

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

## PARISH NEWS

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### Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Last Saturday Rod Broad, as a member of the House of Laity, and myself as a member of the House of Clergy joined via zoom about 130 other members of the Oxford Diocesan Synod. In this newsletter I am attempting to share with you some of the content of Bishop Steven's presidential address and the 'Shed Talk' that we were encouraged to listen to from the Bishop's Chaplain, Fr Paul Cowan.

I begin with some of Bishop Steven's thoughts. Steven began by encouraging us to think about the words from scripture that will be the Diocesan 'Dwelling in the Word' this year. The text is from Philippians 1: 27- 2:13. As I listened to the text I was struck by the reading that I had done in preparing the recorded service on St Aidan, The Bishop of Lindisfarne, last week. Aidan was from the monastic community at Iona and travelled to Northumbria where he used Holy Island as a place of prayer that led to missional action. The Island, as anyone that knows it will be aware, is at some points an Island for prayer and retreat from the mainland and then when the tide goes out becomes a place to reach out to the mainland for missional activity. Verse three of the text says 'Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.' Aidan appeared to live his life in that loving and sacrificial way.

Bishop Steven used the text to suggest that we need as we re-gather following Lockdown to find a sense of humility and gentleness within ourselves as we try to journey together. He made the point that learning to live with Covid19 means understanding that people have experienced bereavement, on-going sickness, emotional issues, the challenges around education, job losses and the fact that we still do not know how long this awful pandemic will go on. Steven asked how do we play our part as disciples of Christ? He offered the view that we need to show the humility and gentleness of Christ and a great deal of patience as we try to discern the times.

He pointed too the text from the prophecy of Isaiah 42.1-3 that highlights the type of leadership needed in these times. We need to walk alongside people, gather people and wait to see what is emerging. St Paul in the Philippians text highlights how God ministers to the world. He entered himself as a vulnerable baby boy who grew to be the man of humility, the suffering servant who would wash peoples' feet. Stephen went on to describe humility. It is not the erosion of gifts but it is being authentically ourselves. The strength of humility is strength, tenacity and the desire to resolve difficulties. It will need listening to people as we open our churches. We will need to continue with some of the new things we have established but equally 'we need to rebuild sacramental life' We should try to return to physical church. God became a human person that is what the Incarnation points too. Church may be simpler, smaller and restricted but we should try to come back to public prayer. We need too be aware of those who have strayed or perhaps are struggling in some way.

One of the key concerns for the bishop and the Diocese is how we can re-gather with families and schools. Bishop Steven found himself returning to his experiences when he was the Fresh Expressions minister for the Diocese of Oxford. All Saints Church invited him as one of our 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations in 2007 to share how we might become more

missional in our approach. The church of today needs people who are all going to be thinking as pioneers, thinking outside the box.

As a follow up to this I listened this morning to the Shed Talk that we were encouraged to listen to given by Paul Cowan. the Bishop's Chaplain. Paul ( A friend of Fr Kevin Scully's) shared with the listener the Post Peak Strategic questions based on the Anglican Five Marks of Mission.

He began with the questions from grief to new life following the Lockdown where many of us have moved from a position of calm and orientation to unrest and a place of dis-orientation. Paul gave a helpful visual image of the snow globe that you shake and the snow goes everywhere before settling back down. Some of us might be asking what should I be doing? Why do I feel powerless? How can I re-set the sights for the future? The psalms and indeed the Holy Week experience remind us of faith that moves from unrest to new hope.

The five questions then are:

1. What has been lost that is to be grieved? REMORSE
2. What has been lost/paused/diminished that is an opportunity to let go of? What to actively RETREAT from?
3. What has been lost/paused/diminished and we need to work at to rescue and RENEW?
4. What will we need to give greater attention and RESPONSE to?
5. What is positive, new and emerging to be developed and RESOURCED?

The Five marks of mission

1. Prayer & Worship – return to church buildings, online provision and....
2. Catechesis – for new and previously hidden sheep
3. Pastoral Care – funerals, memorials and those who continue to shield
4. Social Justice – Economic crisis, Poverty, Abuse, mental health
5. Environment – carbon neutral, opportunities from C-19

The Anglican marks are

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

Paul finishes by saying that the psalmist had to return to a different life or a new normal. Christ after the resurrection did not return to the villages and towns in the same way as before.

What are we doing?

1. Finding ways of returning to taking services. Physical services, recordings and in a small way zoom services
2. Starting to find a way of meeting with Baptism families for teaching. Seeking a way of teaching adults who are enquiring.
3. Offering pastoral care through phone calls, going back slowly to visiting people with communion and where we are able visiting care Homes and hospitals. We are taking funerals to support the bereaved.
4. Social justice – This is an area we need to discern how we can help. We have supported charities and Food Share but we may want to consider what else is needed.
5. Environment – An area we need to reflect upon.
6. We have met with Ian MacDonald the Diocesan Youth Adviser and Yvonne Morris the Diocesan children's adviser.
7. On 15<sup>th</sup> October I am meeting with Charlie Kerr and Angela Curran-Smith the Schools Chaplaincy team for the Diocese.

8. A small, group of us are meeting to seek ways of connecting with families and re-opening Tiny Saints.

## Resources

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

**Holy Communion (BCP) 8.00am** – Please note that we are trialling this to see if there is a need for a once a month service at this time

**Eucharist 10.00am:**

**Sundays@Six via Zoom**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362755135?pwd=bmZYRkdIbW1SUjhtaHINMnBDTzF1QT09>

Meeting ID: 823 6275 5135

Passcode: 737489

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 10.00am: Eucharist

If you have internet access, please continue to use the Church of England and Oxford Diocesan resources. The Diocesan resources can be found without internet on 01865 920930.

The Church of England's new resource 'Daily Hope' which includes comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections can be found on free telephone 0800 804 8044.

### Night Prayer Thursdays 8.00pm – 8.30pm on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVltpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

### Thursday 10 September

Psalm 103, Mark 9: 2-13

Taizé Chant

***Bless the Lord my Soul, and bless God's Holy Name.***

***Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.***

We'll be using the simple service from the Church of England prayer books we've been issuing. It begins on page 24 and finishes on page 30. Or use this link: <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/coronavirus-covid-19-liturgy-and-prayer>

You should have received a copy of this helpful blue book but if you haven't please let me know.

## Prayer Intentions

The Gospel reminds us that resentment and anger lead us into sin, but generosity and forgiveness lead us into love. In our celebration we therefore call to mind the needs of others as we intercede for the Church and all God's children scattered throughout the world.

We pray for the church that we may be a community that welcomes all people. May we recognise God's unconditional love for us so that we can live lives knowing that we are valued.

We pray Lord for the grace to notice your loving presence in more clearly. Please help us to note when we have accepted or turned away from the opportunities to grow in love.

We pray that as a community we are the pilgrim church walking together, supporting and encouraging one another always willing to offer forgiveness to our fellow pilgrims.

We continue to pray for those in society that are recovering from the coronavirus. We remember Nick Moss, Fr John Chadwick and we pray too for Mark, the grandson of Anita and all those seeking God's loving assurance at this time.

We continue to pray for our schools. Help us, Lord, to discern the best way forward to support our local schools. We give thanks for the opportunities for assemblies and for Open the Book and the chance to share the wonderful stories of faith.

We pray for our care workers, the NHS staff and all the people who serve us on the frontline. We continue to pray from our community John, Helen, Joanne, Karen, Carole, Richard, Ricky, Dagma, Emmanuel, Magda and Eleanor.

We remember the departed including Patricia Ann Johnson, Anne Harrison, our departed loved ones and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

Help us to see those we meet in society through compassionate eyes. Send us out to be a shining light to you and a encouraging light to those in confusion, aloneness and darkness.

Father, the life and death of each of us has its influence on others. Clothe us with the gifts of mercy and true compassion such that we may be true witnesses to the gospel and grant our prayers which we make through Christ Our Lord.

May you all be blessed by God's love this week.

*Fr Jeremy*

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING CHANGE OF VENUE**

**Please note that due to the changed guidelines regarding gatherings of more than 6 people this will now take place via Zoom at 7.00pm on Monday 28 September. The Zoom link will be in the next edition of Parish News.** There are vacancies for both Deanery Synod and Parochial Church Council members. Anyone interested can email the PCC Secretary ([jan.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.moss@btinternet.com)) for more details or speak to Fr Jeremy. To be considered for election this year candidates must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least six months.

## **ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2020**

The church electoral roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 28 September 2020. If you are not on the All Saints Electoral Roll and would like to be, or you have moved house in the last year, or if you have a family member who has passed their 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday, then please contact me on [sastannett@gmail.com](mailto:sastannett@gmail.com).

***Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer***

## **Worship for Sunday 13 SEPTEMBER THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Sounds of Worship                      Brian Graves**

The theme of today's Epistle and Gospel is forgiveness. In the Epistle, Paul tells us not to judge others by our own standards of behaviour, we are all ultimately accountable to the judgement of God. This theme is vividly illustrated in the Gospel where having received the forgiveness of God it is incumbent on us exercise the same spirit of forgiveness to those around us, so as not to bring into contempt the mercy of God.

We start our exploration of the theme of forgiveness with “Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us” AM 702 words by James Edmeston (1791 – 1867) set to the tune Mannheim (Published 1847). This hymn very succinctly makes the plea for God’s protection in the first verse. In the second verse is the prayer for forgiveness which also reminds us of the sufferings and redemptive power of Jesus. Finally, the third verse summarises the joy and peace which true forgiveness provides in our lives.

The author of the words, James Edmeston trained as an architect and began his professional career in 1816. He designed several structures in London, including drinking fountains and St Paul's, Onslow Square. George Gilbert Scott was his pupil, articulated to Edmeston in 1827. In 1864 he built Columbia Wharf, Rotherhithe, the first grain silo in a British port. He was churchwarden of St. Barnabas, Homerton, Middlesex and is said to have written a hymn every Sunday, completing around 2,000 altogether.

The tune Mannheim was written by Friedrich Filitz (1804 – 1876) a German composer and musicologist who collected church music originating from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. He supplied the tune Mannheim for the publication of Choralbuch, a book of hymn tunes, which was published in 1847.

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PGsvbqErM2A>

I have chosen a short anthem, which the choir has usually sung during the season of Lent, to reflect on the theme of the Gospel. The anthem is “Hide not thou thy Face” by Richard Farrant (c1525 – 1580). The words are an extension of v 10 of Psalm 27:

“Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord, and cast not off thy servants in thy displeasure; For we confess our sins unto thee and hide not our unrighteousness. For thy mercy’s sake, for thy mercy’s sake deliver us from all our sins, deliver us from all our sins.”

This short anthem is firmly in the era of the Elizabethan protestant church because the words are in English and the music is a simpler, but no less effective style than the more complex Latin motets of former times and the then contemporary continental practice.

Richard Farrant started his professional career in 1552 as a Gentleman of the Chapel Royal. In 1564 he became the organist at St George’s Chapel Windsor, a post he held until his death.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExtNz\\_tBhfw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExtNz_tBhfw)

I round-off today with “All creatures of our God and King” AM 532 based on words by St Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226) paraphrased by William Draper (1855 – 1933) set to the tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen.

This hymn reminds us of the context of forgiveness which comes only from God. We owe our lives and existence to the bountiful sustenance of God’s creation. This hymn gives voice to our celebration of the almighty power of God, our relationship to his creation of the world and life around us and being imbued by His spirit.

The words of the hymn were initially written by St. Francis of Assisi in 1225 in the Canticle of the Sun poem, which was based on Psalm 148. These words, written by St Francis, are some of the oldest used in hymns. The words were translated into English by William Draper, who at the time was rector of a Church of England parish church at Adel near Leeds. Draper paraphrased the words of the Canticle and set them to music. It is not known when Draper first wrote the hymn, but it was at some point between 1899 and 1919. Draper wrote it for his church's children's Whitsun festival celebrations and it was later published in 1919 in the Public School Hymn Book. The reference in verse 2 to the rushing wind references the Whitsun theme.

Draper's text is set to the tune "Lasst uns erfreuen", a German Easter hymn published by Friedrich Spee in 1623 in his book Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng. This tune became widespread in English hymn books starting with a 1906 arrangement by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

5. Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJLpYmUmaB8&list=RDBqPugyFCYpw&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJLpYmUmaB8&list=RDBqPugyFCYpw&start_radio=1)

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## **EPISTLE Romans 14: 1 – 12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 18: 21 – 35**

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you". But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

## **SERMON Fr Jeremy**

Pope Francis' opening lines in his book 'The Church of Mercy' read as follows; 'What a beautiful truth of faith this is for our lives: the mercy of God! God's love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love, one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on.'

I had the pleasure of watching the film 'The Two Popes' with Monika, Simon and Tanya last Friday evening. I had wanted to see the film for some time as many of you from the congregation had told me how much you had enjoyed it. It is thought that not all of the script is accurate and in fact the meeting did not take place before Francis became Pope. However, what is said to be more accurate was the conversation that highlighted their differing views of understanding the church. What was also clear, was their desire to seek forgiveness for sins. In Francis' case it is the unclear role that he played in the perception that he collaborated with the Argentine military dictatorship in the 70's. The film highlighted too his failure to protect his friends, Fr Jorio and Fr Jalics. He reconciles with one but regrets never reconciling with Yorio. In the film his actions during the dictatorship haunt him.

In our gospel today Peter asks how often should we forgive, and Jesus shows the gulf between human forgiveness and divine love. The debt owed to the slave was 100 denarii which might have been about four months pay. The debt owed by the slave was 10,000 talents. A talent was equivalent to about 6,000 denarii or twenty years pay so 10,000 talents were impossible to pay back. The debt is a huge amount, sadly like the debt of many countries facing the issues caused by the Pandemic. The slave was forgiven by the God whose love is so great, so deep and unfailing but does not seem to recognise this. He refuses to forgive someone else a small debt.

The story by the end seems to imply that we are like the slave. We have been forgiven so much by God that we ought to forgive others. It is the failure to show mercy even when we receive the great act of mercy through Jesus offering his life on the cross that leads to new and transformed life. Jesus is asking us to lead a life that values forgiveness continually not just as one off situations. Some of us are following at our Thursday Night Prayer and at the newly formed Sunday's at 6 Night Prayer the examen. In this form of Jesuit prayer we look back over our day and look at where we are sorrowful for the actions we are not happy with and to ask for God's forgiveness by seeking to reconcile with someone we may have hurt. We finally ask God for the grace and mercy to see God's presence more clearly the next day. Finding God by looking behind you makes it easier says James Martin in 'The Jesuit Guide' to see God right in front of you.

This idea of seeking the God of mercy in our daily lives can be found too by looking back over our lives. St Aidan who I preached about in my recording last week gave thanks at the end of his life for all those who had helped him on his Christian journey. Margaret Silf describes life in the following way. In a drive with her family she notices the source of the River Tweed. She watches the stream, spread and grow to become a presence in a town, 'a great river spanned by a bridge, fished in by fishermen, a source of beauty in the countryside.' When we look back over our lives can we see where we resisted the flow of water or God's mercy and where we were encouraged by God. This was I think at the heart of the moving conversation that developed with the two Popes as they looked back over their lives.

The key is recognising God's forgiveness to us helps to shape our attitudes towards others. There are some important issues at this point to recognise. Holding onto grievances is harmful to mental health and wellbeing. The other important thing to note is recognising the most important point of today's Gospel that God's love is unconditional. However, do we have difficulty knowing that we are loved and accepted by God? I quoted Pope Francis at the beginning of this sermon, one which takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on. 'God's Love for us is so great, so deep; it is an unfailing love.' Pope Francis wants the church to be one that does not reject sinners. He wants people to say, 'Forgive me, help me to walk, change my heart'. The church offers the sacraments of healing, the Eucharist that offers God's unconditional love and the confession that enables us to seek that love in a personal way. We also encounter God in the Gospels like today's but think too of the prodigal son, and the Pharisee and the tax collector. A young man came to our church recently who had lost his job, his partner and would possibly lose his home. We could not offer him any support on those areas of his life. The only way we could help as two members of our congregation did was to tell him we cared. That God loved him and that he had value. That God could forgive wrongs in that young man's life. Last we heard the man was taking small steps to find a way forward.

Pope Francis' favourite word for the church and a Christian is of one that walks together. 'I think this is truly the most wonderful experience we can have to belong to a people walking, journeying through history together with

their Lord who walks among us! We are not alone.' No, we are not, Pope Francis, we are people who need to know that we are loved, that can share that love with our fellow pilgrims on the journey to the Heavenly Banquet.

I finish with the hymn that Jeanette shared with us at Night Prayer last Thursday. 'There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.' Read the words for yourself this week (Ancient and Modern 806 or in last week's Parish News) because they highlight just how much God loves us.

In the Name of The Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

## RIDE+STRIDE SATURDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Ride+Stride 2020 is this Saturday, and whilst we will not be **opening** the Church to "ride and striders" this year, we will have a sign in-sheet and will provide water for those visiting All Saints.

We need volunteers to be at All Saints in the morning to welcome any of these visitors to the Church. We will just open the North porch and it would be very nice to have a few friendly faces to greet people. If you are able to help any time between 9.00am and 1.00pm, please contact Stella on 07738 179710.

Fr Jeremy is walking with a few members of All Saints, as part of Ride+Stride, to raise money for Berkshire Churches Trust. We have already received a very generous donation from the BCT towards the cost of the Church floor restoration, and will also get back half of the total money All Saints raises for Ride+Stride. If you would like to join the walk, we will meet at 10.00am at St Mary's in the town, walking to St Peter's, then back to All Saints, stopping on the way for a coffee at Palmieri's, on the Marlow Road. The walk will last approximately 1.5 hours and we will be taking it gently!

If you would like to sponsor our walkers you can do that too, directly via this link (don't forget to mention All Saints so we make sure we get back half of all our sponsorship), or at Church if you would prefer.

<https://www.justgiving.com/berkshirechurchestrust>

More information is available on the BCT website: <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride-2/>

Please contact Stella (details as above) if you have questions about any of these arrangements.

## HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2020

Heritage Open Days this year will comprise virtual tours only from Friday 11 - Sunday 20 September. This will benefit All Saints as we have our own virtual tour which is also on our website

<http://www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk/welcome-about-all-saints/3d-virtual-tour-all-saints-church/> but see [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk) for all participating buildings.

## YOUNG SAINTS AT HOME

See Issue 17 for the summer programme

## REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

Some glorious sunny days masked the fact that we have moved from summer to autumn. I passed pedestrians still in their shorts and summer sandals. Several times I put on an extra layer of clothing, only to take it off again. But the evenings darken; the morning air has an edge of chill. Summer is over.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, recounting the wisdom of Solomon, the third chapter begins with the memorable verses: "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: "A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted..." In my version of the King James Bible this chapter is headed "the weary round of life" from Solomon's reflection on the vanity of earthly things.

I know many people who have a favourite season, often summer or spring, or who hold a strong dislike, say, for winter or its foreshadowing in autumn. But I love the turn of seasons: I don't find them weary at all. They give a rhythm to the year. It feels right that the grass, flowers, shrubs and trees in our garden stop growing and rejuvenate before renewing their cycle. To me seasons are a source of joy.

As Ecclesiastes continues:

"...A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance."

## PARISH NEWS NEWS

If you currently receive a hand-delivered copy of the Parish News Issue 27 should arrive by post. Everyone please note: there will be no edition on 23 September as the publisher and distributor are away.

*Mike & Jan Moss*

## TUESDAY CLUB NEWS

At our AGM on 8 September it was agreed that meetings would be continued via Zoom until the end of the year, and reviewed again then. Our Secretary, Janet, having been elected for a further two year term, will put together a programme and advise members in due course. She will also continue the Chirrup newsletter which keeps members not able to Zoom in touch with the Club.

*Jan Moss, Club Leader*

## WAMCF Women's Group Monday 21 September 7.30pm via Zoom

Meeting ID: 825 4902 9323 Passcode: 358536

Ladies of all faiths and none are welcome to join the discussion on our **Creation Season: How do we care for our world?**

## QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP OPENING HOURS

Quench is now open 6 days a week from Monday to Saturday 10.30am – 3.00pm