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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Sunday we celebrated Harvest Festival and it was a wonderful morning with the Parish Centre filled to its capacity of 45 people. It was followed by an auction of harvest products that raised an amazing £400 which will go towards the work of WaterAid who are trying to assist the 1 in 10 people who still don't have clean water. The Gospel reading from Matthew told us 'Not to worry about your life...' and I have to admit I have been anxious about life over the last month or so.

The main reason for my concern and stress has been the delay, as I am sure many of you know, in the time it is taking to complete the All Saints church restoration of the floor. Having first thought that we would be back in church for services from mid-September it is now likely that we will need to be patient until the middle of November before we can return to worship and give thanks to God.

My major concern was that I had agreed to officiate at a wedding planned for the church last weekend. As time went by and the church was still giving the appearance of a building site, I was trying to be honest with the couple that the church was not going to look at its best. That was the case right up until Friday 1st October when people of All Saints Church community came together to make a wonderful effort to get the church looking as beautiful as it could be given the circumstances. (See page 8) The work began with the two people largely responsible for trying to complete the giant jigsaw that is Street's floor, suspending laying tiles to painstakingly clean all the tiles that had been laid. People of All Saints with the help of Andrew Stafford offering staging equipment from his acting group then constructed a wonderful backdrop to cover all the church furnishings at the back of the church. Special thanks should be given to Jonathan Smith who provided his father Ken with a smart new VW van for us to transport the staging from Marlow to the church. At the front the most beautiful wedding flowers were prepared by our flower arrangers, the statues of St Paul and Our Lady were uncovered and cleaned and pews for a seating capacity of 40 were arranged. A large amount of cleaning then took place on Friday evening and Saturday morning and a screen was set up with beautiful images of the flowers behind the altar. Meanwhile there was the small matter of moving the piano from the Parish Centre to the church (no easy task) before a last-minute tuning by a poor man suffering with a head cold enabled Brian to play the music for the wedding. Hours and hours of time was spent by members of the congregation enabling Christopher and Louise to experience an intimate wedding service which all their guests enjoyed.

Following the service, Chris and Louise used the Parish Centre to share their Wedding Banquet and during the speeches they paid tribute to all the wonderful support that All Saints community had offered them. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the planning and work on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in

helping us enable to Christopher and Louise to enjoy their wedding day and also to allow us to welcome the family of River Hales for her baptism on Sunday morning. We have said that 'Welcome' is key to our church community and everyone involved over the weekend made sure that All Saints Church did its very best to welcome people at key moments in their lives.

Continuing the theme of thanksgiving I would like to thank all those who contributed wonderful harvest goods and bottles of wine which gave me the opportunity to play 'Del Boy' for another year by auctioning the gifts off. Thanks to the incredible generosity of people present in the quadrangle a fantastic sum of money was donated which will help people to stay alive and healthy, go to school and earn a living and prepare their communities for future shocks caused by climate change.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of All Saints community, I can report that I enjoyed one of the most rewarding weekends of ministry that I have had the joy to experience. Thank you, everyone!

Advance notices:

Sunday 31 October 4.00pm 'SAINTS AND SAUSAGES' celebration in the Quadrangle.

It's highly unlikely that we will be able to celebrate our Patronal Festival in the church but that should not stop us celebrating the lives of the Saints over a BBQ of sausages. Let's sing some great festival hymns and celebrate the lives of the Saints. All welcome.

Sunday 28 November

10.00am Eucharist to mark the beginning of Advent and the celebration of 100 years of the ministry of The Royal British Legion.

2.00pm -5.00pm our first ever Christmas Market with music, food, drinks and Christmas Stalls in the Quadrangle. We are hoping that the service will be celebrated once again for this day at All Saints Church.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 7 October 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm *Schools Group Meeting at the Vicarage*

Friday 8 October 9.00am *Harvest Assembly at Boyn Hill Infants School*
10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

Saturday 9 October 10.30am **Baptism Preparation in the Parish Centre**

Sunday 10 October 10.00am **Eucharist for the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity in the Parish Centre** **Please note that we are returning to one Sunday morning service throughout October which will be at 10.00am**

Also on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83933190898?pwd=ZXJsY1RMUIFBUE3FYcIY3aVpuVUJlZz09>

Meeting ID: 839 3319 0898 Passcode: 919539

Sunday 10 October 6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX on Zoom led by Fr Jeremy & Jeanette

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83058792852?pwd=NWQ2dzJNRzZJRdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09<https://emea01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fj%2F83058792852%3Fpwd%3DNWQ2dzJNRzZJRdRejJUa0pQOTBJZz09&data=04%7C01%7C%7C6de6963d638e4fe34e7d08d9761c59a7%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637670686400666814%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEkaWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3PX2RTEz6buDfJ%2BcDFwzpc2N52BuJSQHrDTYxu%2FiQyw%3D&reserved=0>

Meeting ID: 830 5879 2852 Passcode: 936128

Monday 11 October 8.00pm Monday Night Prayer on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUSStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09>

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070 Passcode: 587930

Tuesday 12 October

9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School

7.30pm PCC meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 13 October

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

3.00pm Senior Saints meet at Carole Deverill's home.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayer from Roots materials:

Lord God, the rich man had obviously been pondering when he asked Jesus what must he do to inherit eternal life. His thoughts brought him to his knees before you. He thought eternal life was something he could achieve. But he suspected there was more to know. And he was right! This week we come with our ponderings, to bow before you, to ask you to meet with us here, and teach us with words of eternal life. AMEN.

We pray for Quench bookshop and for the Christian presence that people who run and serve the shop offer to the people of Maidenhead. We ask that more people come to know the shop and that the Christian resources offered will be used and valued. As the shop faces concerns for the future, we pray that each church community will support the mission of this excellent resource.

We give thanks for last weekend's harvest festival and for the wonderful support offered towards the ministry of WaterAid. May more people be able to receive good access to clean water and good health.

We pray for our Worship, Schools and Christmas Market planning groups that are meeting this week. May your Holy Spirit guide us in all our decisions as we try to reach out to our communities.

Lord, we delighted in sharing Holy Baptism with River Hales last weekend. Please pray for our Baptism preparation team of Sue, Christine, Anne, and Gillian who will support families having children baptised at All Saints. We give thanks too for Mike Moss and Jo Sheppard who support the ministry of baptism at All Saints.

We pray for all those in need at this time. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Roger Baldery, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Marjorie Pocock, Christine Watts, Terrie Freshwater, Doreen Hill, Vivienne Paterson and Rohan Singh Dharwar.

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 Mary Dorothy Street, Fred Hill, and Jose Kathleen Redway. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Charlie Mackesy: 'So you know all about me?' asked the boy. 'Yes,' said the horse. 'And you still love me?' 'We love you all the more.' 'Sometimes I think you believe in me more than I do,' said the boy. 'You'll catch up,' said the horse.

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

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 10 October the Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

Although today's gospel focusses on wealth being a barrier to becoming a citizen of heaven, there are many other impediments which can inhibit us from becoming true disciples. The hymns focus on becoming followers of Christ and the importance of dedicating our lives to God.

The first hymn is "Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee" AM 787 words by Frances Ridley Havergal (1836 - 1879) set to the tune Nottingham by Wenzel Müller (1747 – 1835).

The hymn was written in couplets which makes it challenging to sing because one should sing two lines to one breath to ensure the sense of the words is clear. The twelve couplets were arranged in six 4-line verses. It is a hymn of dedication by an authoress who had many talents: the hymn mentions hands (Havergal was a fine musician), feet (an athlete), voice (a singer), lips (a speaker), silver and gold (she was not poor), intellect, will, heart, and love, ending with the whole self. The verse that has caused most problems is the one about silver and gold, but Havergal herself anticipated any objections and her comments on the subject are illuminating:

"we are to spend what is really needful on ourselves, because it is our charge to do so; but not for ourselves, because we are not our own but our Master's... We look up to our Lord for guidance to lay out His money prudently and rightly, and as He would have us lay it out. The gift or garment is selected consciously under His eye, and with conscious reference to Him as our own dear Master, for whose sake we shall give it, or in whose service we shall wear it, and whose own silver and gold we shall pay for it, and then it is all right".¹

Havergal was the daughter of Rev. William Henry Havergal who was a noted musician and hymn tune writer. She was a precocious, talented, and religious child, who grew into a remarkable woman: she was a fine musician, an accomplished linguist, and an adventurous and athletic mountaineer, 'a rather extra good climber'. In 1870, after her father's sudden death, she edited with Charles Busbridge Snepp, (who had saved her life when she was glissading on the descent from Mont Blanc), and harmonized *Psalmody and Century of Chants, from "Old Church Psalmody", "Hundred Tunes" and unpublished manuscripts of W.H. Havergal* (1871). She had a bad attack of typhoid fever late in 1874, and after it she was never as strong as before. She lived in Leamington and then at Caswell Bay, near Swansea, where she died.

To the reader of her life, she seems to have been an exemplary Christian from an early age. But on Advent Sunday 1873 she experienced what she called 'full surrender' and 'the blessedness of true consecration'. Shortly afterwards, in February 1874, she wrote the 'Consecration Hymn', 'Take my life, and let it be'. Her publications included *The Ministry of Song* (1869), *Little Pillows, or good-night thoughts for the little ones*

(1875), *Loyal Responses* (1878), and *The Royal Invitation, or, Daily Thoughts of Coming to Christ* (1878). Many of her hymns and songs were published either in leaflet form by a firm called Parlane, or were specially printed for missionary or temperance meetings.

Her hymns emphasise the kingship of Christ, or his role as ‘master’, a word of which Havergal was particularly fond. With zeal and enthusiasm, they demonstrate a devotion that emerges as a desire to encourage and evangelise, to ask for commitment, and to pledge oneself in service.²

The tune Both Nottingham is taken from the ‘Kyrie eleison’ of the Twelfth Mass, at one time attributed to Mozart but now thought to be the work of Wenzel Müller

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it thine:
it shall be no longer mine.
take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Take my life and let it be AM 787 Nottingham <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Of4I5bTdZ8M>

The second hymn is “Will you come and follow me” AM 510 often referred to as “The Summons”. The words are by John Bell and Graham Maule sung to a Scottish folk melody arranged by John Bell. John Bell is well-known to the All Saints community after he led a workshop on the Psalms in 2018.

These words were written for a ‘one-off’ occasion, the sending-out of voluntary workers on a Glasgow project for the underprivileged managed by Bell and Maule, with no expectation that it would be used elsewhere. It was written to fit the beautiful Scottish tune, given the name Kelvingrove in hymnbooks. It was first published with the title of ‘The Summons’ in *Heaven Shall Not Wait* (Wild Goose Songs 1) (1987). A note

states that the song 'has been successfully used at commitment and confirmation services. Verse 4 is sung solo, and those wishing to do so, leave their seats and make their way to the front of the congregation with all singing the last verse together'.³

The first four verses of "The Summons" contain thirteen questions asked by Jesus in the first person. The fifth verse is the singer's response to them. The hymn is based on [Mark 1:16–20](#) and alludes to Jesus calling his disciples to follow him. However, these words are equally applicable to today's gospel concerning redistribution of wealth and Jesus' famous quote "But many who are first will be last and the last first".

1. Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Will you come and follow me AM 510 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zK6lUaJ3sk>

'Will you come and follow me'

Words and Music: From *Heaven Shall Not Wait*, 1987. © 1987, WGRG, Iona Community, Glasgow G23DH Scotland <www.wgrg.co.uk>Used by permission. CCLI Licence No 60056

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COLLECT

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 Hebrews 4: 12 - 16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

GOSPEL Mark 10: 17 - 31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but

with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

TRANSFORMATION (FOR ONE WEEKEND ONLY)



I would like to add my thanks to those of Fr Jeremy for the sterling efforts made by a number of the congregation, and Cliveden, before and during the weekend to ensure the Wedding and Baptism had such successful outcomes. Everyone who has seen the way in which the church was transformed temporarily from a building site must have felt uplifted that – to borrow the slogan from a well-known national organisation - we shall indeed be about to ‘Build Back Better’.

Ken Smith

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

My past two weeks were dominated by trips to party conferences: to Brighton for Labour and Manchester for the Conservatives.

For me, it's been a learning experience. The party conference season loomed large for 20 years in my previous life as a journalist; I even attended spring conferences and national conferences in Scotland and Wales.

This was my first experience in my new life, representing a research charity seeking to end homelessness. In politics, there's a strong pull to focus on things that divide political parties. That's fine. Democracy requires that voters must be presented with a choice.

And yet, at the different conferences there were common threads. One was the weather. In Brighton, I organised a breakfast round-table discussion for MPs and council leaders interested in ending homelessness. At an early hour I left my hotel, carrying a box of reports, books and marketing bumpf, to be almost blown over by a fearsome wind. It rained, too.

In Manchester, it appeared milder. Should I wear my raincoat or carry an umbrella? They would be such an inconvenience inside the conference, I told myself. I left them at my hotel. It rained, too.

There was another common thread linking the conferences. I met many politicians who agreed we must end homelessness, several from a faith-based perspective. They simply differed on how to achieve this.

I worry about the tone of public debate. It's fine to criticise someone's suggested solution. It's not always reasonable to question their motives. Sometimes, people with honestly-held convictions come to different conclusions. We should respect that.