

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

As I write this edition of Parish News, I am looking forward to a Valentine's supper cooked by Monika. In case anyone is concerned I have given her a card, and, via Waitrose, found a starter and dessert to play my part. This morning I listened to some brief discussions on the Nicky Campbell show about what true love is. It is certainly not, said the expert, 'Love at first sight' that is just lust. Plenty of pop bands have written songs on the subject such as the Beatles and 'All you Need Is Love'. It's a lovely song but it does perhaps ask us the question what type of love?

At the last wedding I officiated at the couple chose two readings. One was from the first letter of John chapter 4, and the second from Paul's letter to the Colossians. Paul speaks about the qualities of a loving community that partake of the Body of Christ, listen to His word and then attempt to live that word. God gave us His son Jesus, a vulnerable baby boy who grew to be a man who gave his life on a cross, a great act of love that offers us transformed life.

We as Baptised members of the Body of Christ are called to live lives filled with the gifts of the Spirit, tender heartedness, kindness, humility, the desire to forgive one another, the love that holds a relationship together and also a community together. In John's letter (1 John 4. 7-12) we discover the source of love. Love through creation and a world with meaning and order. God giving us life, God redeeming us through Christ and then sending us His Holy Spirit that we might use our gifts not just for ourselves but for the community.

When we lose someone we love who gave of their best, the pain we feel can be awful. I have been asked to read Dylan Thomas' 'Do not go gentle into that good night' at a funeral. Thomas is thought to have written this poem for his father as he faced the end of his life. Within two years of publication not only had his father died but three of his friends, an unborn son and of course his own life had ended. The poem speaks about a good person's life being full of light and energy and inspiration. Of course, as the stanzas of the poem unfold, we hear about wise men, good men, wild men, grave men and then the much-loved father. All look back at regrets of what was left undone, the wise man perhaps sad to think that his ideas will not live on.

We are not called to be perfect, but we can fight against death, though it comes to us all, knowing that each one of us can play a small part in improving the world we live in by responding to God's love by using our gifts. We also believe that we do not need 'go gentle into that good night' as Fr John wrote last week 'the knowledge that love is stronger than death' gives us hope of new and transformed life.

Lent Retreat Opportunity at Walsingham – please contact Fr John if you would like further information.
Prayer Intentions
May we all be blessed by God’s love this week,
Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Thursday 17 February** 9.15am Morning Prayer in Church
2.45pm & 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre
- Friday 18** 9.00am & 9.30am *Assemblies on the Theme of ‘Going for Goals’ at All Saints School*
10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre** *Lent & Zaccheus*
- Saturday 19** 10.00am – 12.15pm **Sustainability Open Morning in the Parish Centre**
- Sunday 20** 10.00am Eucharist for the **Second Sunday Before Lent**
6.00pm **Sundays@Six on Zoom led by the Church of the Good Shepherd**
Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128
- Wednesday 23** 10.00am Eucharist (**Book of Common Prayer**)

Lent Retreat Opportunity. Some of you will know the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham. They are offering a mid-week Lenten Retreat towards the end of March; this will be mainly silent, with addresses and a daily Eucharist in the Shrine Church. If you would like further details, please ask Fr John or consult www.walsinghamanglican.org.uk.

SAD NEWS about Doreen Jamieson.

The funeral service of Doreen who gave so much to the life of All Saints Church community through her ministry in the Parish Office will take place most at Slough Crematorium on Tuesday 1 March at 11.00am. You may note that Doreen, who spent much of her early life in Aberdare, South Wales, will have her funeral service on St David’s Day! Please pray for Doreen’s son, Clive and all the family at this sad time.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for the peaceful resolution to the tensions over Ukraine.

We continue to pray for humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan, and for negotiations over We pray for the future of the country that it may not collapse further into economic and political chaos. We pray for the ordinary men, women and children of this country.

We pray for Foodshare, Citizens Advice, the Brett Foundation and all organisations offering practical support in these difficult times.

We pray for our Sustainability morning as we discover ways in which we respect God’s creation and become an Eco-Church.

We pray for our schools ministry through our governors, Open the Book Teams and assemblies. Please pray for our next Sundays at 4 service on 27 February as we look at the theme of ‘Compassion.’

We pray for Elisabeth Swinscoe and Theodore Cross on the anniversary of their Baptisms.

For those of our parish and congregation in any kind of need; for the lonely, the anxious and the depressed; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one; for those who are ill at home or in care homes and hospital.

We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Aitkin, Harrison Hawkes and Sally Morgan. May they know God's loving care and healing presence.

For the recently departed: Richard Adams, Paddy Fox, Doreen Jamieson and Neville Ewart Redway. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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COVID UPDATE

Rules are relaxing throughout the country, however you will still want to feel confident in Church. It would be good if people who have any doubts could take a lateral flow test before coming to church just so that people feel safe. It remains important to wear a properly fitting facemask that gives a tight cover over the nose. The time will come when we can enjoy singing again but we need to think of other people first.

Worship for Sunday 20 February The Second Sunday Before Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

NT READING Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

GOSPEL Luke 8: 22 — 25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

MUSIC

Prelude: Elegy *H Darke*

Opening Hymn: AM 702 Lead us heavenly Father, lead us

Mass Setting: Rite A

Gradual: AM 623 Eternal Father, strong to save

Offertory: AM 532 All creatures of our God and King

Communion Anthem: A Clare Benediction

Closing Hymn: AM 691 Jesus shall reign where're the sun

Postlude: Alleluya *W Faulkes*

NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP

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 come along.

To help us gauge numbers, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church or email jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

THE GIVING MACHINE



When you have been to a service since Covid you will have noticed that we do not pass the bags around for the collection. This of course has been to minimise the spread of the disease. Instead, we have placed a collection plate at the back of the church for cash, and also a cashless machine if you prefer to give a donation by card. The latter is easy to use – just tap where it says. It is set for a donation of £5 as this has proved a popular amount but it can be adjusted by you for any amount, or tap twice for example. We will start to pass the plate around again when we judge the time is right. If you prefer you can write a cheque or pay by bank transfer, or, best of all, join the Parish Giving Scheme if you feel able. Just ask Rod, Sue Stannett. or the churchwardens for details.

For your information the running costs of the church are over £2000 per week.

Ken Smith

Flowers for 2022

There are two or three weeks left on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name if there is a week left that you would like to sponsor. Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to Stella and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

The Flower Team

A FINAL MESSAGE FROM QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP

As you may be aware, we are sadly closing our Maidenhead shop on Saturday 19 February. We have so much to be thankful for, and do not want to let this go unmarked, so we would like to invite you to the shop from 2.00pm onwards that day to share in a soft drink and some cake and give thanks for all that has gone before. You might like to use the opportunity to pick up a few last-minute bargains as well!

We would like to thank you for your support over the years, and look forward to continuing to serve you in the years to come, albeit in a slightly different way. Our Wokingham shop is only a short drive away, in a beautiful location (with free parking right by the shop!) and we would love to see you there www.holmeग्रangecraftvillage.co.uk

You can also contact us via our website www.quenchshops.com or use this email address to place orders for collection from Wokingham or for delivery.

Ali Creasey on behalf of the Trustees and Staff of Quench Bookshop

Renaissance Voices Concert in Church 7.00pm Saturday 5 March

A Maidenhead early music choir marking their 22nd anniversary with a special concert in church. Tickets are priced at £15.00. and can be purchased at the door and will include refreshments. Card payments are welcome. The programme will be conducted by a local well-known organist and choir master Robert Jones. This will include Thomas Luis de Victoria's atmospheric Requiem Mass for 6 voices composed in the 16th century and the exuberant Purcell ode written in 1694 on the occasion of the birthday of Queen Mary II, Come Ye Sons of Art. The Purcell will include professional soloists and a band of instrumentalists. You will be very warmly welcomed

MARLOW PLAYERS MURDER MYSTERY SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Calamity in the Cloisters written by Andrew Stafford (gosh, that name seems familiar).

It's set in a suitably anonymous Cathedral, where the passions run high, the opening croquet match sets the scene for vicious tactics and manoeuvring in which the very different and distinctive personalities of a number of cathedral worthies results in the sudden death of one of their number in very curious circumstances. Tickets £10 each from marlowplayers.org.uk.box-office. Bring along your own food and drink for interval picnics.