

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

On my ordination to the diaconate, I was given a carving with the words ‘This is what the Lord asks of you. To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.’ The words are taken from the prophet Micah who in the sixth chapter verse 8 responding to what the people of Israel are thinking God desires, responds with those words. Instead of sacrificial offerings of rams or offerings of rivers of oil, or indeed offering of one’s first born as the people thought, God wants us to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

The response Micah seeks to the saving acts of God – the journey with Moses from slavery to freedom in the promised land is to offer love back to the God who first loves us. This weekend as we celebrate All Saints, we think about the people who loved God with all their heart, all their mind, all their soul and all their strength and then loved their neighbour. One of the texts that we use to describe this way of living is the beatitudes found in Matthew 5.1-12. It is the fourth beatitude that I would like to reflect on briefly here.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.’ I am currently studying the beatitudes with our friends from Iran, using Kenneth Bailey’s ‘Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes.’ Bailey reminds us (News images from East Africa highlight the issues in 2022) that the vast majority of the developed world have enough food and clean water. Across the developed world serious sustained thirst is non-existent. The danger is of course that those of us lucky enough to have been born in Britain take food and drink for granted. Most of the Western World does take food and water for granted and perhaps has led us to complacency which leads to the precious gifts of God being wasted.

Kenneth Bailey tells a story of a camel journey in the Sahara Desert in soaring temperatures when their water containers leaked. Eventually his party crawled to a well, but he was frightened and desperate by the time he arrived at the place ‘the wine of God.’ The name given by desert tribesmen in the Middle East for water. Bailey went on to write that he now knew what it meant to seek for righteousness with a single-minded passion, as he had sought with an all-consuming passion to find water!

Of course, we will never be completely righteous. Righteousness is seen in God’s saving acts. Whether that is the Passover from slavery to freedom or God’s gift of new and transformed life in Christ’s sacrifice of death on a cross bringing the hope of resurrection. The act of righteous is seen completely in God’s saving acts but demands a response in righteousness by seeking justice and showing mercy. Whether the person who gave me the gift of Micah’s words all those years ago knew this I am not sure, but I will always be grateful for the reminder. What is clear is that God expects us to respond to his saving acts of love by seeking righteousness

as if we were seeking a drink while lost in a desert or seeking food to feed our two-year-old son/daughter in Somalia.

Of course, we will not live with that intensity of response to God's saving acts of love and mercy. That's why I recall the words of a deeply spiritual man Bill Edwards who worshipped at SS Julius & Aaron in St Julian's, Newport during my curacy. On hearing the beatitudes proclaimed one All Soul's Day he said; 'Father when I die I ask that you and others will pray that I become that person described.' If any of us were to die this night, would we be full of spiritual hunger and thirst, pure in heart and people of peace? In my case I join Bill and find hope in Newman's 'Dream of Gerontius' set to the music of Elgar and pray that we will be made those people of righteousness. In the meantime, I will reflect again on Micah's words as next I enter through the vicarage door and see them boldly challenging me.

### SAD NEWS

Pat Tointon, a former resident of our Almshouses and much-loved member of our worshipping community, died last week. Her funeral will take place at Caversham Crematorium at 11.15am on Thursday 3 November. We send our love and condolences to her son, John Paul and all Pat's family.

### RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday 27 October** 7.00pm Adult Confirmation Course in the Birinus Room  
8.00pm Choir Practice

**Sunday 30** 10.00am **The Parish Eucharist for our Patronal Festival**  
**Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: The Revd Liz Jackson, Associate Archdeacon of Berkshire.**

At this service we will also bless the floor in celebration of the completion of the floor restoration project. Celebration drinks will follow, and all are welcome to join us.

**12.30pm Celebration Parish meal at the Gandhi Restaurant**

**4.00pm Children's Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room**

**Monday 31** 9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

**Tuesday 1 November** 9.00am *Open the Book at Larchfield School*  
1.00pm All Saints School Service in Church  
**3.00pm Tuesday Club in Church (note change of time!) See p 6**  
7.00pm *Interfaith Dialogue at the Gurdwara (see p 6)*

**Wednesday 2** 10.00am **Requiem Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy  
11.00am *Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*

**Sunday 6 November 6.00pm Requiem Eucharist for All Souls Day**

There is a list at the back of Church for people to add the names of those to be remembered at this service.

**Sunday 20 November 10.00am** Confirmation here with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

**Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm** – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls. See p 5 to see exactly how you can help.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

This weekend we celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints. Father in heaven, you have gathered in your keeping and celebration of the Saints in Church through the ages and from every nation. Not one of them is lost, and every one of them lights up the halls of heaven with their beauty and faithfulness. Thank you for the brightness of their witness to you and their inspiration to us.

As we contemplate the Beatitudes, we pray that more people may hunger and thirst after righteousness. We pray that people may love God with all their heart, all their soul, all their mind and all their strength and love their neighbours in need. May we all act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God.

We give thanks this day for the completion of the floor restoration project. We remember all those of this church community that have given sacrificially, and those charities and trusts from the wider community that have supported us. We give thanks to Cliveden Conversation who through great skill oversaw this wonderful work and enabled us to see the vision that George Street had for this church.

We give thanks for Roderick MacLennan the architect who oversaw many projects at this wonderful building. We give thanks for one of his last pieces of work that enabled the completion of the floor project and has helped us as a worshipping community to continue Street's vision of worship to the glory of God, education of the young and pastoral care.

We pray for the people of Iran. Lord Jesus Christ, we hold before you the people of Iran. May the tears shed in your earthly life be balm for all that weep, and may the prayers of your pilgrimage give strength to all who suffer for your mercy's sake. Amen. (Church of England prayer for Iran)

As we pray for our neighbours both those we see in need and those unseen we call to mind the suffering of people in the world today. We pray for people suffering as a consequence of the horrific war in Ukraine, the images of people starving in Somalia and other parts of East Africa. We recall the images of violence on the streets of Iran, the images of climate crisis which is causing suffering throughout the world and those suffering through the cost of living crisis nearer home.

We pray for our confirmation candidates. We remember Nour, Aurelie, Tim, Ned, Ruth, Beatrice, Maxim, Tyler and Konga. We remember too and give thanks for adult confirmation candidates in this parish and in Windsor who are discerning their call to be confirmed.

We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Silvia Dennison, and Cheryl Brookes. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Maria Bolodeoku and Pat Tointon. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER ALL SAINTS DAY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 7: 1 – 3 & 15 - 18**

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever – for ever and ever.'

### **EPISTLE Ephesians 1: 11 — end**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **GOSPEL Luke 6: 20 — 31**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

## MUSIC

Prelude: Chanson de Matin *E Elgar*

Opening Hymn: AM

Gradual: AM 297 For all the saints who showed your love

Offertory: AM 466 The peace of God comes close

Communion Anthem: Where all charity and love are

Closing Hymn: AM 421 All for Jesus, all for Jesus

Postlude: Litanies *J Alain*

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 10<sup>th</sup> time this year. In both 2020 and 2021 we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! A shoebox full of gifts from donations of £20 will bring a smile to children who don't have much. This year OCC's goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. One way you can donate is via the OCC website and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/27c33974>. For other ways to donate and more about the appeal, please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk).

## ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 12 noon – 3.00pm

**Thank you very much everyone who has contributed to the market so far.** There is still plenty of opportunity to help, particularly as a **VOLUNTEER** on the day – please see below.

**We would be grateful for more prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA (new items only please).** The collection box for your donations is beside the South Porch.

**And we also need to ask for help with providing GAZEBOS for our stall holders and – from the bakers amongst you – CAKES & MINCE PIES for the All Saints cake stall.**

**Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can help with either / both of these of these things**

### VOLUNTEERS:

To help make this year's market another great success, we are still looking for volunteers to help with:

- providing cover for the main stall holders (so they can enjoy the Market too!),
- providing hot drinks to the stall holders during the afternoon
- setting up Father Christmas' grotto in the Vestry on the Saturday
- helping direct the external stall holders to their various pitches around the Quadrangle when they arrive

**There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; it would be very helpful to get as many volunteers as possible.**

**List of All Saints Stalls:**

Entrance to the Market  
Cakes  
Raffle  
Tombola,  
Handicrafts  
Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies  
Mulled Wine  
BBQ  
Spin the Wheel  
Children's Activity Table

**Please note:** *My husband and I will be leaving on 5<sup>th</sup> November for a long delayed, post-retirement holiday in Australia and New Zealand. So, I will be handing over management of the Christmas Market arrangements to Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibó Veira and John Gay, the members of the organising group. Please speak to Dianne in the first instance of you have any questions.*

*Stella Harding*

**TUESDAY CLUB 1 NOVEMBER 3.00pm IN CHURCH (NOTE TIME CHANGE)**

We have a special treat for our November meeting – Dr Relf Clark, one of our church organists, will meet us in church to tell us about the organ and to demonstrate with a short recital.

All Saints School will be in Church just before this so we suggest that if you have to arrive early we gather in the Birinus Room. All welcome as ever

*Jan Moss*

**WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD COMMUNITY FORUM AUTUMN DIALOGUES All welcome**

**Tuesday 1 November 7.00pm at Maidenhead Gurdwara, Rutland Road**

*What is the one thing you'd most like to change about the world?*

**Tuesday 29 November 7.00pm at Maidenhead Mosque**

*Can religious faith make you a happy person?*

**FOODSHARE**

**In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.**