging situations.

Creating Vibrant Christian Communities

We again shared a wonderful summer Fete and thank you to everyone who planned and supported the day. We invited the All Saints Community choir to All Saints, as well as having some excellent stalls. It was pleasing to see the All Saints community supporting one another to make sure the day went well.

The Christmas carol service, Christingle service and Crib services were all well planned and well supported. Thank you to all those who worked hard to organise these family services.

The parish holiday although smaller in terms of numbers taking part was still an excellent week, enjoyed by all that went to Brunel Manor in August.

The pilgrimage to Walsingham was as always a helpful way to grow spiritually and to share friendship with people from All Saints and with other pilgrims from around the country.

The new Youth Club, which look's at films and then shares discussion has worked well with small groups of young people. We have shared The Lion the Witch and the wardrobe, Evan Almighty and more recently 'The Life of Pi'. The young people have entered into good conversation about issues of faith through the films.

The Mothers' Union, Tuesday Club and The Men's Society have all played their part in building vibrant Christian communities and thanks to all those who plan and support these groups. The Mothers' Union have supported the Baptism preparation through the prayer cards and through their support of the Tiny Saints. Tuesday Club and the Men's society are encouraging people from outside of the worshipping community as well as those from within.

Shaping confident, collaborative ministry

The ministry team including the clergy, Elizabeth our LLM and our wardens have been superb particularly during my Sabbatical when together they organised, and led the parish. Equally valuable is the contribution of the excellent office staff who give so much of their time. These people are often the first contact with people seeking baptisms, marriages and funerals from All Saints and I know many appreciate the kindness and efficient manner of the team.

The Communion model encourages both ordained and lay ministry to share their gifts to build the Body of Christ. Evidence to suggest that the congregation at All Saints have responded to this call can be found in the ministry of Messy Church, Baptism preparation, Young Saints, Open the Book, Flower arranging, Alpha and other courses, Mothers' Union, Tuesday Club, hospitality and cleaning teams, Bell ringers, coffee and tea makers, those who clean the church, our servers, choir and musicians who play such a valuable part in our worship.

Another important part of our ministry has been the extended PCC meetings on Saturday mornings that have helped us focus on mission activities. It has been an important year as we have sought peoples' thoughts about the worship on Sunday mornings at All Saints and nearly a 100 of the congregation responded to the feedback forms last summer.

I would like to express my thanks to the choir, servers, our director of music, all those who help with the pew sheet, rotas, service booklets, those who clean the church and prepare the flowers. Our Churchwardens have served us brilliantly as have our sacristan, sidespeople, school governors and office staff. Thanks go as well to all the clergy who supported us during my Sabbatical last autumn.

We have many challenges ahead of us as we try to implement new styles of worship to complement our traditional worship, and try to develop our web site and form a stewardship team. We need to pray for the ministry of our new PCC and that any changes we make with the worship to encourage more people will be received in a good spirit. Finally I would like to thank you all for the love and support you gave me as I went on Sabbatical. As many of you will know I experienced two fantastic trips across Spain and to Voi in Kenya. I experienced incredible challenges and much joy and at times felt very close to God and that was made possible by your practical support, encouragement, and prayer.

With love and prayers,
Fr Jeremy

PCC Report

Roderick Broad and Stella Harding

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, along with Joanne Shephard as minuting secretary. The Standing Committee comprised Fr. Jeremy, the Treasurer and assistant, the Secretary, minuting secretary and both Churchwardens.

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 2013 and we ran Saturday morning and mid-week evening training/refresher/discussion groups for all our sides people which has proved beneficial.

During the year we continued the practice of holding planning meetings with our extended PCC (our PCC and the people who also carry out a major role in the operation of the Church). Three meetings were held on Saturday mornings; the first two were held in the Parish Centre and the third at Burnham Abbey.

One meeting focused upon the success of our thriving small groups along with how the PCC can support these. The other meetings focused upon our Church's plans for development of our Sunday Services and Worship. These were paired with a congregational review meeting held in the Parish Centre, at which around sixty people helped contribute to our Sunday Services and worship plans. These review meetings followed on from information gained from a feedback questionnaire that was completed by around one hundred of our congregation. The meetings have been highly beneficial and have generated options to assist Fr. Jeremy in developing our Sunday Worship and Services.

As noted in last year's report the PCC approved plans for revisions to the All Age Worship services that were trialed monthly from April 2012. Following feedback the format was amended and, during 2013, included six "special" All Age Worship services with the objective of providing a more integrated all-age liturgy, whilst maintaining the catholic and eucharistic nature of the service. There will be further development during 2014 as a result of our Sunday Worship and Services review noted above.

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.

A bi-annual inspection by the Deanery of Maidenhead and Windsor was undertaken during the year and we are pleased to report that this went smoothly with no issues requiring attention.

Following Revd Debbie Davison's move to another parish to continue her ministry and training, the PCC have taken the decision to sell the property purchased for her ministry in Larchfield. It is expected that the sale will allow the Parish to repay all loans and grants received for this purchase, and will leave a financial surplus for the Parish. The sale is currently in progress and will be reported on next year.

The parish continues with our 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 along with many Home Communions. These have all continued thanks to many willing and enthusiastic helpers and colleagues.

Fr Jeremy undertook his Sabbatical during the year and we would like to thank all the people in the Parish, along with numerous visiting Priests, who gave time and energy to ensure that the Parish was able to continue to offer Worship, Services and Outreach Mission activities during Fr. Jeremy's three months absence.

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 its 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.

The Alpha Course

Alpha in 2013 has been a great joy and a blessing to those who attended, because they grew in faith, knowledge, understanding and experience of the Lord. It was wonderful to have people on the Courses wanting to find out what Christians believe. It has been good to have people who have recently started coming to Church as well as people who have been going to Church for many years, using Alpha as a 'refresher course'.

In 2013 we have 'met people where they are' through the Alpha Courses in the Autumn. A morning Alpha Group met on a Friday 9:15 – 10:15, where mothers were invited to attend and bring their babies or young children, before going to Tiny Saints. They were pleased to have this opportunity to go to Alpha, as it would not be convenient for them to go out in the evening. Some other people attended this Alpha as well, because this was a better time for them. Our evening Alpha Course was on Wednesday evenings in the Birinus Room.

It was a great joy that 2 people from the Alpha Course were confirmed by Bishop Andrew on 9th February 2014 and received their first Communion at All Saints the following Sunday.

We are grateful to the members of the Congregation who support the ministry of Alpha by praying and by providing suppers for the evening Alpha. The supper enables us to give a friendly welcome, which is an important start to each session. The DVD Talks followed by discussion enable those on the Courses to find out about Christianity, with an emphasis on knowing God and coming into a relationship with the Lord through faith in Jesus.

It is encouraging to read comments written by people who have come to Alpha in 2013.

- I have benefited from an understanding of the Bible.
- I now have a relationship with God.
- I benefit from knowing more about God.
- I have had a wonderful time.
- I now have a greater understanding of the Bible.
- I enjoyed discussing and learning new aspects of the Bible and Christian teachings,
- I enjoyed connecting the facts from the Bible to day-to-day life.
- I now read the Bible more often.
- I feel I know how my faith is helping me be a better person.
- Alpha has helped me think more about my faith.
- I now pray more and see how God guides me in my day-to-day life.
- I feel the Holy Spirit in myself; I see how I am guided by Him.
- I felt the group was helping 'building up' my faith.
- I feel I am now more opened to help people around me.

There are many people who wonder: 'Is there more to life than this?' They would welcome the opportunity of finding out about Christianity and experiencing the love of God in their lives. The Alpha Course is such a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a friendly welcome, find out what Christians believe, ask questions and discuss your ideas. Please recommend Alpha to people you know and invite them to our next Alpha Course starting on 21st May 2014.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Bryson (LLM, Alpha Course Leader)

Mothers' Union report to APCM – April 2014

In spite of losses through moves (and, sadly, illness or death) our numbers remain roughly the same – around 30 plus – due to new members joining us.

'Feed the Children', which we have supported for many years, had to close, but we have found another source for our knitting etc. and blankets, and over a hundred babies' bonnets have recently gone to the Sudan. So please continue to give us wool, blankets, and baby clothes, as every little helps.

We have had another year of interesting speakers on such diverse subjects as cooking, travel, architecture, etc. and have had visits to the Toby (for lunch) and the Dedworth Garden Centre (for afternoon Tea) where several of us did some very useful Christmas shopping. Father Neil, too, gave us a very interesting and moving talk about his vocation, and his call to the priesthood; but the highlight of the year was at our Christmas party, when we performed a short play. Written and produced by a member, Gwen Burkitt, we called it "Father Christmas and his elves preparing for Christmas". Our costumes and 'props' were homemade and Arthur (our secretary Wendy's husband) made a splendid Father Christmas. A lot of fun was had by all!

On the serious side, our yearly August Quiet Afternoon was taken by the Revd David Winter who, incidentally, writes in *The Door*, and is a former Head of BBC Religious Broadcasting. He was very friendly and some of us found him helpful at teatime when he chatted informally to various people. Our Vicar, Father Jeremy, is very helpful to us, and gives us great support.

We continue to help with the purchasing of 'Praying through the Day' which is a booklet compiled and printed by the members of the MU in Oxford. We give a copy to each Baptism family as it gives guidance and help about bringing children up in the Christian faith.

Our members also help regularly with the Tiny Saints toddler group on Friday mornings. We help to prepare and serve their 'elevenses', and make coffee etc. for the mums, which enables us to get to know them better. Their morning ends with a bible story, followed by songs about Jesus' love, which one of our members accompanies on the piano. Because of our very enthusiastic Lay Minister, who runs an Alpha course just before the course starts, we have had a few adult Baptisms and Confirmations amongst the 'mums'.

Another of our 'ploys' last year was to support the Prison Fellowship. We had a raffle for them and for the second year running, sent a quantity of new Christmas cards to the Chaplain to send to his prisoners.

I must pay a tribute to Edna and John Conibear who both died recently. They had been members for many years, and helped us with all our activities. Edna would always 'fill the gap' if a speaker let us down, and John bought us a lovely new set of carol sheets to replace our old ragged ones. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory. We continue to share some meetings with our Baptist and Roman Catholic neighbours and enjoy the friendships we make with them – it broadens our minds!

The chief object of the Mothers' Union is to "Support Family life in all its forms." Our branch at All Saints is well over a hundred years old. May we be supported and blessed for many more years to come.

Ena Jones

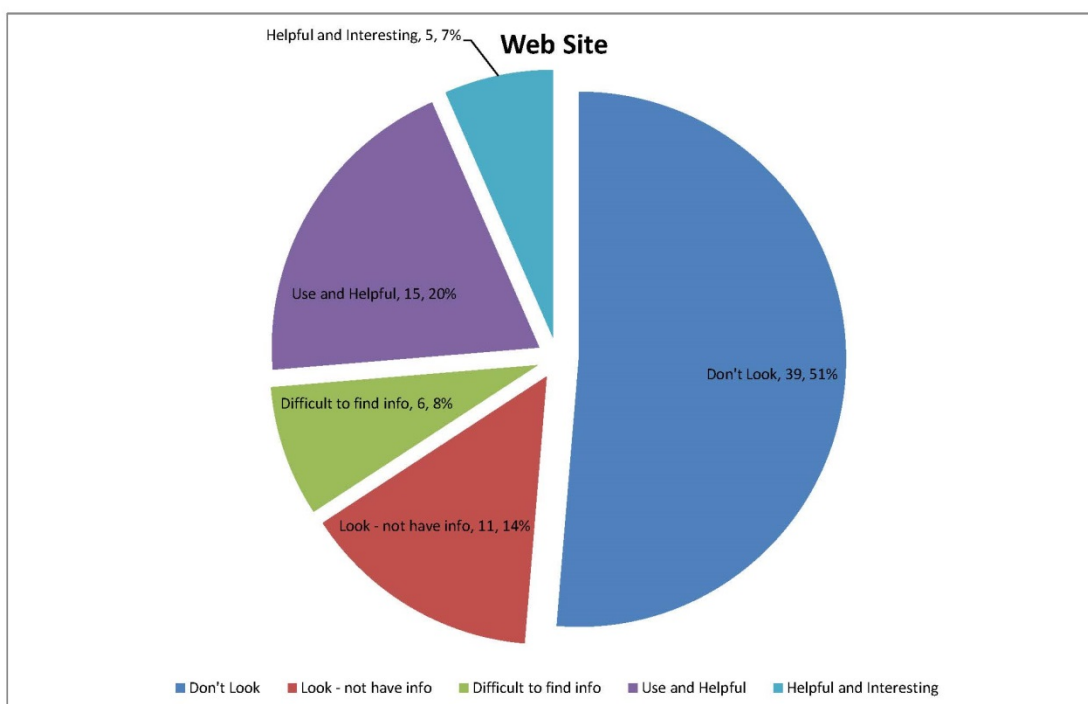
All Saints Web Site

www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk

The All Saints web site is playing an increasingly important role in both promoting the Church and informing people about the life, services and mission activities of the Parish. The site is increasingly being used by new and existing residents to find and choose their place of worship and we often have new people commenting that they found All Saints Church from the web-site.

We have been blessed by a past member of our congregation who built and currently hosts an exceptionally good site. However we are finding it increasingly difficult to keep the site up to date and to reflect all the exciting things happening in the Parish.

As part of gaining feedback from our congregation around one hundred people completed a questionnaire which included feedback questions on the web-site. The responses were:-



Although the site is good, it is not being used to its full potential, partly because of the difficulty in maintaining it up to date. We are currently developing a parallel website that will be maintained directly by members of our congregation and will also integrate social media links with Facebook and Twitter. This is planned to be a dynamic attractive site and its success will depend upon the input of people who will be responsible for individual sections. The extended PCC, which includes people involved in leading Church Life, will shortly be meeting to plan the responsibility for content and updating along with the going live date. The site will then replace our current website during 2014. A special thanks goes to the team who are both maintaining the current site and implementing the new site.

All Saints Parish Centre Users Committee

Representatives of All Saints Church continue to enjoy 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.

Other Parish Centre users in the past year have included: Boyne Hill Close Management Committee, violin teacher, Helen Styles and Roz McKee for her Toddlers' Exercise Class. The Parish Centre has been the venue for many other events such as children's parties, pre-wedding receptions and drama group rehearsals.

We continue to ensure that our Hire Agreement is reviewed regularly and updates have been made to help ensure that those wishing to make a booking have as much information as possible about what is available and the associated hire arrangements. Janet Emerson, the Bookings Clerk has provided useful information and suggested changes, following her experiences with potential bookings.

Dorothy Strack-Hankey, acts as the Committee's Health & Safety Adviser, covering matters such as food hygiene, first aid arrangements and accident reporting. Peter May, the PCC's Financial Officer, has attended some of our meetings; he provides guidance on financial matters as well as input and advice during our discussions about fixtures and fittings.

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 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. It also provides the opportunity to resolve any issues or concerns over a cup of tea and home-made cake and biscuits provided by Sylvia and Dorothy.

April 2014

Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery Synod represents all the Church of England parishes in the Deanery of Maidenhead and Windsor. Representatives are elected from each parish, and meet regularly to discuss matters of common concern across the parishes. The Deanery also manages the collection of the Parish Share from each parish – the Parish Share is the contribution made towards central funds, mainly to cover clergy stipends (pay), training and pensions, but also the management of the Diocese and the General Synod.

The year saw the departure in Summer 2013 of the Area Dean, Revd Michael Smith of Cookham, to take up an appointment at York Minster. In January 2015, the Bishop of Reading announced that Revd Margaret Bird would be licensed as the new Area Dean of Maidenhead and Windsor, working alongside Revd Richard Cowles as Assistant Area Dean.

The year also saw the appointment of a new Archdeacon for Berkshire, Revd Olivia Graham, who attended a meeting of the Deanery Pastoral Committee to discuss the developing collaboration between St Mary's Maidenhead and the Parish of White Waltham. Revd Olivia also attended a meeting of the Deanery Synod where she introduced herself and took a Questions-and-Answer session from Synod Members.

Besides the meeting with the Archdeacon, Synod meetings have also included:

A presentation by the Berkshire Churches Trust (a Trust that has been very supportive of All Saints, including generous financial support for the new heating system and the repairs to spire and tower); in order that the Trust can continue to support essential work to Berkshire's Churches, it requests that every parish make an annual donation to the trust of at least £25;

A workshop at Alltwood School led by the Oxford Diocesan Director of Children's Education, about sharing the Good News with schoolchildren;

The first Synod of 2014 included as its main item a presentation by Jim Barker of the Church Mission Society entitled "shaping Confident, Collaborative Leadership" – in line with this year's "Living Faith" Diocesan theme.

Alongside the Synod meetings, the Deanery Synod has been involved in developing the Deanery's Mission Action Plan. The parts of the Plan relating to All Saints have not changed since they were settled some months ago, after consultation with the PCC.

Altwood Church of England Secondary School

Altwood Church of England Secondary School is a well-respected, multi-faith, popular 11-18 age range (roll of 831) Church of England School located in the Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill in Windsor and Maidenhead. The school converted to become an “unsponsored” Academy in July 2012; allowing it more independence and freedom. 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 Christian ethos of the school 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’

There are good links between the School and the Church. Fr. Jeremy regularly undertakes School Assemblies and leads the 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 Headteacher strongly promotes the Schools Gospel Values and links with All Saints Church.

The new Headteacher, Mr. Neil Dimbleby, was appointed during the year (The recruitment was led by the Chair, a Foundation Governor; with two other Foundation Governor's being part of the selection process). One of the highlights last year was the service held at All Saints Church to give thanks for Kathleen Higgins wonderful service as Headteacher and to commission the new Head Neil Dimbleby. Fr. Jeremy has also joined the Schools Governing body in 2014 to help further strengthen and grow the links between the School and the Church.

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

Dorothy Strack-Hankey and Anne Sweeney

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 staff members as well as celebrating the different faiths and their festivals.

As of January 2014, Boyne Hill CofE Infant and Nursery School had 120 students in total in Years 1 & 2, 60 in Reception and 77 in Nursery, split between morning and afternoon sessions.

The acting head teacher, Jane Hunsley, leads a very dedicated team of staff comprised of 10 teachers, many teaching assistants whose roles vary from full classroom support to one-to-one support for children with special educational needs and other support staff. They take their roles very seriously in providing a caring Christian environment in which the children make excellent progress.

Acts of collective worship (assemblies) take place four times a week in the school hall and are attended by all pupils in years 1 and 2. The children in Reception join them more frequently as the school year progresses. Themes for these assemblies are planned very carefully each term and are based around the social and emotional aspects of learning, linked with 2 of 12 Christian values. This is an inspirational time led by the head teacher, the senior leadership team or a member of the clergy. Once each term a whole class will also lead an assembly. On Mondays, the focus is on the religious aspect of the theme and values led by the head teacher; on Tuesdays, there is a period of Collective Worship in the individual classrooms including the Reception classes; on Wednesdays, the focus is on personal, social and health education (PSHE) linked with one of the 2 values and led by one of the assistant head teachers; Thursday is singing assembly where songs with a Christian focus are regularly practised and enjoyed and on Fridays they hold a celebration assembly when certificates are given out, individual achievements are celebrated, birthdays are acknowledged and often special visitors come and talk to the children.

During the current academic year, the pupils in years 1, 2 and Reception held their Harvest Service at the school; years 1 and 2 attended a Christmas Christingle service at All Saints church while the Reception children held their own special Christingle service in the school hall led by the Foundation teacher, Debbie Firth. The Year 2 pupils will visit All Saints church as part of the RE curriculum when they study places of worship and the Year 1 pupils will visit the Sikh Gudwara next to the school.

Key activities this year include a cinema visit courtesy of the British Film Institute, a performance from a visiting theatre company, a trip to Norden Farm for the Christmas pantomime and the opportunity to take part in the Shakespeare themed lantern parade in the town centre. To teach the concept of helping others, the school takes part in many fund-raising activities including Jeans for Genes day and Autism Awareness day. They support FoodShare, Barnardos, Children in Need and Gutjwa school in South Africa. They also do second-hand book sales and termly cake sales to raise funds for playground equipment and library books and collect the vouchers from supermarkets and the Maidenhead Advertiser.

Currently, some members of the congregation assist at the school by listening to children read or helping them to learn basic cooking skills. Members of the congregation are invited to offer assistance in these or other ways, for example knitting scarves for the children at the Gutjwa school.

Following the June 2013 OFSTED inspection, Jenny Stephen who was the then head teacher, governors and staff were proud to report that the school received an OUTSTANDING rating. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural aspects of the school were considered to be strengths.

We would like to thank Jane Hunsley and all of the staff for their hard work. The school has extended an invitation to members of the congregation to attend any of the acts of Collective Worship. The school is also very happy to e-mail their weekly newsletter to any members of the congregation who would like to receive it.

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

Oliver Wilson, George Hutchinson, Mike Broad & Alwyn Kimber
March 2014

All Saints has 228 pupils. The Head Teacher, Bridget McGregor takes her responsibility to the Christian ethos very seriously. She and her staff 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.

As Foundation Governors it is part of our role to see that Christian principles are adhered to as closely as possible. A review of the Christian values demonstrated in the school has been carried out. The values that came out the strongest were: Respect, Generosity & Service, Thoughtfulness & Compassion, and Forgiveness. This is an ongoing review with feedback from staff and governors.

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. 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. Next term a class will be given responsibility for organising the Act of Collective Worship with minimal guidance from the class teacher. From last year's experience this will be taken very seriously by pupils.

Assistant Headteacher, Alison Borgese, has responsibility for increasing links between the Church and School. Alison and Alwyn, together with the Diocesan Advisor, are working to make All Saints Church more accessible to the pupils. 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. However, this has not been well-attended by members of the congregation. We would appreciate some feedback as to whether we continue with this.

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). Bridget has also been instrumental in setting up 'Rock Shop' at the Church. Children who play in a band or have instrumental lessons are invited to attend Rock Shop at All Saints Church on some Sundays between 4.00-6.00pm. The Rock Shop band and singers is made up of children and adults of all ages who come to have fun making music together. The band practises for the first ½ hour, then accompany a short service with the music they have learnt. Food and refreshments are provided during the 2nd part of the afternoon.

All the pupils become familiar with All Saints Church through 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.

For us, the highlight of the Summer term was the impact of two days of 'Prayer Spaces in School'. Foundation governors joined together with staff, local church members and parents to transform the internal courtyard into four areas of peace and reflection, based on the Christian values of forgiveness, peace and gratitude. Each child spent time in the zone, some introducing their parents to the event. Their responses were unanimously positive. Another prayer spaces are planned for this summer.



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

Churchwardens Annual Fabric Report : April 2014

This has been a busy year, mainly due to heating issues within the Church, preparation and investigative work for the pending repairs to the SW Corner and repairs, updates, replacements and improvements to the rented properties. In addition the house purchased for our Curate in Larchfield, who has now moved to another Parish, has been sold, with completion in April 2014. Thanks go to our small Resources team who have been excellent in carrying out minor works and maintenance and have saved the Parish significant sums of money. Thanks also go to the members of our congregation who undertake gardening to keep our grounds in order and regularly cut the Quadrangle grass.

Church

Church Heating.

In September and October 2013, following a catastrophic failure of a Boiler Heat Exchanger, major replacement and repair work was carried out. During the replacement of the Heat Exchanger it was also identified that the pressure expansion tank needed replacing and the system needed re-dosing with inhibitor. The Heat Exchanger manufacturer made a goodwill contribution towards the cost of the heat exchanger and, as the expenditure was mainly for replacement parts and labour, it was possible to re-claim the VAT element under the Listed Places of Worship scheme. With the contribution, the net cost of the Heat Exchanger (and associated gas valve) repair came to £1,112, in addition to regular service and maintenance costs of £1,020.

We subsequently experienced a leak in the Sacristy from the circulating heating pipework. This pipework was NOT replaced when the new heating system was installed and the leak came from a joint and pipework that was cemented (unsleeved) through the wall to the Vestry. Inspection of the replaced pipe showed that the corrosion/leak was in the area that it had been cemented through the wall – this would have been due to both the acidity of the mortar and to the friction effect on the pipe as it expanded and contracted as the heating warmed up and cooled down.

This was a very difficult leak to repair as it was old pipework connected to fittings in a position where access was not easily obtained. The pipework also ran through a double skinned wall behind the Vestry cupboards, which had to be dismantled. We were very fortunate in that the isolating valves (nearly 100%) held and the Vestry/Sacristy system could be isolated from the Church – this enabled the Church Heating to remain operational during the period of repair. We were also very fortunate in that the leak was not in the pipework that runs below the Vestry floor.

Our current Heating Contractor (Austin Heat, who must be congratulated on their support with this repair and with the Boiler rebuild) managed to undertake the repair at a cost of £830 (plus VAT which was reclaimable). Some additional costs were incurred in rebuilding the cupboards.

It should be noted that the boiler we use (Keston C110, effectively two boilers in one case) is no longer manufactured (since Keston have been taken over by Ideal Standard) and there are numerous reports of heat exchanger failure. Whilst the boiler should remain operational for a few more years, with good maintenance, there is no guarantee, either of no failure, or, in event of failure, of parts availability (the boiler has now been installed for seven years). It would be prudent that the PCC plan to be able to fund a replacement boiler within the next three years. A rough budget for a replacement would be £8,000 (ex VAT).

Since these repairs the Church heating has been operating well.

SW Corner Repairs.

Preparing for this repair has been a protracted process. Investigations of the drains, via radar and by digging, was undertaken and an inspection cover was fitted to facilitate rodding and inspection by TV. The cover is in the Calvary Garden. The damp proof course around the West end of the church had been exposed to enable the masonry to dry out and the drains have been repaired.

A large “Domed” Soak away (which is part of Street’s original design and has “Architectural Significance”) has been located and a new man-hole has been installed in the top to give access. The Soak-Away has been emptied and hosed down and all appears to be working as designed.

Our Architect and Structural engineer visited in early December 2013 and confirmed their view that the movement arose from the water from the leaking drains and “should” be covered by insurance. Movement has stopped and they feel that we are in a position to complete the insurance claim and to obtain the quotes for the work. 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. Quotations for the necessary remedial work, repair of the window arch and replacement of the stained glass window are being sought by our Architect. 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.

Stained 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. Our Architect, 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. It would be sensible to arrange these repairs at the time of the SW Corner repairs for ease of access. Should the repairs needed be extensive then sources of grants to support the cost will be investigated.

Organ and Organ Humidifier.

The redundant Organ Humidifier in the Sacristy was removed by Richard Bower during a visit for the organ tuning along with identification, and repair, of technical faults.

Church Floor

The Church Floor is in a poor condition with some cracked and missing tiles. It is planned to investigate the best method and cost of remedial work during 2014

Tower Leak.

There has been a "leak" in the Tower during the period of heavy rain. This may be due to driving rain, or to an area that may need re-pointing. Our Architect, Roderick has been advised and will have an initial look upon his next visit to ascertain the best way to identify the cause.

Gutters and Trees

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.

The tree in the centre of the Courtyard has been pruned back by our Resources team as the branches were dangerously low. For the record investigations confirmed that the tree is not subject to a TPO and a Faculty is not required as long as branches cut are less than 50mm in diameter.

Pigeon Maintenance.

Pigeons mess was causing a potential Health issue (it appears they have moved to the Church to perch following demolition of the old college). The necessary hardware and chemical retardant has been installed to discourage the pigeons from using the Calvary cross and the drain pipes as nesting areas. Although this is having the desired effect of keeping the Pigeons away, it has been noted during the gutter clearance that the pigeons are finding alternative place to perch and further work may be needed.

Birinus Garden and Fences.

The wooden fence on the right side of the garden collapsed in the bad weather over Christmas and the New Year and has now been replaced by our neighbours. The rear fence was also blown down in the high winds in February – this has been re-fixed by our Resources team. The garden is generally in a poor condition and a start has been made by members of our congregation to both progress with work needed to re-establish and improve it, along with regular gardening work needed to maintain it.

Turret Clock Repair.

In 2010 it was identified by Smiths that the strike hammer tail was badly worn on the Turret Clock and the hammer could fall off. We are fortunate to have received a grant from the Louis Baylis Trust which covered the cost of this repair and the work was completed in January 2014.

Parish Centre

Floor repairs. - A springy floor board was investigated and replaced.

Hire Agreement. - The Parish Centre Hire agreement has been updated.

Parish Centre Piano. - The castors have been replaced on the Parish Centre Piano which is now movable.

Roof Leaks and Glass - Various repairs have been carried out to Roof Leaks and to replace cracked glass.

PROPERTIES

No. 1 Church Close.- Following a tenant's request and investigation, secondary double glazing has been installed by Kees which has made an improvement to the poor insulation. The flat is naturally cold and the tenants have requested a survey under the government scheme which has been undertaken. The potential options for improvement will be considered by the PCC. We may need to pay to install a Water Meter as advised by South East Water, splitting the reading from the Church to allow separate billing.

No. 3 Church Close. - There was a significant issue regarding the central heating boiler in March/April 2013. Following investigation and contact with the manufacturer (Worcester); the problem was resolved by them directly [after it was determined that previous maintenance had not been carried out correctly despite the agent, K&L Heating, having supposedly carried out this work at the time of the annual issuance of the Gas Certificate]. An annual maintenance contract was agreed with Worcester in the amount of £300 to cover all future repairs and parts.

No. 4 Church Close – A new washing machine was provided after the prior eleven year old machine failed beyond economic repair (supplied by John Lewis with an extended five year guarantee). The carpets in the property, which had been replaced, were damaged by a leak in the bedroom (caused by the radiator valve which has been replaced). Ecclesiastical Insurance accepted a quote and paid for the replacement carpets (with an excess of £25). The Kitchen cupboards were also in a very poor condition and a request for replacement was made – which could have been very expensive. Our Resources team sourced replacement cupboards and drawer fronts and replaced these at a cost of less than £400. There has also been an issue with water leakage from the cast iron drainage hopper which is being repaired.

93 Brunel Road. – Extensive maintenance and repair work has been undertaken during the year by our resources team. This property has now been sold for £295,000.

Servers' Report, 2013-14

Background

Worship in catholic parishes is greatly enhanced by the work of the servers, and All Saints' has a distinguished history of high-quality servers. What we experience today in Eucharistic services is thanks to the servers' dedication to their tasks, some of it behind the scenes. We seldom notice what the servers are doing at Mass, and that is as it should be: they are not drawing attention to themselves but rather becoming a backdrop to all the activities that make up worship. They help prepare for services and clear up afterwards, as well as learning the many and complex aspects of ritual.

Servers at Sunday's Book of Common Prayer Service of Holy Communion arrive before the start of the service to prepare the high altar and credence table, lighting the candles on the altar and at the shrines of Our Lady and St Paul. They robe and then lead the priest in. They collect the people's offerings and present the priest with the wine and water for the chalice; they offer the priest the lavabo. They ring the bell at key points in the Prayer of Consecration, as well as to advise the congregation to come up for Communion. They often administer the chalice and always assist with the ablutions. They lead the priest out when the service has ended. They remove the sacred vessels to the sacristy, cover the altar and extinguish the candles.

Similar tasks are carried out for the Sunday 10 a.m. Parish Eucharist. However, there is a team of four servers: two acolytes, a crucifer and a thurifer; ideally there will also be a boat boy or girl. Such a team provides us with a ceremonial entry and departure for the ministers and choir; for the gospel procession; for the Eucharistic Prayer; for the return of the Blessed Sacrament to the aumbry. They also assist the sacristans with preparation and clearing up.

Account of the past year

I sent out a rota each month to the servers, with a copy to Barbara Bannister so that she can prepare her own rotas and avoid double-booking servers who have other rôles in the services. Any listed servers who were unavailable for a given service arranged a swap. All the servers worked with diligence and devotion. They looked after one another and I provided them with pastoral support, training and encouragement as I sought to lead this valuable group of dedicated people. They were responsive to additional training needs and were concerned to get things right. They worked well in their teams and adapted fast when something was out of the ordinary. Each team has a leader who ensures that all proceeds smoothly. It was more difficult to assemble a full team for big occasions that occurred on a weekday as this was often during holiday periods when fewer were at home; however, it was very seldom that we failed to have enough servers so that we could "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness".

The future

We are fully stretched on the teams at the moment: we need more servers. It takes time for them to learn the choreography and to gain experience. We would love to have a boat boy or girl for every solemn Mass. We would also like more thurifers able to serve at Evensong & Benediction which takes place some Sunday evenings. I ask all those reading this report to pray about whether God is asking you or someone else you know to be a server. I also ask for everyone's prayers for the servers, each of whom would welcome words of appreciation and encouragement.

Fr Neil Bryson, Curate
April 2014

Mission and Evangelism Report for 2013

'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 Alpha Courses in the Autumn provided opportunities for people to explore what Christians believe and have a 'refresher course' to enable them to talk more confidently about their Christian faith.

Open the Book at All Saints Junior School and Larchfield Primary School have continued to be wonderful opportunities of sharing Bible stories with children and Staff, giving them time to reflect on the stories and pray.

The Summer 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. The Club was called 'It's Miraculous'. The children enjoyed singing and craft activities about the Bible stories 'Water into Wine', 'Calling the Disciples', 'Feeding the 5,000' and 'Calming the storm'. This was a 4 day club running from Tuesday 30th July to Friday 2nd August from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm. Altogether 42 children attended the Larchfield Holiday Club – most came for the week but a few for just the odd day or two. The majority live on the estate whilst others attend either Larchfield School or Wessex School and live nearby. Generally there were about 18 volunteers who helped with registration and refreshments or with the arts, crafts and outdoor games. These helpers came from churches which make up the Larchfield Churches Team (All Saints, URC, Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green and River) including the Open the Book team, and we also had a couple of volunteers from St. Mary's. So good to be working together in this way.

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LOT (Larchfield Open Table) is a great opportunity to reach out to the people of Larchfield and others in the town, with the love of Jesus. A supper is provided, activities for the children and some Christian teaching through a short Talk. People can ask for help and prayer. They enjoy the friendship and care shown through LOT, which started in May 2013. Thank you to those from All Saints who help at LOT.

9th Maidenhead Brownies visited All Saints Church on Tuesday 26th November. They enjoyed making Christingles and having an 'angel hunt' to find angels and discover the names of Church furniture. Their visit ended with a Christingle Service, when the new Brownies were enrolled. 18 children and 16 adults were at the Service.

Elizabeth Bryson (LLM and Evangelism Champion)

Larchfield Mission, Evangelism and Pastoral Care in 2013

Planning Meetings It is good to attend these meetings with people from the other Churches to plan, discuss, co-ordinate and pray for the mission and pastoral care activities in Larchfield. The Churches on the Larchfield Churches Team are All Saints, URC, The Church of the Good Shepherd Cox Green and River Church. It is so good to be working together in this way.

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Larchfield School Church Service at Easter was a great time when the School came to Church for a special Service. At Christmas they were unable to come to Church, so I led a Christmas Service at the School with a Talk about Christmas gifts. The children read from the Bible, sang carols and watched the Open the Book Team present the Christmas story.

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	Adults	Children
May	17	28
June	8	16
July	28	38
September	11	25
October	15	26
November	11	16
December	24	3

Larchfield Open Day On Saturday 19th October there was an event to find out how Larchfield families needed support. It was good to have two of us from All Saints to help on that day at this Community event, which was held at Larchfield Primary School.

Larchfield Care Home Earlier in 2013 Andy, the Activities' Co-ordinator at Larchfield Care Home, organised a Christian Society on Tuesday afternoons, when there was a Service with hymns, Bible readings and prayers. In the Autumn Brigitte went there most Tuesdays to lead this Service. The new Activities' Co-ordinator, Tom, was very supportive of the Christian Society and had the people ready in the dining room for the beginning of each service. We had a Harvest thanksgiving in October. I led the Remembrance Service with poppies, pictures of poppies and traditional words. I took Communion there once a month in the Autumn, leading the Service with reserved sacrament, that we use when taking Home Communion to the sick. Brigitte was at those Services too when we sang hymns and one of the residents read the Gospel Bible Story from a book of Bible stories for children. Brigitte did craft activities with some of the residents, helped

by Dorothy. The Christmas Carol Service took place on 10th December. Brigitte had arranged the programme and on Tom's invitation some children from Larchfield School came and sang for us. After the children left the singing continued accompanied on the keyboard by Joan Black from the Church of the Good Shepherd. A very enjoyable afternoon for residents and staff ended with tea and mince pies. I went again before Christmas and on New Year's Eve with Communion. They love the music, singing and looking at a large fabric picture of the Last Supper that I take. We have also visited and prayed with people in their rooms. The Staff at Larchfield Care Home greatly appreciate the spiritual help given by All Saints Church.

Elizabeth Bryson LLM

Open the Book

We have two 'Open the Book' teams: one at Larchfield Primary School that meets on Wednesday mornings during term time and the other at All Saints Junior School that meets on Thursday mornings during term time. Our two teams join the other sixteen teams in Maidenhead doing the same thing in other schools.

The team that participates in the dramatic presentations of the Old and New Testament stories from the Bible to the students at All Saints Junior School is comprised of people from All Saints Parish Church, Boyn Hill Baptist, and other local churches. The Team that presents to Larchfield Primary School is comprised of people from All Saints Parish Church and other local churches.

The children seem to enjoy these stories as they are very quick to volunteer to assist in the presentation of the stories, either as individuals or in groups.

We are currently in our third year of the second three-year cycle. The specific theme for each of the stories makes it possible for the teachers to connect this to other parts of the weeks' lessons and activities. The talents of each team from choreography skills to costume design and manufacture abilities and for speaking, are employed in a variety of ways to present these stories. The stories follow a specific format and are especially written for this use and are read so no lines need to be learned.

A very big Thank You to all of those who have the willingness to get up in front of others to tell the story of God's Love for everyone. There is a need for additional volunteers [men and women of all ages] to help with this activity. A larger team means that not everyone will have to serve every week, thus allowing for illness or holidays, so new volunteers are always welcome. Usually we need from four to eight people to do these stories.

Pastoral Care Report for 2013

Pastoral Care is given at All Saints by many people through **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 2013. There is more detail about some of this Pastoral Care in separate Reports.

- **Baptism** home visits and Baptism Preparation
- **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
- **Confirmation Preparation** for 2 adults
- **Messy Church**
- **The Alpha Course**
- **Bible Study groups**
- **Marriage Preparation**
- **Wedding Anniversary cards** given to people married at All Saints
- **Home Communion** for 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:** in the Mothers' Union, Tuesday Club, the Choir, the Servers
- **Visiting** people at home and in Nursing Homes
- **Healing Services**
- **Praying** for the sick and those in other need
- **Pilgrimage to Walsingham**
- **Giving money** for the **Homeless Shelter** in Maidenhead

Elizabeth Bryson LLM (Licensed Lay Minister)

Tiny Saints in 2013

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, Their Carers enjoy tea, coffee and cake. We have a time of singing – children's songs, nursery rhymes and songs about Jesus, such as 'Jesus loves me this I know' and '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 2013 Tiny Saints continued to have large numbers of Tiny Saints and their Carers up to the end of the Summer. We usually had 20 Tiny Saints and one we had 26 and their Carers at a session! In September two families had moved away from Maidenhead and some of our Tiny Saints went to School. In the Autumn we had smaller numbers of Tiny Saints: between 11 and 15. It was lovely to welcome those planning baptisms, the recently baptised and their friends. Two was of our Tiny Saints mums came to the Alpha Course on Friday mornings in the Autumn before Tiny Saints. It was a great joy for one of them to be Confirmed in February 2014.

Here are some written and spoken comments about Tiny Saints:

- We enjoy coming to Tiny Saints each week because we have made new friends.
- The children enjoy the various crafts and toys.
- We all love the sing-song and Bible stories and the genuine welcome we all receive.
- It is great to come to a Group where babies are welcome.
- I like the calm and peaceful atmosphere of Young Saints.
- Very well organised and run.
- 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.

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

Young Saints Report for APCM

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

Thanks to Sirpa Aarovara who left the team this year.

Attendance

We currently have c. 30 children on the register who have attended Young Saints this year. However, the numbers of children attending each week averages at about 8. A few new children have joined this year and we are hoping to build on this for the coming year.

Electronic Register

This has been up and running for a year now, and Pearl has also set up for electronic record keeping for childrens' details, which are data protection compliant..

Operation Christmas Child

This was successfully organised by Jenny at the end of 2013. The congregation generously donated items for the shoeboxes and most of the Young Saints Leaders and children spent an entire Young Saints session filling and wrapping the shoe boxes to be sent to Operation Christmas Child.

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 Marie Taylor (Hamster), Brigitte Ranger (Swan), 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 Royal Baby Badge involving making rattles and identifying each other from baby photos. We have been quite active too, with silly sports, nature walk, eating healthily and keeping fit.

We had visits from Wycombe Homeless Connection (when we had to pretend to sleep in cardboard boxes), the RNLI about safety near water and Ena Jones who told us about receiving the Maundy money. Also in July we held our annual Teddy Bear's Picnic at Punt Hill. This year it was so hot we had to stay in the shade most of the time!

We like to party whenever we can and this year we celebrated Christmas, Burn's Night, Chinese New Year and St Patrick's Day. For Thinking Day this year Hamster arranged for us to exchange news etc. with a Sparks Unit in Canada. It was very interesting to see that most of their interests were the same as ours.

Every year we renew the flowers in three pots in the quadrangle.

We have met with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Maidenhead West District and Maidenhead Division. We had fun singing at the District Campfire in June. Just before Christmas the District held their Christmas Celebration. It was great to see all the age groups joining in the activities together. We have recently enjoyed Rainbow Riots, a fun-filled event, at Holyport Village Hall. The theme this year was 'Robin Hood'.

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, click on the parent's tab and follow the route to register their daughter. However, most Rainbow Units in the area have very long waiting lists so I urge you to register your daughter well before she is 4 years old, otherwise I suggest you put her on a Brownie waiting list.

Flower Arranger's Report

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, Ann Rawlings and June Crouch for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. During the year we have been very sad to say goodbye to Katie Easthill. The family are moving to Farnborough and we wish them every happiness in their new home. We shall miss Katie's help and her smiling face.

During the year we have been helped at festivals and other busy times by a number of people, particularly Brenda Ilott and Rosemary Tyson. Once again Alan Ketley and Pauline Hole set up the Easter garden for us. 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.

As always we would welcome more people to become involved with the flower arranging.

Anyone who is interested is more than welcome to come along on a Friday morning, when we normally do the flowers, and see what is involved. You could work with one of the present arrangers for a while or start as an assistant. We do have two people thinking about it at the moment and hope for more. We may even run a beginners course if we have enough interest! Flower arranging is a lovely way to serve the church and give glory to the Lord.

Barbara Bannister

OAK Report for 2013

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 started supporting this project in 2004, after our curate Fr Robert went to Kenya with Rev Roy Taylor.

We first supported Margaret and Eunice, who trained in 2004-2007. You can see photographs of them on the **OAK** board in the North Porch. Then we funded Patrick through his training for Ordination, in Bishop Samson's Diocese of Taita Taveta in Kenya. Patrick graduated in November 2010 and was Ordained Deacon on December 5th 2010. Next we supported Jemimah Mkiwa Mgalu, who has completed her training. Jemimah had her graduation Ceremony for her diploma Studies on Saturday 23rd November 2013. It was wonderful that Fr Jeremy was at Jemimah's Graduation and the Ordination Service, as All Saints Church has funded her training and we have been praying for her.

Richard Mwagha Wughoma is our new OAK Ordinand on the Diploma Course, which he started in September 2013. In 2013 we have also been raising money to support Stephen Satale Norman on his Course for Graduate Studies, starting in 2014.

Fr Jeremy writes some comments about our OAK project, after his visit to Kenya:

During the month of November 2013 I was able to share ministry in the Diocese of Taita-Taveta with Bishop Samson Mwaluda and his family. I would during the month get the opportunity to preach at 3 confirmation services, attend a graduation ceremony for Jemimah in Mombasa, attend a fund raising day for a new cathedral in Voi and share in the joy of new deacons and priests being ordained by Bishop Samson in Voi.

In my last week in Voi I was invited to share with the ordinands at their ordination retreat the challenges and hopes of a parish priest in England. I looked at the challenges of secularisation in Europe and then shared the communion model as a way in which we as a congregation had attempted to reach out to our local communities in Maidenhead. I also looked at the situation that I had experienced briefly in Kenya supported by a reading of Bishop Samson's book 'Re- Orienting A Church For Accelerated Growth'. The Diocese of Taita- Taveta had looked at liturgical renewal introducing services, which allowed more people to be involved particularly through music. The Bishop had decided to have greater contact with his parishes through a teaching ministry and servant leadership. Greater value was given to the healing ministry and to youth ministry.

One of the moving parts of the ministry in Kenya was being asked to share with the parish priests the pastoral visiting and prayers for healing. I was encouraged to lead the healing ministry and was able to share a sacramental ministry of laying on of hands and anointing using a simple liturgy.

I had the experiences of seeing first hand the poverty and sadly the illnesses of malaria, Aids, cancer and diabetes in many situations.

The other vital area of ministry was in Education. I was able to speak at the end of term service for St Batholomew's school, which supports the education of young boys some of whom could not afford to be educated without financial support. I also met with and shared the hopes of Stephen, who having served as a priest for 12 years would like to study for a degree to be better equipped to share the gospel message with the people. I stayed with Stephen and his family and received wonderful hospitality from them.

I was also able to experience worship in 2 of Stephen's churches where I preached. Stephen said that it would be a miracle for him to take a degree course. He is one of 9 children and only one of them can follow education beyond the age of 13 because of a lack of funding. Priests like Stephen offer so much to their community. They often have to build their own homes and churches on arrival in their parishes. They offer hope and pastoral care and they are loved and respected by their people.

Education is vital for people to improve their lives and the financial support All Saints has offered over the last 10 years has been invaluable. The Bishop and clergy are thrilled that we are helping the Diocese to grow (from 22 parishes in 1993 to 90 in 2013) and enable more people to experience the support of parish clergy.

Thank you to our parish in supporting my sabbatical to Kenya as it has been a truly wonderful experience.

Margaret, Eunice, Patrick, Jemimah, Richard and Stephen are very grateful for the financial and prayer support from All Saints' Church. Please will you continue to give financial and prayer support to our OAK project?

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



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.

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 were two people involved with Street Angels from All Saints Church in year 2013. Mike Moss works as a trustee for the charity 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 three 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