

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

On 19<sup>th</sup> June this year at the Oxford Diocesan Conference The Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft, gave his presidential address on the G7 meeting that was taking place in Cornwall and looking forward to COP 26 in Glasgow from the 1-12 November 2021. Both Bishop Steven and later Bishop Olivia of Reading pointed towards the 5<sup>th</sup> mark of the Church of England Mission which is to 'Strive to safeguard creation.' The subjects covered were global warming, loss of bio – diversity and eco system, extreme weather conditions and greenhouse gas emissions and the list went on.

The PCC of All Saints has decided to react to the challenge laid down by our Bishops and by the constant news of Sustainability issues by forming a Sustainability Group. This group is at present made up of Ken Smith, Anne Sweeney, Dianne Farmiloe, John Bolodeoku, Jo McMullen, Jenny Wilks and myself. So far John, Dianne and Anne as school governors, are focussing on what we can learn from our schools and how can we support our three church schools as they look at the theme of sustainability within the school communities. Next June there will be a celebration of what the schools have achieved, and we hope to arrange an event to mark not only their work but the church of All Saints efforts too.

Jenny, Jo and Ken have been looking at what activities we have done in the past on creation and sustainability (Limited unless you go back to 2007 Mission) and looking through the questionnaire to become an Eco Church. Headings include 'Worship and Teaching, Buildings, Land, Community and Global Engagement and Lifestyle.' We will be seeking to engage the wider church community in our plans and so we pray that you will join us on this journey.

Jenny Wilks pointed out that September 5<sup>th</sup> is Climate Sunday. This is an initiative calling all our churches across Great Britain to hold a climate focussed service in the lead up to COP 26 in November. Next Sunday the collective action and commitments from local churches across GB and Ireland will be presented to the UK Government at a National Climate Sunday service in Glasgow at 4.00pm. I am hoping to get the link for people from the parish to view on-line having signed up for information.

The two Eucharists this coming Sunday will have the Climate Sunday theme using the readings of the day. The prayers will focus on the theme too. We hope and pray that the Church community of All Saints will support the ministry of the group as we play our small part in sustaining God's creation.

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

**Friday 3 September** No Tiny Saints until **Friday 10 September**

**Sunday 5 September** The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Climate Sunday

**9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre** Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUUFBU3FYclY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

**11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.**

**From 11.00am Multi-Faith Cricket at BHCC**

Starting at 1100am and going throughout the day there will be the Multi Faith Cricket matches at Boyne Hill Cricket Club. If you have enjoyed the recent '100 competition' on the BBC or watched England win the latest test match you may enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our local cricket club.

**Monday 6 September 8.00pm Monday Night Prayer on Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070

Passcode: 587930

Psalm 4, Mark 7: 9-23 Hymn: Through all the changing scenes of life

**Wednesday 8 September** The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre**

*2.30pm Senior Saints Social Gathering at 25 Great Hill Crescent*

**Sunday 12 September 4.00pm Family Service & BBQ in the Quad**

Having had to cancel our latest BBQ last Sunday I am rearranging the last of our summer BBQs for Sunday 12 September It is often the case that the weather is better in September than in August. I hope that this is the case this year!

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

God, creator of our common home, your boundless love includes everyone. Open our hearts and minds to your generous will that we may proclaim Christ's love and justice through words and actions. May we serve the needs of our neighbours within the Community of all creation and may justice flow like rivers.

Loving Father, your Son gave us this meal as an act of remembrance of him, and gave his very self for our salvation. We thank you for the nourishment we receive at your table and pray that the strength we receive here, might give us the courage to share our very selves with those in need; through the Lord who shared himself for our sake. AMEN.

God the Creator has blessed us with all that we need in this life; Go into the world with courage that you might be the channels through which the Lord can bring relief to others.

We pray for all refugees from Afghanistan and other countries that they may be shown compassion by those they seek support from.

We continue to pray for all those preparing for the return to church in the Autumn. We give thanks for the work of Cliveden Conservation and for all those from the community who have worshipped and given of their time and talents in the past. We pray that people will return to the church to play their part once again and for new people to feel a sense of belonging that will lead to participation within the life of the church.

We continue to pray for all people in need. We pray for the country of Afghanistan that peace, dignity, freedom and confidence may reign in the future.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, David Emerson, Doris Winn and Joan Poolman.

We pray for the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Edith Majchrzak and Mandy Rogers. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Mandy is the sister of our one-time curate, Fr Robert Langton. Please remember Fr Robert in your prayers.

Charlie Mackesy: – 'One of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things.' Important perhaps as we consider our call to help sustain God's creation.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## **Worship for Sunday 5 September The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Climate Sunday**

### **Sounds of Worship                  Brian Graves**

This week we have two themes, one based on the gospel and the other is to recognise Climate Sunday. The gospel describes two examples of Jesus healing the sick. In the first example, a Phoenician woman asks Jesus to drive-out an evil spirit from her daughter. Initially there is an exchange between the two of them where Jesus is strangely reluctant to do so. However, he agrees, and the daughter is healed. It is not entirely clear why Jesus reacts in the way he did possibly because there is an element of testing the sincerity of the woman's request. Nevertheless, because the woman is a Gentile, he demonstrates his openness to helping everyone regardless of their origins and affiliations. In the second example, a deaf man is able to hear and speak again. In this example, there is no hesitation about providing the cure but Jesus asks that it is kept a secret. Inevitably, word gets out and everyone is astonished at his miraculous powers. These examples combine Jesus' human responses with his divine powers.

The first hymn focuses on physical infirmities, it is "Thine arm O Lord, in days of old" AM 520 words by Edward Hayes Plumtre (1821 – 1891) set to the tune St Matthew by William Croft.

Plumtre was chaplain of King's College, London, from 1847 to 1868, and the hymn was written in June 1867 for use in the chapel of King's College Hospital. It was first published on a fly-sheet and subsequently appeared in the Appendix (1868) to the First Edition of *Hymns Ancient & Modern*. Since then, it has become one of the most widely known hymns for the sick. In the original text, there was a penultimate verse emphasising that miracles no longer happen, and healing takes place through scientific knowledge. This verse is generally dropped, but otherwise the hymn has not been much altered. The hymn's biblical basis is in the healing miracles of Jesus described in the first nine chapters of St. Mark, particularly Mark 6:53-56.

Unlike much Victorian writing about sickness, the hymn avoids mawkishness and strikes a positive note, with words such as ‘strong’, ‘calmed’, ‘almighty’, ‘deliverer’ and ‘soothe’ stressing both the power and gentleness of God. Like several of Plumptre’s other hymns, it achieves a strong sense of inclusiveness. The first verse describes the sick, with their various afflictions, coming together to seek healing from Jesus. The second verse draws in both those who are able to go about their business and the bedridden, ‘in crowded street, by restless couch’ and links them to those healed in the past ‘by Gennesareth’s shore’. In the third verse, both the healers and the sick ask for God’s help and support and take part together in praising him. This breadth of vision gives the hymn a strength which has ensured its enduring value.<sup>2</sup>

Plumptre was the son of a solicitor. He was educated at home, at King’s College, London, and at University College, Oxford, where he took a ‘double first’ (in Honour Moderations and in Finals). He was a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford (1844-47). He married Theodosia, the sister of the theologian F.D. Maurice, in 1847. He joined the staff of King’s College London, where he was chaplain (1847-68), Professor of Pastoral Theology (1853-63) and Professor of Exegesis (1864-81), and where he did much to encourage higher education for women. Ordained in 1844, he was appointed assistant preacher at Lincoln’s Inn in 1851, prebendary of St. Paul’s in 1863, rector of Pluckley, Kent, in 1869, vicar of Bickley, Kent, in 1873, and Dean of Wells in 1881, where he made an outstanding contribution to the life and work of the cathedral. His contributions to theological scholarship included membership of the Old Testament revision committee, 1869-74, and numerous theological works. Among his other writings were the life of Thomas Ken, translations of Sophocles (1865), Aeschylus (1868) and Dante (1886-87). He published several books of poetry, including *Lazarus and other poems* (1864), *Master and Scholar* (1866), and *Things New and Old* (1884).<sup>3</sup>

William Croft served as a chorister in the Chapel Royal under John Blow, and in 1700 became a Gentleman Extraordinary, and later organist, of that institution. On Blow’s death in 1708 Croft succeeded him as Composer and Master of the Children. In the same year he also succeeded Blow as organist of Westminster Abbey. From 1700 to 1712 he was also organist of St Anne’s, Soho.

In 1713 Croft was awarded the degree of D.Mus at Oxford, on submission of two odes (*‘Laurus cruentas’* and *‘With noise of cannon’*) celebrating the Treaty of Utrecht. In 1724 he published a two-volume collection of his church music, engraved and in score format, under the title *Musica Sacra*.

Although Croft composed accomplished songs, keyboard music, sonatas, and theatre music, his reputation rests mainly upon his church music and odes. These include an anthem, *‘I will give thanks’*, celebrating the battle of Blenheim (1704), and two more, *‘O clap your hands’* and *‘The Lord hath appeared’*, marking the victory at Ramillies (1706). The major influence on him was that of Purcell, on whom some of his works are directly modelled.

The tune St Matthew was originally printed in 1708 in the *New Version of Psalms by Dr Brady and Mr Tate [New Version, Supplement]*, the contents of which are anonymous but this tune is attributed, with relative certainty, to Croft<sup>4</sup>.

1. Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old  
was strong to heal and save;  
it triumphed o'er disease and death,  
o'er darkness and the grave:  
to thee they went, the deaf, the dumb,  
the palsied, and the lame,  
the beggar with his sightless eyes,  
the sick and fevered frame.

2. And lo, thy touch brought life and health,  
gave speech, strength and sight;  
and youth renewed and frenzy calmed  
owned thee, the Lord of light:  
and now, O Lord, be near to bless,  
almighty, as of yore,  
in crowded street, by restless couch,  
as by Gennesareth's shore.
  
3. Be our great deliverer still,  
though Lord of life and death;  
restore and quicken, soothe and bless,  
with thine almighty breath:  
to hands that work, and eyes that see,  
give wisdom's heavenly lore,  
that whole and sick, and weak and strong,  
may praise thee evermore.

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old AM 520 St Matthew <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8pS2XynNxs>  
To recognise Climate Sunday, I have chosen a hymn celebrating creation in all its diverse forms with "All creatures of our God and King" AM 532 based on words by St Francis of Assisi (1182 – 1226) paraphrased by William Draper (1855 – 1933) set to the tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen.

We owe our lives and existence to the bountiful sustenance of God's creation. This hymn gives voice to our celebration of the almighty power of God, our relationship to his creation of the world and life around us and being imbued by His spirit.

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

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

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
*O praise him, O praise him,*  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them his glory also show:  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
  
5. Let all things their creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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

'All creatures of our God and King'

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## COLLECT

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

## EPISTLE James 2: 1 - 10 & 14 – 17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please,' while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there,' or, 'Sit at my feet,' have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

## GOSPEL Mark 7: 24 – 37

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go – the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

## Volunteer Stewards and Walkers needed for Ride & Stride 2021: Saturday 11 September

All Saints will be participating once again in this year's "Ride & Stride", welcoming any riders and striders visiting us in the Parish Centre this year. People can walk, cycle, ride or drive to as many churches as they wish during the day, raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT).

**Volunteer Stewards:** We are looking for volunteers to help provide our usual great All Saints welcome for visitors during the hours of 10.00am and 4.00pm; we will set up hourly slots to cover the day – please do let us know if you can help.

**Walkers:** Fr Jeremy will lead an All Saints team on a walk, possibly visiting the local churches in Maidenhead or following the parish boundary. The length of the walk will be agreed once we have the team in place. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

**“Ride & Stride”** is Berkshire’s annual sponsored ‘cycle, run, walk or drive’ event organised by the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust, (more details can be found at [www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk) under the Ride & Stride tab). It is part of the nationwide Ride & Stride event run by the National Churches Trust ([www.rideandstrideuk.org](http://www.rideandstrideuk.org)).

The aims of the event are:

- to raise money for Berkshire’s churches
- to promote interest in our county’s churches
- to involve people of all ages in a fun outdoor challenge

*\* Sponsorship and donations are divided 50/50 between the church of the participant’s choice and the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust. The Trust will recover the gift aid on eligible donations and will use its share of the funds to help churches in Berkshire with the costs of conservation and renovation. All Saints has already benefitted from support from the Trust; they have given us £10,000 towards the floor project, the largest grant from any external organisation.*

Please let Fr Jeremy, Ken Smith or me know if you would like to act as a Steward, take part in the walk, or sponsor either of these activities.

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### **Cox Green Luncheon Club needs you!**

Cox Green Luncheon Club resumes on Tuesday 7 September. The Club has been running since the 1980s as a joint project between the Church of the Good Shepherd, St Edmund Campion and All Saints. They have lost some helpers since the club had to close due to Covid so new volunteers are needed to join the rota for the kitchen – to peel potatoes, wash up and assist the cooks; also to set up the hall, lay tables and put furniture away after. Please contact Ruby Doughty for more information on 01628 630703 or [rubydoughty@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rubydoughty@yahoo.co.uk).

**FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

There will be no Parish News on Wednesday 22 September

### **REFLECTION by Greg Hurst**

We have reached that moment when a season turns. The nights lengthen. The days, after so much sunshine, have turned cloudy and chilly. What once seemed such a long, hot summer so full of promise and excitement now seems more ephemeral. We have slipped into autumn.

There are repeated references to the seasons throughout both the Old and New Testaments. They add structure and a rhythm to the year. They help us to navigate the future and recall and understand the past. But some transitions are easier than others. The passage from spring to summer so often seems to be one of hope. Changing from autumn to winter seems an acceleration of a process already. Moving from summer to autumn, however, frequently feels a more fundamental shift – and certainly so this year.



Several families we know didn't have a summer holiday at all. Others had theirs cut short by Covid-19 infections, including adults who were vaccinated twice, or had their lives disrupted by instructions to isolate. Many friends of our teenager daughter say the school holidays felt too short, that they don't feel ready to return to school.

Perhaps this is always the case. But we don't know if the autumn will herald another spike in Covid-19 infections, or if schools will again send large groups of pupils home if classmates test positive for the virus.

In some ways, much normality has returned to our everyday lives. And yet, in other ways we know that this pandemic is far from over and we cannot predict its course.