

To encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



Welcome to the Annual Report of All Saints Church, Boyne Hill, Maidenhead

We are an Anglican Church, part of the Church of England Diocese of Oxford in the UK. We welcome all to our church whether you would like to come to a service, a course or event, or are interested in our history.

Our Vision:

To be a welcoming church family, encouraging and supporting people of all ages on their journey to faith and relationship with Jesus; through vibrant Eucharistic worship, supportive small groups and strong community and schools outreach to build a joyful and sustainable future, enabling our community to live and share in the love of God.

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1. Fr Jeremy's overview of the year 2016

I am writing this report as we approach Holy Week and Easter, the central festival of the Christian year. It is a time when as Christians we should be filled with confidence. This is the time when we celebrate Christ's victory over death. St Paul tells us 'that Christ's Resurrection is the ground of our faith and the source of our hope' (1 Cor 15.12-19). Our Christian lives centre on the fact that Christ is Risen! At the Easter Vigil, we will light the Easter Candle and walk into All Saints holding the candle in the darkness as a sign that Christ's death and resurrection overcomes evil, overcomes darkness and wins for us New Life. Later in the service we will renew our Baptismal promises where St Paul tells us we die with Christ so as to rise with Him. We share in his victory and his everlasting life. We will take up our Baptismal candles and act as a light to the World or as PMC tells us Dwell in the World.

For us to meet this challenge we will need food for the journey or pilgrimage. The journey which begins in baptism is sustained, renewed and deepened by the food of life we taste in the Eucharist. At the Eucharist, we partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ in the World. We make communion with God, as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and we make communion with each other. Our Lord said; 'And eternal life is this: 'to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.' (John 17:3). God then, created us to know Him, love Him and serve Him in the World. We will live as if the best is yet to come, looking forward to the Kingdom of Heaven. Can we live lives that share something of Christ's life and discern Christ's life at work already in the world around us?

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If you read Jeanette Lock's excellent update on Partnership in Missional Church, you will discover that we have a Missional Innovation team that is trying to find partners in mission to answer our missional challenge of 'All Saints church recognises the need to develop/change/grow our heart and relationship with young families to welcome and nurture them. We seek to discover what is needed for spirit filled encounters with God, as we share the journey together to enrich all our lives at All Saints Church.'

The Bishop of Oxford celebrates one year in the position shortly and Steven Croft has challenged us to

1. Serve children and young people
2. Serve the poorest in our communities
3. Encourage lay discipleship

1. We are trying to meet the challenge of point one by looking at our worship and music using Rock Shop, Cre8 and our choir which is growing in number. We have an excellent Tiny Saints group and we are fortunate to celebrate many Baptisms within a year. Last year we had 36 Baptisms which means a large number of potential contacts which we hope to build on. We continue to have Café Church and Film Club to encourage teenagers to discuss issues together.

One of the hopes we have for the future is the confirmation that Rachel Juden will be spending a year with us helping us with Young Saints, Tiny Saints and other areas of youth ministry. Rachel will be taking part in a course with Oxford Youth Works where she will study for a NOCN level 3 course in Youth work and an Oxford CYM diploma in mission.

The Open the Book project is another exciting project which continues to flourish. We are about to complete 9 years of sharing the Bible stories in Larchfield and All Saints schools. This ministry sees us sharing ecumenically with other churches but under Mike Moss's leadership with the All Saints team there has been an increase in members of our church enjoying this important ministry.

2. As part of PMC we are encouraged to follow spiritual practices. One of these 'Dwelling in the World' we have seen develop our links with the needy in society. We have people involved in Street Angels, Larchfield Open Table, Food Share, supporting Homeless work and increasing our ministry in Care Homes. People have for many years also been involved in the Lunch club at Larchfield and Maidenhead Care.
3. Lay Ministry is developing although we obviously need more and more people to meet the challenges ahead. We said goodbye to Fr Neil and Elizabeth this year and their contribution to ministry was wonderful to All Saints but we have over the last nine months or so seen more and more people give time in ministry. Apart from Rachel Juden, we have Jeanette Lock offering us a Wednesday a week following her decision to reduce her work at Cedars Surgery in Maidenhead and this has led to Jeanette increasing the amount of pastoral care we are able to offer. We have seen growing numbers of people wanting to support pastoral ministry as a consequence. It is exciting to note that other members of our congregation are offering to share Christ's mission within our communities.

Other memories of a busy year have been the outstanding summer fete, the pilgrimage to Walsingham, the service to commemorate those fallen in the Battle of the Somme, the celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday and Blessing of the Birinus Garden with the Songs of Praise. In this annual report, you can read about other mission activities that we are involved in such as the Tuesday Club, Mothers' Union, and Men of Boyn Hill.

To help ministry in this church I would like to thank:

The Ministry Team and Church Wardens

The Office Staff

Baptism and Marriage preparation teams

Director of music and musicians

Choir and serving teams

Hospitality and cleaning teams

Sacristan

Those who help with rotas, service booklets, preparing flowers, bell ringers, the people involved in preparing the pew sheet

Sidespeople and school governors

Those who maintain the fabric of the church and the other properties that we look after at All Saints.

I would like to thank all those people involved in ministry at All Saints and all those who play their part in the building of the family of God in mission. One of those John Ainslie we congratulate as he will be ordained Deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford on the 1st July this year. John will serve his curacy at Cookham and we all wish him well. John has been a tremendous servant to All Saints and I am sure he will be an outstanding priest in the future. Finally thank you all for the wonderful day that you gave Monika and myself last May. As we entered All Saints for the service of blessing it was a marvellous feeling for us both, as we saw the support and love you all offered us.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Jeremy

2. Report of the PCC of All Saints

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is made up of church members currently on the church electoral roll. Members are voted onto the PCC each year as part of the Annual General Meeting which is open to all church members on the churches electoral roll and this gives them the right to vote on matters on the meeting agenda and how the PCC is constituted.

During 2016 the PCC met on eight occasions the first of these is immediately after the annual meeting to appoint the treasurer Hannah Wilson assisted by Sue Stannett with David Morgan retaining his role of PCC minutes Secretary.

The standing committee comprised Fr Jeremy, Treasurer Hannah Wilson, Sue Stannett Bookkeeper, Chris Watts PCC Secretary, Rod Broad, Derek Smith Churchwardens supported by Deputy Churchwardens Stella Harding and Ann Rawlins. This committee usually meets between PCC meetings to deal with day to day matters arising and to plan future PCC meetings and mission requirements.

The Sides Persons which provide a very important role and support to welcoming people to our services as well as many other roles around the church helping with the smooth running of All Saints. Stella Harding has carried on the role during 2016 of supervising/training existing and any new volunteers in understanding their roles and responsibilities as Sides People.

Report on the fabric and maintenance of the church are recorded separately in this annual report. The finances of the church are also covered in a separate report in this document.

The PCC has a very important role in ensuring that our church and vicar are properly supported in ensuring that sacred worship is provided for all who attend as well as covering the practical day to day needs of maintaining our historic buildings. PCC Meetings are not just about day to day practical matters but about the spiritual mission of our church.

The church is very fortunate to have many members who volunteer and support services and other practical needs without which we would not function as a church. As with all churches we can always welcome more volunteers in various roles to help and improve what we do.

We take this opportunity to say thank you to all the volunteers and others who help make our mission possible, to many to name but nonetheless very much valued.

Roderick Broad and Derek Smith

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3. Churchwardens Annual Fabric Report for 2016

As usual this has been another busy year with completion of some major tasks along with numerous relatively small, issues around the Church. There remain some major issues pending.

Much thanks must 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

The new boiler that was installed in 2015 by our contractor, Austin, has functioned well. However the heating system suffered failure of the recirculating pumps which was replaced during the year. This means that, over the last few years, the heating system has had a new Boiler, a New Low Loss Header, a New Expansion Tank and new (Twin Head) recirculating pumps. There are still some valve/circulation issues which would need extensive disconnection work to isolate and improve; it is not planned to take any action on this until the radiators are removed to facilitate repair of the North Wall crack.

It has also become clear that operation will be made easier by the installation of remote controls for the boiler/heating system (most likely in the Sacristy) and our Heating Contractor is in the process of quoting for these, to be installed over the Summer period.

SW Corner/Masonry Repairs

As advised last year following acceptance of the claim by the insurance company and the granting of the faculty work started in 2015 on repairing the cracks in the SW Corner of the Church.

This masonry work allowed the area to be used over the 2015 Christmas service period and followed several years of the area being masked off.

The work was completed, and signed off by our Architect, in 2016 and our ability to use this area again has been very beneficial.

The repair of the cracks in the North Wall, along with repainting, was awaiting a quotation via our Architect, who has been ill. This work will also require the removal of the radiators to complete. It is likely this will now be scheduled for 2018.

Stained Glass

Chapel Studios rebuilt and refitted the window that had been removed from the SW Corner and stored whilst work was underway. The window was refitted in time for Ascension Day in 2016 and looks great.

Unfortunately Chapel Studios did not assess the situation and offer a quotation when they were on site to replace the Window in the SW Corner. This work is on hold at the moment. Should the repairs needed prove to be extensive then sources of grants to support the cost will be investigated.

Church Floor

The Church Floor remains in a poor condition with some cracked and missing tiles. Some of the broken tiles were re-affixed by our resources team; however this work proved too extensive to continue. Investigations have been underway to source replacement tiles, along with the most cost-effective way to repair the floor. This work has been delayed and it is hoped to progress to proposing a solution in 2016.

Gutters, Pigeons and Trees

Gutters were cleaned and inspected as agreed with English Heritage.

Note in 2017 a large branch fell from the cedar tree in Bishop Court. The residents cut up and cleared the debris whilst the Church needed to repair the damaged fences. The opportunity was also taken to repair other worn and damaged fences in the Birinus Garden.

The Pigeon protection measures were also renewed during 2016.

Birinus Garden and Fences

The wonderful work made to improve the appearance of the Birinus Garden has led to the Garden being used extensively during the year. A new shed has been sourced and tools provided. Thanks go to the member(s) of our congregation who both donated some of these and maintain the Garden.

Following heavy rains the Birinus Garden "sink-hole" opened up again, fortunately this was not major and thanks go to one of our Wardens who filled it in and relaid the paving slabs.

As noted above the fences have been repaired.

A blessing of the Birinus Garden took place on Sunday June 12th, following the morning service, along with lunch refreshments and a celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

Quinquennial Inspection

A reminder that our Quinquennial Inspection (QI) was carried out in 2015 and a detailed report made of the work recommended for the Church over the next five years. This report has been considered by the PCC who will prioritise the work and expenditure. A copy of the report is available in the office for those who may be interested. Our architect did comment that a significant amount of the work recommended in the previous QI report had been carried out.

Full implementation of the recommendations will necessitate extensive fund raising and time and resource from Church members and contractors to maintain our lovely Grade 1 listed Church.

One of the QI requirements was an inspection of the roof which has been carried out. There are some loose high level tiles which are not causing any issue and around ten low level tiles have been replaced.

Pending Works

There are several items of works pending. Progress to proposal stage has been held up by the illness of our Architect and some of these are noted above. In addition consideration is being given to pointing a leak in the Tower which is allowing rain in and to repairing a crumbling chimney at the rear of the Church. Both of these will need extensive scaffolding, or other methods of working at height, which will be investigated before proceeding.

No urgent work has been delayed.

Interment Plots

Whilst the All Saints Church cemetery is closed to new burials there is an area, approved by faculty, which allocates an agreed space for cremation interments. The faculty was based upon a plan drawn up by the Borough in 1989. We are reaching a situation where the agreed space is becoming exhausted and we may run out of space for future interments.

Following the Borough's Cemeteries Officer and the Diocese advising that there was no objection to applying for a new faculty to extend the space allocated to interment of Ashes the RBWM drew up an area plan for extension. This was submitted, along with the appropriate documents, for faculty approval, which has now been granted.

Memorial Board

Extensive work, discussions, quotations and faculty applications have been in place for refurbishment and relocation of the WW1 memorial board along with an additional board to add both omitted names and names of those fallen since.

The scope of work has now been agreed with the Diocese and public notices are in place for consultation.

Small Items

A leaking tap/valve has been replaced in the Sacristy.

As the applied Smart Water is now approaching the end of its life new Smart Water has been purchased for application to our precious metals.

OFFICE

As management of our finance transaction is now maintained in the office an additional PC was purchased which is designed to be used for the Finance packages and for maintenance of the web-site only.

To both free up space in the Sacristy and to enable safe keeping of private finance records, a second hand fireproof safe was also purchased for use in the office. In addition to Finance records this holds the Terrier and any lease/legal documents of the Church.

In respect of the Terrier we have been asked to update this typewritten document to one that includes photographs of the items. Volunteers are being sought to assist with this. Please let the office know if you feel you could assist with this interesting task.

PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre suffered from another roof leak during the year, which was repaired. These leaks are proving to be frequent and the PCC may need to find fund to replace the roof in the near future.

Following difficulty experienced by some users in having power the "old" 50p meter box has been removed to allow power to be provided without some-one needing to periodically "feed the meter" with "old" 50p coins.

RENTED PROPERTIES

During the year there were numerous repairs needed for the rented properties, these were all carried out, or organised, by our resources team.

As the flat above the office was vacated the opportunity was taken to refurbish this, also installing Gas Central Heating. As this is a Grade 2* there was some time delay for discussions with the RBWM relating to the work, which led to a longer than desired void period.

Following the work the flat was rapidly let with the tenants paying 12 months' rent in advance.

House No3 suffered heating failure and a new contract was taken out with Worcester who replaced the boiler Heat Exchanger, the system was also flushed out.

House No 4 experienced a problem with Rats that was traced to a broken pipe to the sewer which has been repaired.

With the increasing regulatory requirements for rentals it has been decided to place all three rented properties under management by Watermans (two are current under their management). Watermans will ensure all regulatory requirements are complied with and will also arrange for the service contract and maintenance for the heating systems.

THANKS

Thanks again must go to our small resources team who undertake much of the work themselves, saving the Parish significant amounts of money; they are always willing to turn out for emergencies and to organise the extensive amount of work (many of the smaller items not being noted above) that is needed to keep the All Saints complex operational.

Rod Broad & Derek Smith

4. Deanery Synod Report 2016/17

The Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery comprises 14 parishes and benefices in a geographical area more or less corresponding to the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead. There are 23 churches serving a population of 110,400 (2011 Census), mainly in the two urban areas of Maidenhead and Windsor respectively, but with a strong presence in the more rural areas and villages surrounding the towns. The combined Electoral Roll of the Deanery in 2016 was 2333 (2015:2295). The Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery Synod comprises all the clergy in the deanery and Lay Representatives elected by their respective parishes in the deanery for a period of three years.

The Deanery has a Mission Action Plan which outlines its objectives and activities approved by the Archdeacon's Pastoral Committee in June 2015. The Deanery Synod meets regularly, and observers from churches in the Deanery are welcome to attend, alongside the Deanery Clergy and lay representatives elected from each Parish. A pattern to Synod Meetings has emerged that puts a mission topic at the head of the agenda, for which there is a presentation either from within the deanery or by an external speaker. The formal "business" is then dealt with after the main topic. The Deanery Synod met three times in 2016. The main topics at the meetings were as follows:-

- Tuesday 15 March at All Saints, Boyn Hill, Maidenhead – Presentation by lay members on their experiences of vocations. – Presentation by three parishes on their approach on mission to children.
- Wednesday 8th June at St Peter's, Old Windsor – Rev'd Nick Cheeseman from the Diocesan Mission Department on Mission and Vocations.
- Thursday 20th October at St Luke's, Maidenhead – Presentation by Dr Bev Botting, (Head of Research and Statistics, Church of England Central Services) on Parish Statistics: How, Why and Help!

The Deanery continued its approach to paying its allocation of share (ie contribution towards central ministry costs at Diocesan and National level) by a collaborative arrangement across the Parishes. The Deanery share increased by 5.1% in 2016, but by the use of reserves and use of a rebate from 2015 we were able to meet this with only a 2.1% increase from

Parishes. Our thanks go to the PCCs and the congregations of the deanery in meeting the challenges associated with the payment of our share.

In 2016 the Deanery considered and participated in (amongst other things):- –

- The proposed amalgamation of St Mary's and St Andrew's, Maidenhead with St Mary's, White Waltham
- The proposed separation of Shottesbrooke from White Waltham and its amalgamation with Waltham St Lawrence following the holding of a Boundary Commission in 2015
- The transfer of the building of St Agnes, Spital (in Windsor) from Clewer St Stephen's, Windsor to St Andrew's, Clewer.
- Discussions with the Windsor Fellowship who are seeking a Bishop's Mission Order to operate in Windsor under the oversight of the Bishop of Reading.

John Ainslie

5. Report from the Foundation Governor, Boyne Hill Infant & Nursery School 2016

Boyne Hill Infant & Nursery School is an Outstanding School (OFSTED 2013), and also achieved Outstanding at the last SIAMS inspection (2014). It welcomes families from all faiths and celebrates the rich diversity of its community. The school's values are founded on its central principle of 'Growing within our Christian ethos of Care, Love & Respect.' It meets its aim of preserving its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church of England through this ethos, coupled with regular visits to school by Father Jeremy, displays around school which embed the Christian philosophy and areas set aside in the classrooms for quiet reflection and prayer. The spiritual development of the children is further enhanced by a multi-faith prayer and reflection space in the outdoor area. There is also a frieze on the playground wall that shows the importance of faith in one's life in a child-friendly picture. The pupils also have opportunities to visit All Saints, including having their own planting area in the Church garden, so maintaining our close links and familiarising the pupils with their parish Church.

The school holds morning Assemblies linked to its values, religious festivals or in celebration of pupil achievements. Parents are welcome to attend, especially when their own child is taking part. Father Jeremy also leads some assemblies and the children are all very familiar with who he is, thus strengthening the link of the school with the church and setting both at the heart of the local community. The school provides a friendly, safe, secure environment and the children have a very positive attitude towards their learning. Children show a respect for the spiritual, moral and cultural values of both their own ethnic and religious backgrounds and towards those whose ways of life are different from their own and all play and relate well to each other. The governors are made very welcome in school, and frequent visits by both parent governors and non-parent governors enable the governing body to see this in action.

The children learn the school prayer: ' Dear God, Thank you for the sun that is bright and warm, and the seeds you have helped us to sow. Thank you for our school and for giving us friends, and our teachers so we learn and grow. Help us to be good at school and home and to be with us in our hearts each day. Thank you for our families and those we love as we work, rest and play. Amen'

The school is led by Headmistress Mrs Jane Davies, has 256 pupils from ages 3-7 years and has a high staff pupil ratio with 11 Teachers, 28 Teaching Assistants and 6 Support Staff. The children have a lot of one-to-one support and attention in class, and additional help where this has been identified as required. This enables them to achieve high standards in their learning and social and personal development (see the OFSTED & SIAMS reports on

the website www.boynehillschool.org for more details). In addition, the school supports the physical and creative development of the pupils through every child learning to play a musical instrument and the development of the playground with a wide range of equipment that encourages active play and engagement in sports. The school has a lively PTA that has raised funds for various 'extras' through regular social events that have taken place in school, both for parents and for the local community and pupils.

The school is committed to caring for the environment and has an Eco School Green Flag (Eco schools www.eco-schools.org.uk) The school has also supported others in need through various charitable and fund-raising events, such as raising money for the Autistic Society through national 'onesie' day. We would like to thank Mrs Davies and all the staff for their hard work in making this such a productive and empowering school for the children in the Parish.

As a short report can hardly touch on all the many wonderful things that go on there, we invite you all to keep up with what is happening through their website where you will find further details in the weekly newsletters.

Anne Sweeney

6. All Saints Junior School - March 2017

July 2016 saw the retirement of the long-standing and popular All Saints Headteacher, Bridget McGregor. As her successor, I started in the following September and, in February 2017, oversaw the school achieving a good rating during Ofsted's latest inspection.

The school continues to be a vibrant meeting point for a range of cultures and people, with dedicated staff and supportive parents who strive to give the children as wide-ranging and holistic an education as possible. Since starting in the school, I have ensured that Christian values – celebrated as Shared Values, common to many groups of people beyond purely Christian traditions – are the focus of the children's week. The 15 values are rotated through on a weekly basis and are introduced in the Head's whole-school assembly on a Monday. Teachers follow the value throughout the week, with the value being touched on again in class and Assistant Head assemblies. At the end of the week, children are rewarded as shining examples of each value in our Friday afternoon celebration assembly. Otherwise, Open the Book remains a popular fixture every Thursday morning with the children enthusiastically greeting Fr Jeremy and his dedicated band of performers for their weekly Bible story.

Throughout this academic year, opportunities have been taken to involve the children in the Christian calendar. Year 3 classes now lead the school in the celebration of Christmas, with successful nativity services held at the church for both the whole school during the day and parents and carers in the evening. A similar model is planned for Year 4 to mark Easter. The planning of these events has seen close co-operation between the school and the church, with a positive working relationship quickly developing between Fr Jeremy and myself. Later in the academic year, Year 5 will mark the festival of St Peter & St Paul with a community orientated project and Year 6 will be marking the end of their time with the school with a leavers' service in the church.

I have been keen to foster community relationships in the area and has been working alongside Jane Davies (Boyne Hill Infants) and Neil Dimpleby (Altwood) in making those links with other Church of England schools in the area.

The teaching of RE and the upholding of our church school ethos has been an important focus. The values which gave rise to our previous outstanding SIAMS result have been maintained: new colleagues who joined us this year have been encouraged to keep up the high standards through close subject leadership from Mrs Borgese and Mrs Kitchen – both of whom have attended Diocesan training to deepen their knowledge and understanding.

With work now being undertaken to deepen and further the learning experience of our delightful children, it's going to be a busy year ahead for everyone – however, we're never too busy to welcome guests and are always happy to welcome visitors: we look forward to developing more opportunities for the school and church communities to live, work and learn together, building a mutually supportive and inclusive environment for everyone.

Richard Rhodes

7. Altwood Church of England School

Altwood Church of England School is one of the family of schools which fall within the Parish of All Saints Boyne Hill in Windsor and Maidenhead. It is a well-respected, multi-faith school, 11-18 age range, with a broad range of ability, where those of all faiths and of no religious backgrounds are welcome and nurtured in the safe surroundings of a Christian community with Gospel values at its foundation.

Altwood's church ethos is central to all that it does as it aspires for every student to achieve their best and go from strength to strength in all areas of their lives as they continue to develop into valued members of society.

This ethos is reflected in both the Vision and Mission statements as well as the statement of Gospel Values:

Vision

- To offer an outstanding education for our students and prepare them for successful, independent lives in the 21st century

Mission

- To be a high achieving academic community
- To identify and develop the full potential of every member of our community and give them the skills and qualifications they need to achieve their ambition
- Do this within the context of the culture and values of the Christian faith emphasising the strong moral and spiritual values shared with other faiths

Our House system reflects the theme of Gospel values the students chose the names of the three Houses as Faith, Hope and Joy. Other Gospel values are revisited regularly through themed weeks at school and through the Theme for the Week.

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 Chapel. Altwood students lead the school's Christmas Carol Service at All Saints Parish Church. Altwood School maintains strong links with the Diocese of Oxford, a representative of which is a member of the Trust, and Foundation Governors ensure a sound representation on the Governing Body.

Altwood continues to build on the outcome of its “Outstanding” Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The full report can be found on the Altwood Church of England School website at www.altwoodschool.co.uk

Parental involvement is encouraged through the bi-weekly school bulletin updates on student achievement, Parent Power evenings and regular meetings of Parents’ Forum.

Janice McLucas

8. Report for The Larchfield Mission for All Saints Annual Report 2016

This is an ecumenical group that has been planning mission in Larchfield for 9 years. Mission includes the Holiday Club and Christmas Club, Open the Book, the Larchfield Care Home, Larchfield Open Table, and from River Church The Weekend festival and Messy church.

The planning group is made up of Rev’d David Downing and Alice Gilbert from the URC, Revd Joan Hicks and Roger Baldery from the Church of The Good Shepherd, Linda Crew and Ceri Davies from the River church and Fr Jeremy and Jeanette Lock from All Saints. The holiday club which takes place at the new community centre in Desborough Park is a 4 day club that invites young people to share activities, singing, worship, sports and hospitality in a welcoming environment. Leaders from all the above churches support the week and help the children enjoy their holiday with organised activities.

The Christmas Club is similar but is only run for one morning in late December and will include carol singing as well as similar activities to the holiday club.

All of these activities are helping to build community links and share the Gospel message and it is wonderful that churches are sharing this mission together.

Descriptions of the other Larchfield activities will be found in separate reports.

Fr Jeremy

9. Larchfield Care Home Report 2016

Many of the residents of this Home are dealing with Dementia in their lives and have reached the stage of their illness where they need nursing care to support their needs. I have been offering a monthly service of worship which involves singing well known hymns (What a friend we have in Jesus, Loves Divine as examples), listening to familiar Bible readings or Psalms, and joining in favourite prayers such as The Lord’s Prayer and The Grace.

It is amazing to see the residents join in with familiar hymns, readings and prayers. Some sing, others join in by waving their arms to the music while others just smile or even cry, as their memories from the past are stimulated.

This is a truly wonderful Ministry which gives an enormous amount of pleasure to the residents, their relatives and the care staff who often join our services. I am delighted that a few others from All Saints Church are starting to come along to support these monthly services.

I have now also started offering a monthly service at Boyn Grove Day Centre. The residents attending here have a milder form of Dementia and many can actively join in the services by doing Bible readings. I try to have a different theme each month at these services, for example Love in February (Valentine’s Day), Mothers and those who care in March (Mothering Sunday) etc.

I am hoping to extend the Care Home Services throughout this year to also include Normanhurst and Clara Court Care Homes where we currently give monthly Extended Communion.

Jeanette Lock

Lay Pastoral Worker

10. Larchfield Open Table 2016

This project set up by the Larchfield Mission Team and made up of members from All Saints, URC, Church of the Good Shepherd, and River Church continues to flourish at Desborough community centre.

The idea was to reach out to the people of Larchfield and offer a community event once a month on a Tuesday evening. The evening has at the heart of it a supper provided by different churches, activities for the young people, a talk based on a bible story or biblical theme and opportunities for prayer requests.

The hospitality offered is a two- course meal including a home cooked main course followed by a desert. The people who share the meal seem to enjoy the food and the conversations that develop. There is frequently a pastoral side to the meal as conversations are shared of concerns people may be living with and the helpers try to help by listening and occasionally offering practical help. Birthdays are celebrated and cakes shared to add to the family atmosphere. In the summer, there is a BBQ with sometimes as many as 80 people present. The talks are varied not least because they are offered by a range of people from churches across Maidenhead. We try to share the meaning of a bible story or the meaning of Christmas and Easter. Occasionally the very popular Open the Book style of acting out a bible story is shared.

Activities are superbly organised by Alice the URC youth worker and the young children enjoy the craft opportunities presented to them.

In 2016 an increasing number of helpers from All Saints have attended and have helped provide and serve 388 meals.

Thank-you to everyone from our church that have helped in this wonderful Ecumenical project.

Fr Jeremy

11. OAK Annual Report

As a parish, we have been supporting the training of students in the Diocese of Taita Taveta, Kenya to obtain the diploma in Theological Training since 2003. In recent years 2 students have been supported in their annual study fees.

The link with Kenya was initiated when Revd Robert Langton, who was curate in our parish, returned from a visit. Fr Jeremy also visited the Diocese of Taita Taveta during his sabbatical. Many of you will have heard him talk about his experiences in Kenya.

Over the years individuals have made gifts to the OAK fund to enable our support for the training of students to be sustained, leading to new priests being ordained.

In our weekly intercessions, the names of the people we have funded into ministry are regularly recalled.

You will appreciate that cumulatively our sponsorship is making a real impact in a very challenging region where Christians face hostile challenges.

In autumn 2017 we intend to hold a gathering to raise money for OAK which will have the potential to become an annual event. By raising the profile of our sponsorship, we invite you to support and take a personal interest in this work.

Mike Moss

12. Partnership for Missional Church Report 2016

During Year 1 of PMC we listened to our congregation in various ways: a Questionnaire, a Timeline Event and a Discernment Day. This part of the PMC process allowed us to listen to what God might be leading us towards at All Saints Church. The end of Year 1 culminated in an Away Day at Boyne Hill Cricket Club where we arrived at our Missional Adaptive Challenge (MAC):

'All Saints church recognises the need to develop/change/grow our heart and relationship with young families to welcome and nurture them. We seek to discover what is needed for Spirit-filled encounters with God, as we share the journey together to enrich all our lives at All Saints Church.'

We are now into Year 2 of our PMC journey where we are encouraged to explore and experiment with our Missional Adaptive Challenge. To do this, we have set up a new team called the Missional Innovation Team (MIT). They are made up of younger members of our congregation, many of whom have their own young families. They are currently working to find our "Friendly Partners"; members of the community at large who might engage with us to deliver God's mission together. Once they have completed this important fact-finding exercise, they will be able to move with greater confidence towards developing an idea to experiment with to lead us to discovering what is needed for young families to experience "Spirit filled encounters with God".

At the same time, our PMC Steering Team are continuing to introduce the six Spiritual Practices to our congregation. Dwelling in the Word and Spiritual Discernment were introduced in Year 1 and we now focus on Dwelling in the World, Announcing the Kingdom, Hospitality and Focus for Missional Action. Our exciting Lent 2017 programme will help us with these Spiritual Practices by hearing about examples of practical Christianity both locally and in our wider communities. We will have the opportunity to share hospitality with soup lunches, allowing us to have time to listen to one another to move us further into God's mission in and for the world.

Our PMC Steering team and MIT team continue to meet on a regular basis as well as joining the Diocese Team for set Cluster weekends, three times a year. Fr Jeremy as our Spiritual Leader joins us for all these meetings.

I would like to thank the Church Wardens, PCC and Extended PCC for their continued support to PMC.

Jeanette Lock

PMC Steering Team Leader

13. Pastoral Care Report 2016

Pastoral Care was given at All Saints in 2016 by the Ministry Team and lay 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 and Confirmation Preparation. 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 2015. These are ways that we have nurtured people in faith and enabled them 'to encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament'.

- Baptism home visits and Baptism Preparation
- Tiny Saints Babies and 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

- Schools, Rainbows and Brownies Visits to Church • Christian Union at Altwood School • Some School R.E. lessons
- Larchfield Holiday Club in the Summer and a Christmas Club
- Bible Study groups
- Marriage Preparation
- Wedding Anniversary cards given to people married at All Saints

- Home Communion for people from Church 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 Service and individual prayers once a month
- Boyn Grove Day Centre Service once a month

- 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 and the Men of Boyne Hill group.
- Almshouses – care for people living in these homes

- Royal British Legion – Chaplaincy, support and attending Visiting people at home and in Nursing Homes

- Healing Services
- Praying for the sick and those in other need
- Guild of St Raphael – praying for the sick

- Pilgrimage to Walsingham
- Quiet Mornings at Burnham Abbey
- Praying with the dying, the recently died and their families

In September 2016, I became a Lay Pastoral Worker to All Saints Church dedicating every Wednesday to this role. I have been able to visit people at home and in hospital or care

homes, contact people in any sort of need by phone, and take home communion to those who have been, or are, unable to attend church.

I have also continued to provide a monthly service of worship at Larchfield Care Home and Boyn Grove Day Centre, to offer pastoral support to those dealing with Dementia in their lives.

I am now in the process of trying to develop a Pastoral Care Team at All Saints and have several people who are interested in offering their time and support in this way.

Jeanette Lock

Lay Pastoral Worker

14. Street Angels

By the time this report is published Jeanette Lock will have spoken about Street Angels in the 2017 Lent addresses. Jeanette will have spoken about the encounters where you experience a sense of God's gaze looking back at you from the face of someone who you have just helped. This is very humbling and endorses the value of acts of kindness given to people you do not know. Indeed, a powerful way of reflecting your love of God to your unknown neighbour.

There are still some Christians who say that the people enjoying the night economy who subsequently find themselves in difficulty, have only themselves to blame. Factually this is often true. If a group of Street Angels were discussing this assertion someone would invariably say 'but what would Jesus have done?' The gospels are full of examples of Jesus reaching out to people on the margins of society. He heals some and forgives others. Indeed, to make sense of the beatitudes in Matthew 5, our normal concept of society is inverted. It is often the conversations with Christians from other churches as the Angels walk around the town centre that are both thought provoking with the potential to experience fresh insights and at the same time reassuring that the fundamentals of Christianity are shared across church communities.

As you scan through this short article you may well say 'that's not for me'. Why not include in your prayers asking what would be pleasing to God in the ways that you can reflect your love for Him in your daily life? It might not be Street Angels but you might just be surprised how your prayer is answered. If you wish to make a financial contribution to Street Angels of Maidenhead, please give your cheque to either Jeanette or myself.

Mike Moss, Street Angels of Maidenhead Trustee

15. Open the Book at All Saints School

With support from other churches we have been taking OTB into All Saints School for 8 or 9 years. There are two important dynamics: the willingness of the cast to become characters and the amazing response from the children. There are no words to learn, we read our lines but give some thought in advance to how the character is described and contributes to the bible story. We rotate parts in hopefully a democratic way so that a bigger part one week might be balanced by a smaller role the next.

We assemble at 9.45am on a Thursday for a gathering prayer and rehearsal. Each week there is a designated Producer who has thought about the setting of the story. The cast freely improve the Producers initial ideas during the rehearsal!

As children begin to fill the hall, worship songs are organised by the school staff. We generally enjoy joining in! Whenever the story allows children are recruited as they arrive for assembly to play, generally non-speaking parts. All Saints Church has a wonderful collection of costumes and props. A simple tabard transforms children into almost any character you can think of. If the story needs a well, a wall, kingly robes, angel attire or rough shepherd clothing, we have it.

Participation by the audience is often in response to cue cards held high at the appropriate points in the story. It is rewarding what can be achieved in a 30 second rehearsal to add sound effects and crowd responses to the story. At 10.30am we depart. Since September 2016 there has been an injection of new people from All Saints. We are also currently supported by cast from United Reformed Church and the Good Shepherd, Cox Green.

Some folk from All Saints are cast members at Larchfield School, others at Manor Green Special School.

If you are curious and would like to observe OTB in action, we can normally accommodate one observer each week at All Saints School. Just let me know in advance.

Mike Moss

16. Mothers' Union Report

Hello everyone once more, as we rapidly approach the apex of the Church year – Easter. Already, Christmas seems a long time ago when we were celebrating another birthday, marking the birth of our Lord Jesus. The Mothers' Union branch at All Saints was established in 1879, and it is a record to be proud of when the world is ever changing and moving into a vastly different way of life.

The Group survives due to the steady loyalty of its members, despite many obstacles which occur in coping with modern life. We have reported previously the loss of some of our more senior members, whose loss is still felt. However, the family feeling is prevalent and our meetings are as happy, fruitful and varied as it is possible to make them. The Committee would warmly welcome any new members. Any suggestions and ideas from new members could instil a different approach to a more modern and forward way of what we stand for. Margaret Hill, our Group Leader, with her committee, are always willing to discuss any suggestions and encourage a wider membership.

Over the last year, we have had a varied range of speakers from our own congregation Joanne Hawkes, John Blay, Gwen Burkitt and Ken Smith to name a few. Each speaker has presented a topic of interest, covering a wide range of subjects, and it has been much appreciated that we have been able to share some of their experiences and views.

We also shared other important occasions in 2016 – the Queen's 90th birthday, and Mary Sumner Day, 140 years after the creation of the Mothers' Union. As most of you will recall, the Queen's birthday was celebrated in many and lively ways. Our close friendship with the Group at Edmund Campion Church was just such an occasion. They invited us to join with them in a celebratory lunch, on condition that everyone attending should wear either a crown, tiara or hat. ***The lunch proved a great success, lasting well into the afternoon, and there was an excellent array of assorted head-wear as everyone gave a loyal toast to "the Queen".***

At their meeting to celebrate the legacy of the Mothers' Union for 140 years, our members wore appropriate Victorian dress for the occasion, one member even sporting a "mob cap"

and pinafore. Victorian sponge cakes were enjoyed while a special large raffle in aid of funds was held.

On a more down to earth approach we had a visit from two local Community Wardens on the subject of general day-to-day safety which was most informative, and well delivered. The information given was basically good common sense. Hearing it on home ground keeps everyone up to date, and much interest was shown during the discussion at the end of the meeting.

In the past, there has long been a tradition of an outing in the form of an autumn visit to a Garden Centre to enjoy a cream tea, couple with an opportunity to perhaps purchase some early Christmas gifts. However, last autumn Father Jeremy generously offered to host an afternoon with him at the Vicarage, ably assisted by Jeanette Lock, dispensing delicious refreshments. It was an excellent success, with enjoyment in “greeting and meeting” for all concerned, with no pressure involved.

Finally, yet another milestone birthday was celebrated, when John Elliott achieved his 100th birthday! John has long since been an honorary member of our Mothers’ Union here at All Saints. In addition to his own family celebrations, and those given by the congregation, a cake was provided to mark the occasion. This was provided by the courtesy of Gwen Burkitt, whose husband was John’s great friend – a real highlight of the year.

Between meetings, the Group continues to support the Mothers and Toddlers Group, maintains help with offerings and refreshments at the weekly Services, and supports any fund-raising occasion such as the annual Fete. Our range of help is naturally limited by the increasing lack of transport for members, but at the time of submitting this Report, we continue to maintain our image, bearing in mind that the Mothers’ Union theme for 2017 is “Faith in Action.”

We are grateful to Father Jeremy and the PCC for their continuing encouragement and support, and we hope that the coming year will continue to be of benefit to all from the prayers and blessings of all our members.

Margaret Hill (Leader) / Wendy Channon (Secretary)

17. Tiny Saints in 2016

Tiny Saints Toddlers’ Group has been running for 6 years and is growing and growing in terms of popularity. The group’s original objective was to run a church based group that would provide a Biblical theme each week. When we are offering Baptism preparation Sue Stannett will tell families about Tiny Saints as a way of encouraging families to share the Christian journey with their children.

Each week crafty activities are planned that bring out the theme of the Bible story and there are also toys and games provided for children up to the age of 4. The activities are followed by a healthy meal including fruit, yogurts, vegetables and other enjoyable snacks for the young children. Parents, grandparents, carers and helpers enjoy less healthy food including tea, coffee and assorted cakes!

The session concludes with a service with children’s Christian songs, nursery rhymes, a Bible story and an interactive Tiny Saints prayer. In 2016, numbers have grown to well over 20 children and adults at times and this brings its own problem of adequate space in the Parish Centre.

We have encouraging feedback from parents about the group. One mother said recently that she turns down all other offers on a Friday morning because Tiny Saints is so good. People like the opportunity to make new friends, see their children socialise with other young children, enjoy the food and drinks and be welcomed by friendly people to a group that is very well organised and well run.

Tanya Fullarton deserves large credit for taking on the leadership of Elizabeth Bryson but thanks should also be made to all the helpers who offer support by getting the food ready, helping with activities, welcoming people at the door and sharing the worship. Tiny Saints are always looking for new helpers to help All Saints offer this ministry of welcome and hospitality to families within the parish.

One of the encouraging developments recently has been parents talking to us about spiritual needs and how we might offer services that would be helpful to families. This is particularly important to our ministry with Partnership in Missional Church and the Missional Innovation Team who are trying to develop ways in which we can meet our Missional adaptive challenge to be a welcoming church to families.

Fr Jeremy

18. Young Saints Report 2016

Members of Young Saints Teaching Team: Michelle Symonds, Pearl Boayke, Sally Dahlbom, Isabelle Fatoux, Jenny Wilks, Louise O'Dwyer Barnard, Sarika Varma.

Attendance

Numbers have dwindled further this year and there are only 11 children on the register who have attended Young Saints at some stage during the year. The number of children attending each week has varied but numbers are generally low at between 2 and 6. There have been several occasions recently when there were no children. In addition, we have had about 6 visitors who have come once or twice.

Structure

We continue with the monthly structure on Sunday mornings. Week 1 is a Messy Church style session in the Parish Centre focused on activities for the younger children to coincide with Cafe Church. Week 3 involves preparation for All Age Worship e.g. making a poster, preparing an activity. Week 4 is All Age Worship when children stay in church during the service. The other weeks are usually based around a Bible story with a variety of activities. (The structure can vary slightly due to All Age Worship topics during the Church calendar). This term we are focusing on the Old Testament. Otherwise, we generally base the session around the Gospel reading for that week.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

The Young Saints were actively involved in collecting items and making up shoeboxes with gifts for the OCC project in the autumn. The children learnt about children elsewhere in the world who are not as fortunate as they are and how to help them in a practical way. The project was a great success as the congregation donations enabled the Young Saints to make up 76 boxes. We're not sure where all the boxes went but we know that some went to the Ukraine.

Crib Service

The Crib Service is one of the highlights of the Christmas season. During this service on Christmas Eve, the Young Saints acted out the Nativity. Ten children took part - they narrated and acted confidently in front of a packed church.

Summer Fair

The Young Saints team ran a stall selling toys and books at the Summer Fair. The numbers of children attending Young Saints continues to fall. We are keen to see the output from the MIT team and hope that they can find ways to encourage families into church and therefore children into Sunday School when they are of age.

Young Saints Leaders

19. Annual Report for Café Church and Film Club 2016/17

This group meets on a Sunday morning for Café Church to watch a clip from a film and share a discussion. The same film is then shown in its entirety on a Friday evening at the vicarage. At the vicarage we also share food, crisps and sweets all the things we enjoy at the cinema.

Following the showing of the film we discuss any themes that have arisen. Films that we have viewed include Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom, Pan, The Martian and Earth to Echo. There have been some excellent discussions following the films and there are normally 5-6 young people attending the evening. Thank you to Jenny Wilks, Jackie and Derek Smith for helping at Film club and for Jackie, Jenny and John Ainslie at Café church. Thanks too for all the parents who have cooked food for the evenings.

It is encouraging that the young people themselves have planned the films and have prepared questions to be discussed. We look forward to next year with enthusiasm as Rachel Juden helps run these groups as part of her gap year with us in 2017-18.

Fr Jeremy

20. Report for the Men of Boyne Hill 2016

This group has met only on two occasions this past year. That said when we met we had excellent meetings watching and then discussing the BBC serial called 'The History of Christianity'.

We are hoping that we may in 2017 we will plan more regular gatherings of the group to watch sporting events, share fellowship and breakfasts and have guest speakers and discussions.

Fr Jeremy

21. All Saints Servers Report 2016

During the last year, the serving teams have once again been able to bring real meaning to the services held in this church.

They have responded to all the challenges faced by ever changing times, inside and outside of the church.

We as a team have taken on some younger members of the congregation, and have trained them to, hopefully, act in a responsible manner when carrying out their duties. In the near future, we expect them to be ready to take on some more.

There have also been changes to the team serving at the altar, and I think I can say that they have brought a greater meaning to the services by assisting whichever Priest is presiding. At times this can be difficult, with visiting clergy who are probably unfamiliar with the ways of our services and who might require extra support.

As usual, it would always be nice to have more members of these teams, so if you think you might like to assist at the services, you can always chat to one of the team and they will point you in the right direction.

As a member of both teams, I would like to say a very big THANK YOU to all the members of both teams.

Nick Kirk

22. Sidespeople Report

The role of the Sides Person is laid down by Church law - Canon E2:

“It shall be the duty of the Sides People to promote the cause of true religion in the Parish and to assist the Churchwardens in the discharge of their duties in maintaining order and decency in the Church and churchyard especially during the time of divine service.”

At All Saints a Sides Person's duties include helping prepare the church for the service by putting out hymn books and service sheets, guiding people to the altar to take Communion, taking and counting the collection and tidying up at the end of the service.

Their most important contribution, however, is the warm welcome they provide to the congregation as they arrive for a Church service; they attend particularly to newcomers, children, people with mobility or frailty issues, or sight or hearing difficulty; they introduce new people to someone who may be able to assist them if needed; if newcomers have children they explain about the Creche, Young Saints and Cafe Church (as appropriate) and when and where to go to find these various groups; they show people – especially visitors or newcomers - to their seats if necessary.

All Saints is blessed with a small team of dedicated people who fulfill these duties at all of our regular acts of worship each Sunday, and who volunteer readily for the additional, special services at Christmas and Easter. They are a welcoming face and an encouraging voice for anyone new to our Church as well as for the regular members of the congregation and we are extremely grateful for their service.

We meet as a group each year to review, and update if necessary, the “Sides Person's Guidelines” and health and safety arrangements. This is a lovely opportunity for the whole team to get together – the 8 o'clockers and the 10 o'clockers, to share each other's company; and we generally adjourn for a welcome group lunch afterwards.

We are very grateful and thank all those who carry out this valuable and important role. As with most teams we are always keen to welcome new members and to share the opportunity to provide this wonderful service for All Saints Church.

Stella Harding

23. All Saints Boyne Hill Choir

This year has been a year of consolidation and development for the choir. Having attracted some extra ad hoc singers two years ago, most have continued to be regular members and it has been apparent during the course of this year how they have grown in strength and confidence.

The extra development this year is that one or two other singers from the congregation joined us for the Christmas Nine Lessons and Carols Service and for a few other major festivals which is a welcome boost to our resources. Thus, we continue to harness more of the latent musical talent in the congregation.

As always, I am also very grateful for the contribution of our other organists, Dr Relf Clark and Simon Fullarton. Relf is the regular evening service organist and has provided occasional help at morning services. Simon has accompanied the anthems at morning services on a regular basis. This additional help not only enhances the singing of the choir but also provides a variety of playing style. We are very fortunate to have the services of such talented and generous musicians.

We have also improved the planning and liaison with Rock Shop so that our respective contributions to the joyful praise at All Saints are complementary and supportive.

Brian Graves

Director of Music

24. Rock Shop

Rock Shop have contributed to leading some of the music at monthly All Age services this year, either on their own or with the choir. For one service in August, Rock Shop provided the music for the whole service and they have been willing to provide this again.

Their repertoire of hymns has greatly extended and in spring 2016 Christine purchased Sibelius software to be able to produce musical arrangements suitable for the young people to learn and play. Rock Shop also provided musical entertainment at the Summer Fete last July and have organised two Sing for Joy sessions in November 2016 and March 2017, welcoming the congregation to enjoy singing some of Rock Shop's favourites as well as introducing new hymns.

Christine, Debbie, Lynn and Matthew would like to thank everyone who joined us for those sessions and Nick Symonds, Charlie Warren, Isabel May, Nicola Dunford, Hazel Wilkes and Dave Harding for playing with us this year.

Christine Dunford

25. Cre8

Cre8 was formed in July 2016 and has been running once a month on a Friday evening, following Matthew Ashley's ideas from Spring Harvest, to provide an alternative, informal service for children aged 8 to 18 and their families. Activities and worship are interactive and based around a different Bible Story or Theme for each session.

The young people have enjoyed contributing their ideas and thoughts to discussions raised, as well as joining in with fun and creative activities - such as photographing and sharing

images around the church for Creation, tower building for Babel, paper boat building and racing for Noah's Ark, creating technicolour dream coats for Joseph, plus treasure hunts, fact finding and sharing.

Matthew, Christine, Lynn and Debbie have worked hard to get this project off the ground and would like to thank church wardens and Jeanette for their recent support. Cre8 has recently been invited to integrate their style of worship into All Age Services to encourage more interaction with young people.

Christine Dunford

26. Flower Arrangers' Report 2016 - 2017

I am pleased to be able to report on another successful year in which the church has had a good display of flowers throughout the year. However, this could not be achieved without the members of the congregation who kindly sponsor the flowers each week, so our grateful thanks go out to them all, for their generous sponsorship, the special gift of lilies at Eastertide, and for their continued support, which means that no church funds are used to decorate the church.

Thanks are due to my fellow team mates, Marian Duncombe, Jean Balchin, Carole Deverill, Valerie Duncombe, Ann Rawlings, Linda Wallbank and our newest recruit, Helen Boulter, their hard work and dedication throughout the year is very much appreciated. Thanks also go to Alan Ketley and Pauline Hole for setting up the Easter Garden last year (and hopefully this) and to all those who have helped at festivals and other busy times, particularly Brenda Iott, Rosemary Tyson and Pat Church to name but a few. I feel it would be wrong not to extend our thanks to Nash & Sons who each year supply the beautiful Easter lilies which play such an important part in the floral displays for this very important festival, their advice and support is very much appreciated.

In addition to the weekly arrangements, the Flower Team, together with other volunteers, produce the small posies which are blessed and handed out to members of the congregation on Mothering Sunday a tradition which I am sure all recipients appreciate.

As always we would welcome more people to become involved with the flower arranging. The flowers are usually arranged by one or two members of the team on a Friday morning but this is not set in stone! If Friday mornings are not convenient they can be arranged at any time before the Sunday services providing the church is not being used, details of which can be found on the pew sheets. Help will always be given to new members of the team; to start with you would work with one of the existing team until you feel confident. Flower arranging is a lovely way to serve the church and to give pleasure to all, as well as giving glory to God. It can be a very relaxing and uplifting pastime, so why not give it a go? If you are interested and would like more information, please speak to one of the team who will be happy to give you details, no experience is necessary, we will help you!

Jo Towers & Barbara Bannister

27. Boyn Hill Tuesday Club

Another year and the Tuesday Club has had an excellent programme, with very interesting speakers arranged by my hard working Secretary and friend Linda. We started our programme with a talk on the Holy Land by Michael Ansell, followed by talks entitled :

Apples and Pears
Meet the Author
The Kingdom of the Ice Bear

Christmas flowers and Social with our Jo and helpers is always very popular with our members, as is the Quiz Night run by Douglas and Stella.

Behind the scenes at All Saints Church, told to us by Christine – we all found that very interesting. I did not realise how much work went on behind the altar.

Our latest talk – Thames Crossings by Tony Western - was all about the bridges crossing the Thames, dating back to the 11/12th century. I would have found the information very useful when walking the Thames Path with friends!

The last of our programme, still to come –

A Chinese wedding and other Oriental Experiences
Ladysmith to the Somme
The Great Train Robbery
John Harrison talking

We are hosting, with Father Jeremy, the important Deanery Festival in June. We invite St Peters' and Cookham clubs. St Luke's does not have a club now, but we still invite some of the ladies who belonged to the club.

To end the year, we finish with a ramble organized by Jan and Mike.

Our membership continues to be very healthy: we all enjoy our meetings and the chats with friends after the talks.

Brenda Ilott

28. 8th Maidenhead Rainbow Guides 2016



(We have permission from parents to circulate this image) – Visit to 3 Discovery Centre

Report from 8th Maidenhead Rainbows 2016

Rainbows are the youngest section of Girlguiding UK, from 5 – 7 yrs old. Our unit has typically 18 girls and meets for an hour each Friday during term time at the Parish Centre. We have recently increased the number of places we offer from 15 to 18 to give more girls the opportunity to attend. The leaders are Nina Heavyside (Fox) and Heather Noyce (Hedgehog), supported by our unit helper Katryn Head (Cat) and our young leader Abigail Dennis (Butterfly). Nina took over the running of the unit in Sept 16 after the previous leader Marie Taylor moved aboard. Nina has over 12 years of experience as a leader and commissioner in guiding and also runs a guide unit in Taplow.

We run a hugely varied programme each term, focused on the Rainbow moto 'Look, Learn, Laugh, Love', encouraging the girls to try new activities, work as a team and learn about themselves and the world around them whilst having in fun.

We have learnt about basic first aid and the importance of teeth brushing. Earned our First Aid for Rainbows, Enchanted Tales and Get Messy badges. Hunted for Easter eggs and cuddly hedgehogs in the quadrangle. Make sock puppets, Mother's Day presents, bracelets, edible mud pies and tie dyed t-shirts,

We have also been out and about. We have visited the trampolining centre in Slough 'Jump In' and the 3 Discovery Centre on Maidenhead High Street where we had fun creating videos to promote being a Rainbow. We thoroughly enjoyed the Maidenhead Drama Guild pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the town hall just before Christmas.

As well as activities during our unit meetings, we have had the opportunity to join up with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the rest of Maidenhead Division to celebrate Thinking Day and enjoy activities at Rainbow Riots. We also enjoyed a very noisy and enthusiastic singsong and demonstration of our Africa dancing skills at the Christmas Variety Performance.

If you know of any adults or older teenagers that are keen to get involved and keep our unit running, please get in touch. 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. Most Rainbow Units in the area have very long waiting lists so if the child is already 5, it is advisable to register them on a Brownie waiting list.

Marie Taylor

29. All Saints Parish Centre and the Users Group Committee

The Parish Centre is a much valued resource for All Saints Church; it is "home" to several key Church and community groups which, together offer local people the opportunity to enjoy a range of activities and events.

Church groups regularly meeting in the Parish Centre include: "Tiny Saints", Young Saints, Mothers Union and the Tuesday Club. It also provides a valuable meeting place for a number of local community groups including: The Mother & Toddler Group, Beavers, Rainbows, Boyne Hill Close Management Committee, and Helen Styles, a violin teacher.

The Church also holds celebratory events in the Parish Centre – not least Fr. Jeremy and Monika's wedding celebrations in 2016, and has provided a warm welcome and hospitality for many visitors including clergy and key speakers. It is also used on occasions for larger Church meetings including the PCC, PMC / MIT and Extended PCC Meetings.

The Parish Centre is used regularly by the local community as the venue for events such as children's parties, baptism parties, "celebration of life" gatherings, pre-wedding receptions, drama group rehearsals, Social Services for "Family Conferences" and as a polling station.

Representatives of the regular user groups serving on the Parish Centre Users' Group Committee meet with representatives from the Church to discuss the hiring arrangements, health and safety and fire evacuation procedures; any issues or concerns are shared and generally resolved, or action plans agreed where necessary.

The Parish Centre Hire Agreement is reviewed regularly and was updated this year in response to the need to clarify the booking arrangements and the facilities provided to those booking the hall on a one-off basis; the PCC also took this opportunity to review and update the hiring fees in light of information gathered from other local Church halls.

Janet Emerson, our Booking Clerk, continues to provide an excellent service and is a valuable point of contact for both our regular user groups as well as those wishing to make a single booking of the hall. Sylvia Denison continues to manage the day to day care of the Parish Centre 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 2016 the PCC appointed a new Financial Officer, Hannah Wilson, Treasurer, and Finance Administrator, Sue Stannett. Hannah and Sue have updated the financial arrangements for

the Parish Centre and put them on a more regular footing which is of great help to all regular users. We look forward to working with Hannah and Sue going forward.

Whilst it has not been possible for the Parish Centre Users' Committee to meet regularly this year any issues experienced by users, regular or otherwise, are brought to the attention of the Parish Office and dealt with as quickly as possible. However we hope to meet more regularly in 2017 as the Committee's meetings provide a very useful forum for discussing the use of the Parish Centre and ways for improving and enhancing this valuable facility.

Stella Harding

30. All Saints Web Site and Social Media

The new All Saints website has been active for over two years now and is proving to be a good vehicle for communications and information for both our congregation and potential new members and visitors to All Saints Church. Several new members and visitors have commented that the website was a useful source of information before they came to/visited All Saints.

The site was kindly been constructed by Martin Whitehurst, who has now moved, and is based upon a Content Management System (CMS), and uses a purchased template from "PresenceChurch", which is designed for Church Use.

There is an explanatory video on YouTube for new and potential users of the website. This is very interesting and informative and it is worth viewing at:-

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-5dG3MvOxoncjs3SuOmggg>

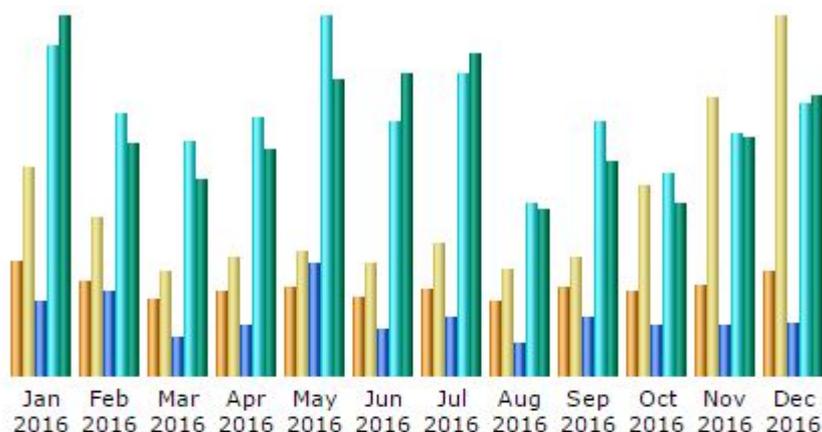
(Please note that there are direct links to the YouTube video, along with the All Saints Facebook page and Twitter feed on the front page of the website.)

Following Martin's move away Simon Fullarton kindly took over the technical aspects of the website along with organising and managing hosting and back-ups. Maintenance of the content and calendars is the responsibility of the relevant "page-owners!"/"event owners".

The website continues to be regularly attracting between 20 and 40 unique visitors per day; with between 10 and 20 of these being new visitors. The numbers significantly increase around major festivals/events (such as Holy Week and the hosting of the Deanery Synod at All Saints). There are usually between 200 and 700 page views per day – a page view includes, for example, looking at a calendar event, a pew sheet, an image and a news item. There are a high level of "hits" – this includes viewing every component on a page (images, text, content blocks, calendar entries etc) and as such mainly impact upon the use of bandwidth (the amount of web traffic between the sites host and the user/viewer).

Due to the increased usage of the web-site Simon upgraded the web hosting package during the year which has ensured that the site is more responsive.

The table below gives an indication of the use being made of the site:-



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2016	913	1,661	9,076	39,671	2.17 GB
Feb 2016	753	1,256	10,182	31,624	1.40 GB
Mar 2016	617	834	4,672	28,133	1.19 GB
Apr 2016	674	942	6,067	31,016	1.36 GB
May 2016	709	991	13,452	43,189	1.79 GB
Jun 2016	624	899	5,557	30,645	1.82 GB
Jul 2016	688	1,054	7,073	36,305	1.95 GB
Aug 2016	599	851	3,840	20,787	1.01 GB
Sep 2016	697	935	7,016	30,703	1.30 GB
Oct 2016	674	1,511	6,223	24,385	1.05 GB
Nov 2016	719	2,208	6,221	29,189	1.45 GB
Dec 2016	829	2,849	6,441	32,666	1.70 GB
Total	8,496	15,991	85,820	378,313	18.19 GB

As the site develops and matures it is holding significant amounts of information. As well as information on the Church, Church groups and organisations, calendar events etc., there is also a store of past pewsheets, annual reports, accounts and documents such as Elizabeth Bryson’s excellent research into the fallen of All Saints.

These documents can all be downloaded from the web-site. It is interesting to note that during 2016 the most downloaded items were Elizabeth Bryson’s excellent research into the fallen of All Saints.

In order to ensure that the site remains current and informative with accurate calendars it has been designed for the leaders/page owners/calendar owners to directly maintain their pages/calendars.

However the content delegation is still largely unconstructed, with few people stepping forward to take responsibility for their areas of ownership. For the site to continue to be current and useful requires the page owners to both take ownership, be trained and to maintain their pages/areas/calendars. This is pending completion following a further review of ownership with the PCC/page owners. In the interim the site content is being maintained at a relatively low level by one of the Church Wardens whilst we seek both an Editor/Co-ordinator to pull together all the content/content owners and to ensure that the content owners are able to, and do, maintain their areas.

As web technology develops it is quite likely that the site will need to be upgraded to a new version which will require time and expertise, both in design and to ensure that information is ported. It is hoped that this can be planned for when such time and expertise is available.

The website has tremendous potential for development which depends upon people having both the time and motivation to do this. With development the site can, amongst other uses, be used to proactively send out information when uploaded to people who have requested this. Using these features, along with rota and other information, would help reduce administration time whilst also improving communication for our congregation along with and promoting All Saints to new visitors.

Facebook

In conjunction with the website we also have an All Saints Church Facebook page which can be seen at:-

<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsBoyneHill>

Please do visit. This is only being used sporadically at the moment and if anyone wishes to be registered as an “admin” to enable posting and updating please do let the office know. The more vibrant this page can be maintained will mean that the All Saints Church will be more informative and attractive to users.

Twitter

We also have a very active Twitter feed at:-

<https://twitter.com/AllSaintsBHill>

This is kindly being maintained by Julia Wakeling and has attracted 111 “followers” (having made 860 “tweets”). Please do visit if you have not already done so.

Future

Overall the website and social media activity, as well as acting as a vehicle for communication, give All Saints a great opportunity to both spread the Word of God and to help make the Church attractive to people of all ages.

It is hoped that we can generate enthusiasm and support to both maintain, and develop, this important channel of communication in today’s society.

Rod Broad