

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It has been a very long time since we were able to write with any confidence that we can return to church for worship within a building that will not only have a restored floor, but a brand-new sound system and all being well, if our heating engineers can find the small but significant missing link to the system a warm building! If we add the disruption caused to the world with the pandemic and the worries and concerns that this has brought to so many people's lives, it seems an awfully long time since we were able to celebrate as a congregation at All Saints.

In the coming weeks it is my prayer that people will return to worship Jesus our Lord in the building George Street designed to offer worship to the glory of God, education to the young and pastoral care within the community. There is good reason to share within the community of All Saints over the coming weeks. On Sunday 28 November we will be celebrating with the Royal British Legion at our 10.00am Eucharist 100 years of wonderful service to families whose loved ones have served this country in times of conflict.

Following the service in the morning our first ever Christmas Market in the Quadrangle will take place. As a church community we visited Winchester a few years ago to experience a Christmas Market, and Monika and I enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Cologne to enjoy a German Christmas Market experience. It is in Germany that the first market took place, and the real meaning of the Christmas Market was emphasised. The Christmas Market is the 'Christ Child Market' and traditionally began on Advent Sunday as we look forward to the incarnation and God becoming a vulnerable baby boy who would give his life that we might experience New Life.

Our Christmas Market will have great food from the Sikh community, a traditional BBQ and a taster of Bigos from Poland. We will be able to enjoy mulled wine, local Marlow beer and hot drinks. There will be choirs singing and the Salvation Army Band will share the story of Christmas through music. There will be various stalls and a Santa's grotto but most importantly we need you all to support the event. You can support by offering donations to the tombola and cake stalls, we need help putting stalls up on 28 November and if you have gazebos please let us know if we can use them. For details on how to help please read the piece on p 4 in this Parish News.

We journey through Advent to celebrate some of our favourite services. From early December we will welcome schools from Boyne Hill, All Saints, Altwood and Claire's Court as they celebrate their Christmas services with us. On Sunday 12 December we will celebrate Christingle and support the Children's Society. On Sunday 19 December at 6.00pm there will be the wonderful Nine Lessons and Carols followed by minced

pies and mulled wine. We hope to be able to share the Crib Service on 24 December and celebrate once again the Christmas message with children and families before experiencing Midnight Mass.

Most importantly we need your help and support. That support can simply be by your presence. It has been a difficult two years for everyone, but we live as Christians as people living with hope and confidence. I will share a prayer from Mother Teresa who believed in sharing compassion and love with her neighbour. This prayer asks us to reflect on the story of the vine and the branches. We are the branches, and we will produce much fruit if we are in communion with our Lord.

Let us all become a true and fruitful branch:

On the vine of Jesus, by accepting Him in our Lives as it pleases Him to come;

As the Truth – to be told;

As the Life – to be lived;

As the Light – to be lighted;

As the Love – to be loved;

As the Way – to be walked;

As the Joy – to be given;

As the Peace – to be spread;

As the Sacrifice – to be offered,

In our families and in our neighbourhood.

(Mother Teresa 'A Simple Path')

MARJORIE POCOCK

Marjorie has moved to a Care Home near Aylesbury to be nearer to her family. If anyone would like to write to her please send via the Parish Office who will forward cards and/or letters.

SHARING LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

St Peter's Church last year celebrated 'Sharing Love at Christmas'. Their congregation, with the aid of a matched grant, offered over 500 Christmas boxes to people around the town. I was invited to share 20 and I did so with some of the All Saints congregation. This year St Peter's have invited all the churches of the town to share in this wonderful project. With the aid of the grant a lovely box can be offered at £5. Sue Nordberg kindly represented All Saints at the planning meeting, and we have agreed to support AllSorts by offering the gifts from AllSorts resources. We are hoping that people from All Saints might be willing to support this project either by the gift of a donation or by helping St Peter's with making up the boxes. Contents are purchased centrally by St Peter's and people gather at the church to make the boxes up. We can then share this Christmas love with those we know within our community.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 18 November

Recorded Sustainability assembly at Altwood School

From 10.00am Church Working Party. See Ken's article on p 5

2.45pm Open the Book at All Saints School

8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

Friday 19 November

10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

From 10.00am Church Working Party. See Ken's article on p 5

- Saturday 20 November** 2.00pm Marriage of Luke King & Lauren Andrew
4.00pm – 7.00pm Open Afternoon at the Salvation Army Citadel, East Road, Maidenhead to celebrate 135 years of mission in Maidenhead followed by at 7.00pm A Celebration Concert with their Songsters.
- Sunday 21 November** 10.00am Eucharist in Church Christ the King
12 noon Baptism of Louie Deeley
- Monday 22 November** 11.00am Commemoration service for Joseph Gwilliam
- Tuesday 23 November** 11.00am Commemoration service for Rosie Wakefield
1.30pm Larchfield School visit the church
- Wednesday 24 November** 10.00am Eucharist in the Church

Advance notice:

Sunday 28 November

10.00am Eucharist to mark the beginning of Advent and the celebration of 100 years of the ministry of The Royal British Legion & from 2.00pm - 5.00pm our first ever Christmas Market.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray that those who rule the nations and all who have authority over others may know that true Kingship is your alone. Grant all those who lead countries follow the COP 26 conference may take seriously the challenge to look after this world. Grant people wisdom in governing, so that justice can prevail.

We pray for the kingdom to come in the nations of our world and in their leadership; for God's values to take root and grow; for each person to be respected as a beloved child of God.

We pray for All Saints community as we return to the church building for worship and mission. We pray that people will respond to their baptismal call to play their part as members of the Body of Christ. We look forward to welcoming people to the ChristChild Market and the Christmas School services during Advent.

We pray for those in need at this time. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Terry Freshwater, Doreen Hill, Vivienne Patterson, John Hicks, Christel Kirschner, Ronan Singh Dharwar, Ursula Hutchinson, and Tanya's parents Mikhail and Luidmila.

We pray for all the recently departed 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.

Charlie Mackesy: 'Sometimes.' said the horse. 'Sometimes what?' asked the boy. 'Sometimes just getting up and carrying on is magnificent.'

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

Fr Jeremy

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MARKET SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Christmas is coming and the preparations for the Christmas Market are well underway now. We'd like to invite everyone to take part in whatever way they can in this lovely event which is a very special way of inviting people to our beautiful Church,

If you haven't seen them already do please have a look at the plans for the event (on the Parish Centre noticeboard and in Church), which show the range of stalls we're having. We have added a few more recently to help make sure there is something for everyone...and we've even managed to arrange for Father Christmas to pay a visit!

Now we really do need your help to make the Market a success, with donations of:

- Prizes for the raffle
- Items for the tombola
- Cakes
- Mince-pies

Please take any donations to the Parish Office or contact one of the organising team (see below) to arrange collection.

and the loan of:

- Gazebos
- decorations / bunting for the Quadrangle and Parish Centre
- Christmas trees and decorations

Please contact one of the organizing team (see below) if you can help with any of these.

...and, most importantly **more volunteers** to help run the following stalls and activities:

- The Entrance Gate – to collect entrance money only, no paperwork involved this year
- The Cake Stall
- The Raffle
- The Hamper Stall - no selling involved, just sharing information about how to buy a hamper from "MindFill Moments"
- The children's activity area – to keep an eye only
- To provide relief cover for the All Saints stall holders
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Please contact Fr Jeremy, Jayne Chapman (07782 286158), Tanya Fullarton (07870 244067) or Stella Harding (07738 179710) if you can help with any of this. And please let us know if you have any questions about the arrangements or any suggestions as to how we can make sure our market is an even bigger success!

Fr Jeremy, Jayne Chapman, Tanya Fullarton, Stella Harding

SUPPORT NEEDED FOR REORGANISING IN THE CHURCH

Cliveden are continuing to work until Friday 19 November and we are fitting in with their activities in order to prepare the church.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER FROM 10.00am

The church must be completely restored by the evening of Friday 19 November when Cliveden will finally depart. We plan to work on these two days to ensure it is ready. Please let me know if you can offer any help on either day.

BRASS CLEANING

Many of our candlesticks have been stored in the sanctuary for months whilst the floor is being done. They are dusty and in need of polishing. If you would like to help with brass cleaning the job can be done any time by using the Birinus room and the time can be fairly flexible to suit you. Please let me know if you can help here also.

Ken Smith

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

Breaking the Barriers of Familiarity

When I worked in London, we organised occasional after work, in-house quiz evenings. One of my colleagues prepared the questions which were challenging and fun. However, the one round I always dreaded was the Music Round. This consisted of a playlist of pop songs, none of which I had ever heard before. My colleagues who were somewhat younger than me, revelled in it. They would sing-along and answer all the questions. I couldn't help but feel left-out.

I have this experience in my mind as I reflect on what I have learned from writing the "Sounds of Worship" series over the last 18 months. I have written short articles covering over 150 hymns all of which would have been used in our normal regular worship. Altogether we probably have a repertoire of over 200 hymns.

I have learned about the development of hymns. How they came into their own as paraphrases of psalms, then to becoming aids to understanding the Word, while more recently hymn writers have reflected on more general experiences of life and society. There are hymns for all occasions and the flow of new hymns continues with writers like, John Bell, Bernadette Farrell, Keith Getty and Timothy Dudley-Smith. I have also seen how the marriage of words and music is often more by chance than arranged.

Over the years I have played the organ for many weddings and funerals and it is noticeable how limited the choice of hymns tends to be. Usually, they are chosen either by, or for people who are not regular churchgoers. Children's hymns and well-known National hymns like Jerusalem appear frequently. This observation made me compare the wide repertoire of the average churchgoer (as represented by the number of hymns covered in Sounds of Worship) with the limited exposure to hymns that people outside church have.

As we resume worship in church, I am looking forward to hearing the words of the hymns leap-off the page as the ideas of the writers inspire our own response in praise and song. A community singing with understanding and united spirit will be a wonderful welcome for everyone. However, I am also concerned that we ensure that people unaccustomed to singing hymns in church do not feel left-out.

Before I started the Sounds of Worship series, I thought that I knew all about hymns but having studied them with a fresh mind, I have discovered insights into faith and interpretation of the scriptures which I had previously missed. I perceive that familiarity can be a barrier to understanding and potentially to creating a

sense of being left-out by those less familiar with them. I hope that our re-start in church will provide us with a sense of newness and discovery. Let us sing hymns so as to break the barrier of familiarity and enable us to welcome everyone to create living Sounds of Worship.

This is Brian's final contribution to the Newsletter as he will be concentrating on preparing for live music in Church each week. I'm sure you will want to join me in thanking him for all he has done since the start of the pandemic. We've learned so much more about the hymns and their composers and how they came to be written in some cases. Thank you, Brian!

Worship for Sunday 21 November CHRIST THE KING

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

O T READING Daniel 7: 9—10 & 13—14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

GOSPEL John 18: 33—37

Pilate asked Jesus, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

So far **38** boxes have been donated from All Saints **received at Braywick Nursery is Monday 22** accepted until **Monday 29 November** We have our this year to make donating even easier! You can find [purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form](https://www.purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form) If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

This is how easy it is!

"I went online at my Granny and Grandpa's house; I chose to make a box for a girl who is the same age as me, and I enjoyed choosing things she might like. There was already some stationery and toiletries; then I chose a cuddly toy, a wind-up torch, a musical instrument, a hat, some sunglasses, some things for her hair and a slinky because they're fun! I wrote a message to say I hope she enjoys them and wish her a Happy Christmas." Will Moss aged 7.



UPDATE

folk. **The closing date for boxes to be November** but cash donations can be own donation page on the OCC website it at <https://shoebonline.samaritans->

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Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group Monday 29 November

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to our next meeting on site at the Synagogue, or on Zoom from 7.30—9.00pm. Celebrating Chanukah (and other festivals of light!) at Maidenhead Synagogue, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX. Further details from: sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org
Zoom code available on request (email above)

A wall hanging made by this group is now on display in Maidenhead Library.

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

I heard a ping from the smartphone at my elbow. I was engaged in another of the interminable video calls that now take up my working day. It was some time before I glanced at the phone to read the message. “Hi – you have been invited to book your Covid-19 booster vaccination,” the text message said.

A bit late, I thought to myself More than a week earlier, having received no notifications, I had gone online and booked the boosted jab myself. The newspapers were full of articles saying that all people in their 40s and older, a decade younger than I am, will be offered the booster vaccination.

I am grateful to have an appointment scheduled, of course. To be truthful, however, I am much less anxious or impatient to be jabbed than I was in the spring of this year when I awaited my first and second Covid vaccinations. I want it, yes. But it feels less urgent.

I sense that my more sanguine instinct is widely shared. And yet, it is a curious reaction at first sight. Rates of infection with the coronavirus remain very high – a rolling average of 39,000 new cases a day across the UK. Moreover, I know many, many people who have fallen ill with the virus, some of whom have reported feeling very sick for many days.

But hospitalisation rates from Covid remain much lower than previously as do death rates. The jabs are working. Treatment is much better. Perhaps we are learning to live with this wretched virus.