

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

On Sunday two young members of our Young Person's Confirmation course brought forward a bag containing items that showed the watching congregation that they were very much aware of the climate crisis issues the world faces. Tim and Ned highlighted through a well-used and obviously much loved, second hand toy animal that we can re-use gifts. This toy that they had purchased from a charity shop provided Tim and Ned with joy having previously been owned by another child.

Other items that were drawn out of the reusable bag included a water bottle that can be refilled instead of using plastic bottles, a portion of broccoli that reminded us that alongside King Charles we can have 2-3 meat free days in the week. I believe Tim and Ned's family wait until the weekend to enjoy a treat of a meat-based meal. The young people will make a presentation at the Confirmation service showing how they are taking seriously the challenges we face in looking after the world God has given us.

Those that have picked up a copy of 'Pathways' the Diocesan Newsletter will note that on page 17 we can find ways to save water, reduce plastic, eat sustainably, reduce food waste, recycle everything at [zerowasteboxes.terracycle.co.uk](http://zerowasteboxes.terracycle.co.uk) and think about travel sustainability and home heating. Tim and Ned were going to join me in turning off the lights in church during the service to show saving electric. According to the article in 'Pathways' more than 60% of the change required to get to net zero involves personal behavioural change by individuals and communities in the areas of transport, home heating and diet.

The Bishop of Reading, will on the day of the confirmation, be asking the candidates a question of faith concerned with the fifth mark of mission of the Church of England to seek ways in which we might work in partnership with God in protecting creation. The Diocese of Oxford has declared a climate emergency. The PCC of All Saints are seeking to word a document that can be placed on the Web Page supporting this statement. One of the challenging elements of the motion is that which asks Anglican leaders and all Christians to support the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change.

This leads us to the course that was planned by Jenny Wilks and Jo McMullen called 'Tenants of the King' a study course inspired by the charity 'Operation Noah'. Over breakfast a small but thoughtful group of people have discussed what our identity is as 'Tenants in God's Land', to see God's broken world and still believe God has a plan to save, to find ways to play our part in working in partnership with God and creation and finally to speak up and challenge governments when we believe it right to do so. The basis for the final

discussion was based on Romans 13: 1-7. A quote was given that suggested ‘Historically war, genocide, and slavery have come not from disobedience but obedience.’ Is it ever right to challenge the system?

Romans 13 was seen as a way in which God gives political leaders authority. For example verses 4-5 maintenance of law and justice, collecting taxes and that they were to be servant leaders (Diakonoi) . If you like political leaders were as far as Paul is concerned close to church leaders and Jesus himself as seeking to serve rather than to be served. Clearly you need governments, and no one desires to live in a lawless society but there may be occasions in life when you challenge where you see the need ‘to protect citizens from harm and to secure the future for generations to come’ – Rowan Williams.

Some questions you may want to reflect upon are ‘Is there a place for Christians to engage in local and or/ national politics in order to promote creation care? Should Christians see climate justice for our global neighbours as a priority? Another quote to finish on from Martin Luther King ‘The Church is the Conscience of the State’. At the very least these are questions we need to pray about and discern what God is calling us to do.

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday 13 October**    *3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
7.00pm Adult Confirmation Course in the Birinus Room  
8.00pm Choir Practice

**Friday 14**                    **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**  
**12 noon Funeral of Donald Moore in Church**

**Sunday 16**                    **10.00am The Parish Eucharist & Holy Baptism The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
  
**4.00pm Children’s Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room**  
  
*6.00pm Sundays@Six Choral evensong at St Luke’s for their Patronal Festival*

**Tuesday 18**                    *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*  
**9.30am Morning Prayer in Church**

**Wednesday 19 10.00am Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Fr John  
*11.00am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*  
7.00pm Bible Study on St Mark’s Gospel with Fr John in the Birinus Room  
followed by Compline at 8.00pm

**ADVANCE DATES: There are sign-up sheets at the back of Church for anything which needs to be signed up for!**

## **SPECIAL EVENSONG 6.00pm SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER**

On Saturday 22 October a party from the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust is visiting us as the climax of a full day’s tour of churches to which they have given grants this year. They especially wish to finish their tour here to inspect the floor restoration, to which they contributed the magnificent sum of £10,000, and which has featured as the main article in their recent newsletter.

They have asked if they will be able to finish the day with Evensong. Fr Jeremy will be very pleased to lead the service and you are very welcome to join us at the service as an act of worship towards the end of the day, and particularly if you would like to show our support for the BHCT because of their generous donation. It will last about 40 minutes.

**Sunday 23 October at the 10.00am Eucharist** Jenny Wilks will present this year's Operation Christmas Child Boxes project.

### **Sunday 30 October 10.00am Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints**

Our Associate Archdeacon, The Revd Liz Jackson, will be our guest preacher as we give thanks for the marvellous floor restoration work that has taken place. Following the service, we will share hospitality with guests involved in the project. Following the drinks at the back of the church there will be a church community meal at the Gandhi Restaurant at 12.30pm. This is now fully subscribed but there is a reserve list.

**For those who have already signed up please let the Parish Office know if you would like a vegan or vegetarian option.**

**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**

As we remember the persistent widow this week, we recall the need for constant prayer. As we pray, we are reminded of the Lord who is our keeper, the one who watches over us. You are always present, ever loving, ever faithful. You are creator and redeemer. We praise you for your kindness and justice, and for all that you are. Amen.

We pray and give thanks for the opportunity to share Holy Baptism with Nasrin this morning within the Eucharist. We give thanks that as members of the Body of Christ we can welcome Nasrin into the worshipping community. May Nasrin hear the words of God 'You are my daughter, the beloved, with you I am well pleased.'

We pray for our confirmation candidates from our children's group including Nour, Aurelie, Tim, Ned, Ruth, Beatrice, Maxim, Tyler, and Konga. We remember all our adults who have taken confirmation courses over the last few years who are discerning their call to be confirmed.

As we continue persistent in prayer, we ask God to deliver peace and justice in all places of war, violence and aggression. We continue to pray for the people of Pakistan and the USA who have been through floods and hurricanes. We pray for the people of East Africa suffering through war. We pray for our friends from Iran at this time of conflict and change in their country. We pray with them for a move towards freedom, respect for human dignity, and justice; we remember those who have left their country but are anxious for loved ones remaining in Iran, and we pray for them and their relatives. We pray for the country of South Sudan and for Emmanuel, Laura, and Konga and the family they have in that troubled part of God's world.

We continue to pray for the local churches, schools and individuals who provide donations of food to Maidenhead Food Bank. We pray for all those worried and concerned by the fuel and cost of living crisis.

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, Sue Nordberg, Cheryl Brookes and Pat Tointon. May they know God's healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Carol Aitkin, John Hicks, Willie (Paul) Kidimu and Donald (Don) Moore. 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 16 OCTOBER THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 2 Timothy 3: 14 — 4: 5**

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

### **GOSPEL Luke 18: 1 — 8**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

### **MUSIC**

Prelude: Vesper Voluntary III *E Elgar*

Opening Hymn: AM 743 O God beyond all praising

Gradual: AM 129 Lord, teach us how to pray aright

Offertory: AM 616 Come, O thou Traveller unknown

Communion: AM 575 When I needed a neighbour

Closing Hymn: AM 483 We are marching in the light of God

Postlude: Bridal March from 'The Birds of Aristophanes' *C H H Parry*

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX HOLDERS

Calling all Children's Society Box Holders: It is time to collect in the boxes for counting. I can offer you a variety of options, so please choose whichever is most suitable for you.

- 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 am not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house.
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house.

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*

## ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

To help make this year's market another great success, we need to ask for your 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

The Raffle

Tombola,

Handicrafts

Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies

Mulled Wine

BBQ

Spin the Wheel

Children's Activity Table

Please remember we would love some more **prizes for the Raffle and Tombola!** There is a collection box by the South Porch. New items only please.

*Stella Harding*

## SOME FEEDBACK FROM THE TRIP TO EAST BERWICK

### From Zeinab:

"You know,... one of the important things that I myself decided to convert or change my religion which was islam was Strict and illogical rules without any forgiveness or tenderness! I found out that christianity is freedom. Is forgiving others. Is being yourself. Is being kind and help others. One of the best part of your talking was mentioning the sculpture. That how humbling Jesus opened his arms. It's like welcoming us. It was like Jesus was showing that come to me and your sins will be forgiven. Being in that such a lovely church between that beautiful nature was such a relief. Everything was awesome. Exactly awesome. Every single moment that is passing I believe more and more that my decision was right and how much better I feel after changing my religion to Christianity. Thanks Father Peter that made us a very delightful memory on that day. God bless you and hope you to be happy and healthy. Also I am learning some Deutsch and I can say some basic sentences about Berwick church. Berwick Church ist sehr schön und alt und gut. Vielen Dank 🙏.

### From Maryam:

It was a very good trip. I am very grateful to you and Father Jeremy for giving us the opportunity to see that beautiful village, especially the very, very beautiful church of Berwick. I felt very good when I saw the church. Father Peter, with his good manners and his good welcome to us, and his good explanations about the church and the paintings on the walls of the church, really gave me a good feeling, a sense of peace and tranquility. He touched me and it was a memorable day in my mind. I thank Father Peter for his warm reception and beautiful explanations.

## BOYN HILL BAPTIST CHURCH HARVEST APPEAL

All Saints raised money for toilets: Boyn Hill Baptist Church in Westborough Road want hand tools. They would like usable garden, carpentry and plumbing tools which will be refurbished by Tools with a Mission, a Christian charity, who will send them to the developing world.

They can be dropped off at Boyn Hill Baptist Church on Friday evenings, 14 & 21 October between 6.00pm & 8.00pm or Saturday mornings 15 & 22 October between 10.30am & 12.30pm. If you don't have transport call 01628 781930 to arrange collection.

## 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.**