

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year and I hope that you were able to enjoy a happy and peaceful Christmas. We begin the New Year with plenty to give thanks to God for. We were able to celebrate all the Advent and Christmas services we had planned including a well-supported Christingle service and a beautiful Nine Lessons and Carols. Thank you to Anne Clark who, along with a group of volunteers, made the Christingles and a good number of families attended the service. Thank you to Brian for enabling us to enjoy a wonderful evening of Christmas carols and music. The choir was excellent and we were able to enjoy minced pies and mulled wine afterwards.

In the week leading up to Christmas we celebrated the wonderful life of Ella Titchener who gave so much to the church community here. Ella supported baptism families but offered a ministry of welcome, hospitality, intelligence, and hard work to us all. On the Thursday of that week, we held the funeral service of Vivien Paterson who supported Tiny Saints, Senior Saints and Mothers' Union and enjoyed discussion at study groups. As we move into the New Year, we will mark the funeral of Marjorie Pocock who gave her time, and energy to the choir and the music at All Saints which enables us to worship God.

Sadly, this past week we heard of the news of the death of Joan Poolman. Joan who worshipped at St George's in Larchfield for many years and then moved to worship at All Saints gave much both to the church community and the wider community. Joan played a large part in the success of Larchfield Open Table when she was in her 80's and into her 90's. Joan would welcome families and serve the meals to the people. In the wider community Joan, for many years, gave time to 'Meals on Wheels' and the King George V Club. Joan will be missed by many people, and we keep her daughter, Barbara, and her family in our prayers.

Our traditional Christmas services all took place despite the latest Covid variant and we had a wonderful Crib Service with over 120 parents, grandparents and children enjoying the Christmas Story and singing Christmas carols. The Midnight Mass and Christmas morning service took place and although numbers were modest there was a good feeling of people wanting to worship the birth of Christ.

On St Stephen's day Brian Graves gave an excellent talk on carols. The Coventry Carol which spoke of the Holy Innocents and the search for peace was particularly helpful to me. Finally in Christmas week a number of us shared the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion service. It was lovely to share this beautiful service following a long break.

Next Sunday we will celebrate our first All Age service of the year as we celebrate 'The Baptism of Christ.' We are also hoping to celebrate Barbara Bannister's 90th birthday at that service.

Looking forward to the Sunday 16 January we will welcome the Archdeacon of Reading, The Ven Stephen Pullin, for the licensing of Fr John Ainslie. We all look forward to Fr John returning to All Saints, to serve as a priest within the parish. You are all welcome to join this Epiphany Tide Eucharist to be present at the licensing.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the flower arrangers who worked so hard to prepare the Christmas decorations. Thank you also to Ann and Chris Rawlings for the Christmas Tree and Alan Ketley and Pauline Hole for the Christmas Crib.

Congratulations to Ken Smith as he received the wonderful news that his grandson Elliot and his wife Sophie have had a healthy baby boy, Hugo Alexander, weighing in at 7lbs 2ozs. Congratulations to Grandad the Great!

RESOURCES

Thursday 6 January	8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre
Friday 7	<i>1130am Funeral Service for Marjorie Pocock at Caversham Crematorium</i>
Saturday 8	Baptism Preparation in the Parish Centre
Sunday 9	10.00am Eucharist for The Baptism of Christ It would be lovely to welcome families to this All-age service.
Tuesday 11	<i>1.30pm Altwood Christian Union</i>
Wednesday 12	10.00am Eucharist

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 15 January PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL Saturday 19 February.

Sunday 16 January 10.00am Epiphany Tide Eucharist and the licensing of Fr John Ainslie by the Archdeacon of Berkshire, The Venerable Stephen Pullin.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Loving God, we come to worship. You have called each of us by name, we belong to you. Pour out your Spirit on us, we pray, that may know your love in our lives.

Beloved of God, come, turn to Christ. When Jesus was baptised in the Jordan and the Holy Spirit descended upon him, he knew he was beloved by God. Let us know the warmth of God's love.

We pray for our schools as teachers, support staff and students return. May our schools be safe places to learn and offer each child the opportunity to learn skills that will help them to become the person God called them to be.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Christel Kirschner, Ursula Hutchison, Birmta Zadinane and Kirsty Banner.

We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of Baptism, were close to you in this life and are now with you in eternal life. By your grace, may we and they be one in you. We pray for Vivien Paterson, Marjorie Pocock, Linda Sugarman, Joan Poolman, and Ruth Russell and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 9 January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

COLLECT

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; 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 for ever. Amen

N T READING Acts 8: 14 - 17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

GOSPEL Luke 3: 15 - 17, 21 - 22

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

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

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

If you're interested in knowing more about what we are planning to do as a church and how you can contribute, please look out for the sign-up list at the back of Church.

Flowers for 2022

There are still some dates available on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name against a week you would like to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see or to celebrate anniversaries, that special birthday or occasion. Sponsoring a week ensures that we can have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC funds of any cost whatsoever. We are sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and would like to thank you in anticipation for your continued support. Please note, Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to her and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

The Flower Team