

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

On 31 May this year the Parish received exciting news that we have regained our links with the Diocese of Taita Taveta in Kenya. Our link was established in 2003 when our curate, Fr Robert Langton, returned from a trip to Kenya with the Revd Roy Taylor. The fact that communication has been restored is due to Jenny Taylor who has links still in Voi and in other parts of Kenya. She kindly made a phone call to the Diocese. Jenny was married to The Revd Canon Roy Taylor who I travelled with to Kenya in November 2013 as part of my sabbatical. Roy had a remarkable ministry within Taita Taveta including training many of the clergy that still serve the Diocese from his time leading the College of Bishop Hannington Bible Institute in Mombasa in the early 2000s. This is the college that many of the people answering God's call to serve as priests in the Diocese go to train.



One of the people All Saints helped through the OAK project set up in Fr Norman's time was a man called Stephen. I stayed with Stephen and his family at their home in the hills outside Voi in November 2013. Stephen was one of many highly intelligent priests and laity in Kenya, but education does not come easy to many of them because of the lack of funding. Stephen came from a family of 13 and of course not all of them could be put through continuous education. Stephen himself faced periods out of school and did brilliantly to gain his diploma before being priested. As a parish in 2014 we went on to support Stephen to gain a degree to further his ability to preach and teach and to lead others.

The Taylor family set up a charity over 20 years ago to form the Kazi Mingi foundation which went on to build the St Bartholomew's School in Voi. I visited this school on numerous occasions during my stay sharing in classes and giving a talk at their academic awards ceremony in 2013. This school has a wonderful academic record and offers opportunities to students with little or no resources.

The Bishop of Taita Taveta is Bishop Liverson who is delighted that we have made contact with them so that we can continue the programme to support mission in the diocese. Bishop Liverson preached and celebrated

the Eucharist for us at All Saints in 2015 and is a humble man with a great desire to see the Christian faith flourish in the Diocese.

The previous Bishop was Bishop Samson Mwaluda who in 2003 wrote a book 'RE-Orientating A Church for Accelerated Growth'. The book was based on his studies at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in Ambridge, USA in 2002. Bishop Samson was deeply involved in the Anglican Church of Kenya's efforts through theological training for both clergy and laity. When Bishop Samson was consecrated Bishop of Taita Taveta in 1993 the Diocese had 20 parishes. When I visited in 2013 I think the number of parishes had grown into the 90s and I believe today it is close to 120! This represents remarkable church growth.

Bishop Samson's book spoke about 7 major challenges that his Diocese faced:

1. Poverty – In 1997 65.82% of the population of Kenya was living in poverty. I suspect that as we work closely with 'Ripple Effect' charity in the coming months over sustainability projects we will discover this has worsened. During my time visiting homes in 2013 with the Revd Gibson I saw the impact of poverty for many families. Gibson was speaking of the possibility of shared funding from churches to help the poor.
 2. Liturgy – In 2003 when the book was written Bishop Samson felt that the liturgy was largely influenced by traditional beliefs which was not perhaps speaking to the people of the day. I have a copy of the 'Modern Services' from 2007 which attempted to address this issue.
 3. Modernity and the problem of secularisation. The Bishop of Eldoret in his address at the Graduation at Bishop Hannington College in Mombasa in 2013 spoke about the press ridiculing religion.
 4. Widespread illnesses with particular reference to HIV/AIDS. In Europe this illness is not in the mainstream news (thankfully) anymore. However, there are countries still suffering greatly in some parts of the world.
 5. The Pentecostal Church was providing more attractive worship to the young.
 6. Other world faiths being taught and nurtured.
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1. The responses made include liturgical renewal. The episcopate through the remarkable leadership and example of Bishop Samson increased the importance of the teaching ministry and servant leadership.
 2. Renewal of youth ministry.
 3. Renewed Parish ministry. Young and enthusiastic ministers were to continue their study to improve their theological knowledge.
 4. Female leadership. The need for female and male ministry was discerned as being important in God's ministry and I witnessed examples of parishes taking root and flourishing through female leadership.
 5. Greater value of healing ministry. I was privileged to share in this ministry through prayers of laying on of hands and anointing during that wonderful time I spent in the Diocese in 2013.

I witnessed the remarkable ministry of priests that we as a parish have helped in a modest way over the years. I saw evidence of clergy raising funds to build churches to have a place of worship for people to praise and worship God. These places of worship acted as a focal point of ministry to the young (Sunday Schools) and those in need. They were places where community was growing.

We have been offered the opportunity to help with points three and four above. Grace Kitawa Karingo is awaiting her letter to begin training at Theological College in September this year. Our contribution can support enthusiastic ministry leaders and women which the Diocese seeks more of at this time.

I can visualise Bishop Samson's retirement home in the mountains above Voi. I shared my bedroom with a gecko and a small lizard! Revd Roy shared with a frog! The Bishop said to me that the course he had attended on evangelism viewed the frog as the church which expects people to come to it and the gecko as the one who scurries everywhere to bring people to church! I think the gecko visited me as I needed more inspiration in this area of ministry! Of course, we need ministry in the community as well as in the church and that is why I encourage you all to support with prayer and giving towards the wonderful OAK project in Kenya.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 15 June	<i>9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School 7.30pm Visitation for Maidenhead & Windsor Deaneries at Warfield 8.00pm Choir Practice</i>
Friday 16	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Saturday 17	<i>12.00noon – 4.00pm All Saints School Summer Fete, Westborough Road see p5</i>
Sunday 18	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday after Trinity Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
Monday 19	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 20	<i>9.00 am Assembly at Altwood School</i> 9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Welcome Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 21	<i>9.00 am Assembly at Altwood School</i> 10.00am Eucharist (BCP) Celebrant: Fr John <i>11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre 11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home 11.30 am Bible Study in the Birinus Room 12 noon Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room 2.00pm services at Larchfield Care Home 3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>

ADVANCE NOTICE

WAMCF CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS CRICKET TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 27 AUGUST AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Adult's & Children's Competitions start from 10.00am Fr Jeremy presenting children's prizes at 2.00pm. Full details on WAMCF website.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this week for our ministry of welcome. We pray for Fr John and the welcome group as they meet in the near future to discern ways in which we can welcome people, help them to grow in faith and feel a sense of belonging. We pray for all the new plans that the group will offer this year.

Last Sunday at St Peter's Church the Street Angels gathered for their Annual meeting. We give thanks for the ministry of all the volunteers and trustees who enable the ministry of welcome and belonging upon the streets of Maidenhead. We give thanks that so many young people feel supported and encouraged by the presence of the Angels.

As we continue to discern ways in which the Body of Christ at All Saints can support people in the wider communion of God's Church, we pray for the OAK ministry in Taita Taveta in Kenya. We pray for Bishop Liverson as he continues to lead the diocese. We pray for Grace Kitawa Karingo awaiting confirmation of her calling to train at Bishop Hannington Bible College in Mombasa. We give thanks for the growth of parishes across the Diocese and for the wonderful ministry of teaching, preaching, healing and supporting the poor that the clergy and congregations provide.

We give thanks for the ministry of welcome to our friends from Iran. We pray for their shared hospitality in the parish centre this weekend that it may bring joy and fellowship to all those who partake of the meal. We pray too for all those beginning to receive applications that may lead to acceptance as people seeking to live life and contribute to society in this country.

We pray for all parts of the world where there is unrest. We continue to pray for people suffering in Ukraine and for those impacted by the destruction of the dam. We pray for an urgent search for peaceful reconciliation.

We ask that the school fete at All Saints School this weekend will be a time for community and fellowship. We pray for the school and its students, teachers and Governing Body. We remember to the need to find people willing to give their time to support education through standing as governors.

We pray for those of our congregation and parish in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy, for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard and Chris.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ in their lives.

We pray for the recently departed, including Colin Woods and Michael Justice. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 18 JUNE THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth; send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Romans 5: 1 - 8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.' Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

MUSIC

Prelude:	O God, Thou Faithful God	<i>Flor Peeters</i>
Opening hymn:	828 Ye that know the Lord is gracious	
Gradual hymn:	258 O thou, who camest from above	
Gathering hymn:	499 Lord, you give the great commission	
Communion hymn:	653 Happy are they, they that love God	
Closing hymn:	477 Go forth and tell	
Postlude:	O Lux Beata Trinitas	<i>Flor Peeters</i>



Thank you for all the contributions from the service for Christian Aid a few weeks ago. We were able to collect £438.93 which has been sent to Christian Aid for their ministry in places of need across the world.

All SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER FETE Saturday 17 June 12-4pm

The Summer Fete organised by the PTA is a key event in the school calendar, and the school would like to invite those from the wider community to join us. There will be stalls, crafts, sports activities, and food & drink, so it should make for a really fun afternoon out. We hope to see you there!

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.

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



We have had the pleasure of getting to know some refugees from Iran in our congregation over the past year. At our APCM recently, Sam Jonkers from Care4Calais spoke to us about the fantastic work the charity does in welcoming and supporting refugees.

Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

GOVERNOR VACANCY AT ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Are you passionate about education? Would you like to get more involved in your local community? Have you skills that you'd like to share with a local school?

All Saints Junior School is one of our church schools, and we have a vacancy on our governing body due to a governor reaching the end of her term. We are keen to build stronger relations with the church and having another governor is one way we can do this. You don't need to have children at the school (although it's fine if you do).

Our role is to support and challenge the school leaders to ensure that the pupils get the best education possible. The school joined the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust in January 2023 and this is helping us with school improvement and implementing our Christian ethos.

If you would like to find out more about what being a governor entails, please contact me on jenny.wilks@allsaintsmaidenhead.org or after church for an informal chat. We hope that someone in the congregation will support us with this important role. Why not pop along to the summer fete on Saturday to get a feel of the school?

Jenny Wilks, Chair of Governors, All Saints Junior School

SECURITY INITIATIVE FOR VULNERABLE AND ELDERLY RESIDENTS

Recently, a new Association - **Maidenhead Community Watch Association** - was formed with the primary focus on helping to make our town a safer and more pleasant place in which to live.

Residents within Maidenhead can now benefit from this new initiative being introduced and promoted by Maidenhead Community Watch Association.

The first step will be a free **home security survey**, to be conducted by a local PCSO or a trained operator, who will assess the security of your property for any potential vulnerability and will then make recommendations on how you can improve your safety and security.

On offer will be various security items such as alarms, timers, fake TVs, etc, all of which are available, *at no cost*, courtesy of Maidenhead Community Watch Association, for those who cannot afford to purchase their own. Further, they can supply **and fit** additional security items such as fake cameras, door chains etc, also at no cost to those who can't afford them.

This project is being financially supported by TVP Windsor & Maidenhead LPA and, additionally, by recent generous assistance from The Prince Philip Trust Fund.

To benefit from the above, you will need to -

Reside in Maidenhead and be considered as Vulnerable or Elderly

What do we mean by Vulnerable or Elderly?

*A **vulnerable adult** is defined as someone who can't take easily care of themselves or it might be someone who is unable to protect themselves against significant harm or exploitation.*

Elderly, for the purposes of this project, means over 80 years of age.

This project is now 'live' and we believe it will be of tremendous value to the community.

If you would like to have a free home security survey we would be delighted to hear from you. In the first instance please contact the Association Chairman, John Diack, at jrdmcw@gmail.com