

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

I begin this week by saying thank you to all the volunteers who worked hard on Friday and Saturday to start the first part of the process to return to the church for worship. It was wonderful to see so many people helping to move furniture and cleaning and dusting the building and contents. This week there will be more work on the floor as well as re-instating the radiators, finishing installation of the new sound system and cleaning the wooden floor at the back of the church. We will require help this Saturday and on Thursday and Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November when the work of Cliveden will be complete. We need people to support us getting the church ready for the wedding on 20<sup>th</sup> November and the Eucharist and Baptism on 21<sup>st</sup> November.

On Sunday there were just over 40 brave souls who worshipped in a freezing church. As a consequence, I rushed through the service and my voice sounded like I had put my old 33RPM on the 78RPM on my old record player! As I spoke rather quickly so as people did not suffer being in the church too long, I am typing up the talk that I intended to give on the COP 26 taking place in Glasgow from the 1-10 November.

Texts Mark 12. 38-44 and Mark 1. 14-20

I would be surprised if the majority of you present today are not aware of COP 26 which is taking place at Glasgow from the 1-10 this month. As Christians we have a responsibility to sustain the world God gave us including living beings. I believe about 200 countries are represented as they discuss and then God willing, act upon the promises made.

COP 26 is the Conference of Parties established by the UN in 1995 (COP1) and delegates agreed in 2015 in Paris to keep global warming below 2C and aim for 1.5C to avoid a climate catastrophe. In recent times we have witnessed extreme weather, heatwaves, floods and forest fires caused by warming due to emissions from fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas.

What has been agreed at COP 26?

+ Trees – more than 100 world leaders have promised to tackle deforestation which is important as trees absorb vast amounts of CO<sub>2</sub>.

+ Methane – More than 100 countries have joined a scheme to cut methane emissions by 30% by 2030. Sadly, China and Russia did not have senior representatives making commitments.

+Coal – More than 40 countries have agreed to move away from coal, the single biggest contributor to climate change. Some of the most dependant countries including Australia, India, China and USA haven't signed this agreement.

+ Money – I read that 450 organisations controlling 130 trillion dollars (Around 40% of the global assets) have agreed to back clean technology to develop for example renewable energy.

Also, one hundred billion dollars will be made available to give to poorer nations. It is reported that developing countries tend to pollute less per head of population, but they experience the worst effects of climate change. They need money to help with their efforts to reduce emissions and carbon footprint.

How will we know if success has been seen? UK wants all participants to recommit to net zero by 2050. Also, the specific pledges like deforestation and methane issues need to be adhered to. Clearly the developing countries need financial support.

What about us as individuals and communities?

St David said, 'Do the small things well.' Mother Teresa of Calcutta added and 'with love'.

+ Recycling – do not put in your blue bin carrier bags, crisp packets, pet food pouches, frozen food bags. You can surprisingly in my view put shampoo and conditioner bottles, cleaning and bleach bottles, foil and aerosols. Basically, if its plastic and bottle shaped it's ok.

More complicated on plastic tubs containing ready meals. Some councils do recycle these others don't. Pizza boxes can be re-cycled but eat all the pizza first and clear off any excess cheese! Coffee cups no, no, no apparently. You need to take your coffee cup back to the coffee shop.

Please do not put microwaves, frying pans, parts of televisions, or even jeans and tights in the recycle bin. The jeans and tights can tangle the machinery. Also, no nappies, sanitary products, dog poo, dead animals, syringes as unbelievably some people do put these in the re-cycling. Note someone has to hand pick these items of poor animals back out!

More positively plastics and glass are separated out and processed. Aluminium and other metals can be re-melted and turned into new things like bicycles. Good news is that 9 out of 10 people in the UK recycle saving 18 million tonnes of CO2 per year which is like taking 12 million cars off the road.

What else can we do?

1. Insulate our homes and switch off lights and appliances when not in use.
2. Cut out food wastage and cut down on red meat. Livestock creates 14% of all greenhouse gases so reduce dairy and red meat. This may be a fast for Lent this year. World wastes 25% -30% of its food. This is a disaster. I wrote a blog on this last year. It is not just the waste and the loss of trees to enable some of this food to be offered but also many people are starving.
3. Drive less and fly less. Transport is responsible for nearly a quarter of carbon dioxide global emissions. This is a tough one and there has been an interesting debate on people wanting to visit loved ones in different countries. We can walk or cycle more to the shops or indeed to church. All Saints will be providing cycle racks in the churchyard before long. At least one person walked from the other side of Maidenhead yesterday and one cycled from a good distance too. We can also share car journeys. Electric cars are being promoted but they are still very expensive. In terms of CO2 emissions domestic flights are the worst followed by long haul, then car (With one passenger), bus, car with (Four passengers) Domestic rail, coach then EuroStar. So, we can all pop off to Parish for a trip!

4. Think before you buy. I find this staggering, but my jeans used 3,781 litres of water to make through cotton production, manufacture, transport and washing. We might want to rent clothes (Yes this is being suggested) or buy second hand. Certainly, do not go out and buy clothes every day of the week as Boohoo and others would like us to do! When you buy your new washing machine check that it is energy efficient.

What advice may we find from Pope Francis?

In 2015 he wrote *Laudato Si* and reminded us that St Ignatius of Loyola wrote that ‘We can find God in all things.’

Here is a list of a few of the themes;

1. Concern for the poor and for the earth should be linked.
2. Everything is connected – all lives are connected on an ecological level and consumption of the global North affects those of Global South.
3. We should be wary of the throw away society.
4. We should value people and not seek profit at all costs.
5. Stress the importance of each living creature and the need for Biodiversity.
6. Need for honest debate – many of us live comfortable lives where choices can be made where as others can’t decide what they eat.
7. The throwaway society goes as far as human beings. We see people trafficking and widespread exploitation of those considered dispensable.

Finally, our two Gospel messages;

Mark 1: 14-20 – Give up your security as the fishermen were called to do to bring the kingdom qualities to this world.

Mark 12: 38-44 – Our actions may be very small, but the text shows the value of small things done well. Jesus looks at the value of sacrifice and perhaps says beware of politicians who make fine speeches but who do not see the big decisions through.

**Good News** We give thanks for the birth on 6 November of Elliott Michael Albert Holmes, a third grandchild for Jeanette Lock. Congratulations to parents Alison and James and to Jeanette, of course.

## RESOURCES THIS WEEK

### Thursday 11 November

2.45pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*  
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

### Friday 12 November

10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

### Saturday 13 November

9.00am – 1.00pm *Diocesan Conference*  
From 10.00am Church Working Party. See Ken’s article on p 6

### Sunday 14 November

10.00am Eucharist in Church for Remembrance Sunday  
12 noon Baptism of Mason Curtis  
3.30pm Meeting for Young Saints Leaders in the Parish Centre  
6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX for Remembrance Sunday on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRlZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349 Passcode: 945101

**Tuesday 16 November** 9.00am *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

**Wednesday 17 November** 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

**Advance notice:**

**Sunday 28 November**

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

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Let us pray for the hope of the world and for the needs of all people.

We pray for our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and for all the Royal Family.

We pray for peace and justice in our world, for an end to war and conflict, for the leaders of all nations and people, and for those who make peace and foster reconciliation.

We give thanks for the ministry of the Royal British Legion over 100 years and their support to so many families impacted by conflict over that time.

For Friendship and trust among us all; for an appreciation of our interdependence; for the new partnerships between the nations, and for a world that is in harmony with itself.

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

We pray for all the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Charlie Mackesy 'What do we do when our hearts hurt?' asked the boy

'We wrap them with friendship, shared tears and time, till they wake hopeful and happy again.'

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

*Fr Jeremy*

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

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

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

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

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

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

and the loan of:

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

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

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

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

*Fr Jeremy, Jayne Chapman, Tanya Fullarton, Stella Harding*

## **SUPPORT NEEDED FOR REORGANISING IN THE CHURCH**

Further to the very successful days last Friday and Saturday in order finally to restore the church to its normal state we hope some of you might find time to help on some further dates with moving and cleaning. Cliveden are continuing to work until 19 November and we are fitting in with their activities in order to prepare the church.

## **SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER FROM 10.00AM**

We want to use this day to see if there are yet more furniture and fittings that we can place in their permanent positions.

## **THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 18 AND 19 NOVEMBER FROM 10.00am**

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

## **BRASS CLEANING**

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

*Ken Smith*

## **Worship for Sunday 14 November REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

### **Sounds of Worship**

**Brian Graves**

Remembrance Sunday evokes a wide variety of emotions and covers a variety of themes. First and foremost it is a time to reflect on the sacrifices of the armed forces in the service of the Queen and country, defence of freedom and preservation of peace. For many this creates a sense of national pride and duty. In more recent times it has made us aware of the sacrifices of many other "front-line" people to protect and provide for the well-being of others.

The theme of sacrifice for the good of all is the core of Christ's passion and provides us with the courage not to fear death but live in the confidence of a better life to come.

The first is "Who would true valour see" AM 823 words by John Bunyan (1628 – 1688) and sung to Monks Gate, an English traditional melody adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958).

The theme of courage and determination against all types of enemies is the basis of the words of this hymn. It also has a swashbuckling feel to it, for example, our Pilgrim hero strives with Hobgoblins and foul fiends. However, the language has been much altered depending on the sensibilities of the times of its use. When it was included in the first edition of the English Hymnal in 1906, the hobgoblin disappeared and replaced with the rather more anodyne line: "Since, Lord, thou dost defend us with thy Spirit"

"Who would true valour see" is the only hymn John Bunyan is credited with writing. It first appeared in Part 2 of *The Pilgrim's Progress*, written in 1684. The hymn recalls the words of Hebrews 11:13: "...and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."

John Bunyan was an English writer and Puritan preacher best remembered as the author of the Christian allegory *The Pilgrim's Progress*. In addition to *The Pilgrim's Progress*, Bunyan wrote nearly sixty titles, many of them expanded sermons.

Bunyan came from the village of Elstow, near Bedford. He had some schooling and at the age of sixteen joined the Parliamentary Army during the first stage of the English Civil War. After three years in the army he returned to Elstow and took up the trade of a metal worker, which he had learned from his father. He became interested in religion after his marriage, attending first the parish church and then joining the Bedford Meeting, a nonconformist group in Bedford, and becoming a preacher. After the restoration of the monarch, when the freedom of nonconformists was curtailed, Bunyan was arrested and spent the next twelve years in jail as he refused to give up preaching. During this time, he wrote a spiritual autobiography, *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners*, and began work on his most famous book, *The Pilgrim's Progress*, which was not published until some years after his release.

Bunyan's later years, in spite of another shorter term of imprisonment, were spent in relative comfort as a popular author and preacher, and pastor of the Bedford Meeting. He died aged 59 after falling ill on a journey to London and is buried in Bunhill Fields. *The Pilgrim's Progress* became one of the most published books in the English language with more 1,300 editions having been printed by after the author's death.

When it was included in the first edition of the English Hymnal, the editor Ralph Vaughan Williams, adapted a melody taken from the traditional song "Our Captain Cried All Hands" which he collected in the hamlet of Monk's Gate in West Sussex – hence the name of "Monks Gate" by which the melody is referred to in hymn books.

1. Who would true valour see,  
let them come hither;  
one here will constant be,  
come wind, come weather;  
there's no discouragement  
shall make me once relent  
my first avowed intent  
to be a pilgrim.
2. Who so beset me round  
with dismal stories,  
do but themselves confound,  
my strength the more is.  
No lion can him fright:  
He'll with a giant fight,  
but I will have the right  
to be a pilgrim.
3. Hobgoblin nor foul fiend  
can daunt my spirit;  
he knows he at the end  
shall life inherit.  
Then, fancies, fly away;  
He'll not what men say;  
he'll labour night and day  
to be a pilgrim.

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From the theme of courage we turn next to the commitment to service and seeking the path of earthly and heavenly peace in "I vow to thee my country" words by Sir Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859 – 1918) AM 579 to the tune Thaxted by Gustav Holst (1874 – 1934).

Spring-Rice wrote the original poem on which this hymn is based either in 1908 or 1912. It was entitled *Urbs Dei* (The City of God) or the *Two Fatherlands*. The poem describes how a Christian owes loyalties to both homeland and the heavenly kingdom.

The final line of the second verse is based on Proverbs 3:17, "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace" in the context of which the feminine pronoun refers to Wisdom.

In 1908, Spring Rice was posted to the British Embassy in Stockholm. In 1912, he was appointed as Ambassador to the United States of America, where he influenced the administration of Woodrow Wilson to abandon neutrality and join Britain in the war against Germany. After the United States entered the war, he was recalled to Britain. Shortly before his departure from the US in January 1918, he re-wrote and renamed *Urbs Dei*, significantly altering the first verse to concentrate on the themes of love and sacrifice, creating a more sombre tone in view of the dreadful loss of life suffered in the Great War.

The text of the original poem was sent by Spring Rice to William Jennings Bryan in a letter shortly before his death in February 1918.

The poem circulated privately for a few years until it was set to music by Holst, to a tune he adapted from the section called Jupiter in his *Planets* Suite. It was performed as a unison song with orchestra in the early 1920s, and it was finally published as a hymn in 1925/6 in *Songs of Praise* also, incidentally, edited by Vaughan-Williams. The tune is called Thaxted, after the village in Essex where Holst lived for many years.

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
we may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
and soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
and her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

I vow to thee, my country AM 579 Thaxted <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6ZvylOSy5A>

## COLLECT

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen



## EPISTLE      HEBREWS 10: 11 - 25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,' he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## GOSPEL      MARK 13: 1 - 8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still causing even greater hardship for some children and show God's love and bring some joy. Please read the attached note for details of how you can contribute. We have our own donation page on the OCC website this year to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form> If you have any questions, please contact me at [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk). See how easy it is!



9<sup>th</sup> time this year. Last year we donated who don't have much. This wasn't amazing! The coronavirus pandemic is their families, and this is one way to

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

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Calling all Children's Society Box Holders. Collection will be challenging again this year due to closure of the church building and my personal circumstances of not being able to attend services regularly. So I think we can do this in a number of different ways as listed below.

- Send a cheque (made out to 'The Children's Society') to me at the address below
- Bring your box when you attend church service on Sunday or Wednesday. If I'm not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house (only 500 yards down the road.)
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house if you are unable to go out.

You all have my phone number on your box so please call if you need further clarification, assistance or want to discuss anything with me. My address: 46, Boyn Hill Road SL6 4HJ

Many thanks for your continued support. It makes a real difference to hundreds of children and enables the Society to continue their work.

*Anne Clark*

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

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

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