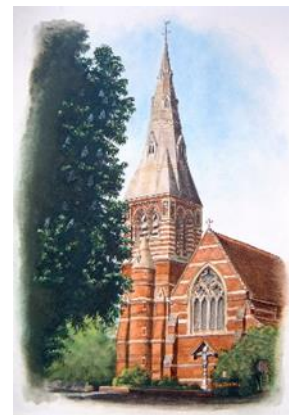


# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

I have written before in the Parish News about my early experiences that my father shared with me when he was distributing newspapers in Cardiff and the South Wales Valleys for the South Wales Echo in the 1970's. The loud call of the sellers would be 'Read All About It – Echo'. Sadly, it is said that most papers or news programmes on television and radio do well when there is bad news to share.

I guess most of us could do with some good news when at the moment we hear only of the cost of living crisis, the cost of energy, mortgage rates, the horrific war in Ukraine, the pictures of children starving in Somalia and other parts of Africa, the images of violence on the streets of Iran, the country from which we have made wonderful friends with some of its people. Add to this the images of Attenborough's latest television programme on the issues caused by climate crisis and you get to Monday morning just trying to give thanks for the small moments of happiness and pray that the week ahead brings hope.

As Christian people we should always live with hope. As our gospel on Sunday told us that we can be confident that our prayers are answered if we are persistent in prayer as we live in relationship with a God who is a loving parent of his children. I am pleased to write that we do indeed have plenty of good news to share at All Saints over the next 5 weeks or so. The weeks ahead although challenging for some with the amount of time they are giving to their roles will I pray bring great joy to the community.

We begin with our Patronal Festival on Sunday 30 November. We will welcome Liz Jackson, the Associate Archdeacon who before coming to Berkshire to take up her new role supported over 300 Iranian Asylum Seekers in Coventry. Liz has already visited All Saints to support our own ministry of welcome to our friends from Iran. The day she visited she said that she would enjoy preaching at our church. I took up her offer and she will be preaching to give thanks for the life of the Saints, to give thanks for the amazing floor restoration work at our church and celebrate with us over drinks and then at the Gandhi Indian Restaurant. The restoration work was an amazing achievement for all those involved.

I would like to thank those people within our community who gave sacrificially to make sure Street's building was restored, and those people who gave time and talent to make sure the project was successful. Clearly the people of Cliveden Conservation worked incredibly hard and with great skill to take on the project that was a massive jigsaw puzzle. The finished article has left us with a building that, I believe, has given hope for our worship and mission in the present and for future generations to come. At the end of the service, we will give a brief vote of thanks for all involved and special thanks to the late Roderick Maclennan, our architect who oversaw a number of important projects at George Street's wonderful grade one Church.

More good news will follow on Sunday 20 November when at our 10.00am Eucharist we will welcome our Bishop, Olivia Graham, to celebrate Baptism and Confirmation within the Holy Communion. We have not hosted a confirmation since 2014 but this year we will have 9 children, a good number of Iranian friends and those from our community that have shared zoom courses and Thursday evening confirmation classes.

This will be a service where Bishop Olivia will present All Saints with its Bronze Eco- Church Award and children will share what they are learning about sustainability from their families and within the confirmation classes. Following the service our Bishop will share with the children and adults who have been baptised and confirmed. Those planning this service believe it will be an exciting and moving service to be part of and we do pray that a good number of you will join the candidates to celebrate with them.

Finally, on Sunday 27 November following our Advent service we will hold our 2<sup>nd</sup> Christ Child Market. There are people putting much time into planning for what we hope will be another occasion that brings the wider community to All Saints to share a joyous occasion. We have the Salvation Army Band sharing the Christmas message with us, we hope to have the school choir of Boyne Hill school with the deputy head Chris Phillips bringing the children to share the joy of Christmas.

We have organised for a second year running Father Christmas, we have exciting stalls with mouth-watering cheeses and delicious Henley gins to purchase for Christmas. Food to buy and enjoy will include English and BBQs, Indian vegetarian curry from the Sikh community, cakes and hot chocolate and of course mulled wine to keep warm. Last year we welcomed 600 people to the market, and we hope that this year we will match that number. Please do come along and enjoy and if you can help us on stalls or by providing gifts for the prize draw that would be marvellous. See p for how you can help.

Throughout the coming months having supported matching toilets in South Sudan and taps for clean water in Kenya, we will, with Jenny Wilks' support, look to help people receive The Operation Christmas Child Boxes for the 10th year. During Advent we will, of course, support The Children's Society during our Christingle as well as give thanks for those of you that collect throughout the year for this wonderful charity.

The good news doesn't end there, of course, for Christian people. As we begin Advent with the Christ Child market we will look forward with hope to the Incarnation. The time when we recall God entering this world as a vulnerable baby boy who grew to be the man that brought new and transformed life.

So, when we ask you to 'Read all About It – Parish News' we hope you will enjoy good news in the coming weeks!

## CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday 22 October we give thanks for the remarkable life of Gwen Burkitt who celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Congratulations to Gwen for reaching this remarkable milestone and for all your contributions to the life of All Saints over many years!

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday 20 October**    *3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
7.00pm Adult Confirmation Course in the Birinus Room  
8.00pm Choir Practice

**Friday 21**                    **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

**Saturday 22**                **6.00pm Berkshire Historic Churches Trust Evensong See p 3**

**Sunday 23**

**10.00am The Parish Eucharist BIBLE SUNDAY**

**Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy**

**and a presentation by Jenny Wilks on this year's Operation Christmas Child see p**

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

Please pray for Albie Mark Ricketts, his parents and godparents

**4.00pm Sundays@4** shared with the Children's Confirmation Class looking at the meaning of Holy Communion. Hot Dogs will be served in the Parish Centre following the service in church. Activities for children are planned. Everybody is welcome to join the service and activities.

**Tuesday 25**

**9.30am Morning Prayer in Church**

**Wednesday 26**

**10.00am Eucharist (BCP)**

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

*11.00am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*

**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**

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 to finish the day with Evensong. Fr Jeremy will lead the service and everyone is 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 support for the BHCT because of their generous donation. It will last about 40 minutes.

#### **SERVICE**

Voluntary      Prelude on *Rhosymedre* – R Vaughan Williams  
Opening Hymn   15   Glory to thee, my God, this night  
First Lesson    Ezekiel 24: 15 -end  
Psalm 23  
Office Hymn    21   O strength and stay upholding all creation  
Second Lesson   Mark 16: 9 – end  
Hymn            584   All my hope on God is founded  
Voluntary      Chorale Prelude on *Croft's 136th* C H H Parry

**Sunday 23 October at the 10.00am Eucharist** Jenny Wilks will present this year's Operation Christmas Child Boxes project. See p 6.

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

There will shortly be 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 6 to see exactly how you can help.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we celebrate Bible Sunday and Jesus bringing Good News to the poor. As we explore the scriptures of God's holy word, we discover our neighbour is anyone in need. We pray for the Operation Christmas Child appeal and try to offer joy to children in parts of the world where gifts bringing joy are scarce.

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. (Prayer for Iran from the Church of England).

As we pray for our neighbours both those we see in need and those unseen we call to mind the suffering we are hearing of in the news. 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 Africa, 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 give thanks as we look forward for the good news we share in community. The opportunity to celebrate our patronal festival next week and the completion of the floor restoration project. We pray too for our confirmation service in November and for the children's candidates Nour, Aurelie, Tim, Ned, Ruth, Beatrice, Maxim, Tyler, and Konga. We remember too and give thanks for adult confirmation candidates as they discern 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, Sue Nordberg, Cheryl Brookes and Pat Tointon. May they know God's healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Maria Bolodeoku, Paul Kidimu and 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 23 OCTOBER BIBLE SUNDAY

### COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that through patience, and the comfort of your holy word we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### EPISTLE Romans 15: 1 — 6:

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### GOSPEL Luke 4: 16 — 24

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' Jesus said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.

### MUSIC

Prelude: Intermezzo, Founded on an Irish Air *C V Stanford*

Opening Hymn: AM 379 God has spoken-by his prophets

Gradual: AM 389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind

Offertory: AM 715 Lord, for the years your love and guided

Communion: AM 390 Thanks to God whose word was spoken

Closing Hymn: AM 666 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship

Postlude: No VI from Six Short Preludes and Postludes Op 105 No 2 *C V Stanford*

### PATRONAL FESTIVAL INVITATION

We would like to invite the congregation and all our generous donors to come to our Patronal Festival on Sunday 30 October, when we shall give thanks for the satisfactory completion of the floor project. The Acting Archdeacon of Berkshire, Revd Liz Jackson, will be preaching for us and blessing the floor. Representatives of external organisations who gave us grants will be attending as will the contractors, Cliveden Conservation, and other professionals, Please stay afterwards and enjoy the refreshments.

*Fr Jeremy and the Churchwardens.*

## 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! On Sunday, we'll explain more about the appeal. 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>.

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

## 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*