

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

As anyone reading this newsletter will know we are as a church looking at the ideas that come from the course by Bob Jackson called 'Everybody Welcome'. An area of ministry that many churches have struggled with over the years is family and children's ministry. The text from Mark's gospel (MK10.13-16) and the famous line from Jesus 'Let the little children come to me' is a key one for any church community. It is hard when we do not hear or share the laughter of children and the energy of teenagers as well as the skills and energy that families bring to a community.

Some of my happiest memories growing up as a child were given me by the church community. The young curates that served in the late 1970's and early 1980's in the parish of Bassaleg, Newport brought so much joy and support to many young people in that period. Together we experienced trips to Bristol and London, holidays camping to the Gower, Swansea and narrowboat holidays to various parts of the canals in the Midlands. These alongside taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Awards and the regular Sunday evening group playing table tennis and pool are all still fresh in my mind. There was also the chance to talk about school and sometimes any concerns or worries we had.

When I worked for the South Wales Electricity, I gave time to run youth work at my local church and for the Diocese as I helped plan Diocesan Youth weekends away. When I began life as a curate in Newport and then as a Team Vicar in both Ebbw Vale and Bracknell, I helped run discussion groups and children's holidays. On arrival at All Saints, it was good to see schools and children's ministry taken seriously and Young Saints had an excellent group of skilled teachers. We have at times had some wonderful moments. I think of the Messy Church from 2006-2011 and then Rock Shop. We enjoyed parish holidays with all ranges of age groups enjoying shared time together in The Lake District (who can forget the rain), Scarborough and three trips to Brunel House in Torquay.

More recently we have shared a film club for teenagers at the vicarage and good conversations have taken place over pizza or burgers. One of those teenagers Rachel Juden went on to offer a gap year to the ministry at All Saints taking part in Tiny Saints, Young Saints, Schools ministry and Open the Book, All Sorts and Street Angels. Rachel at the same time was supported to study with the Church Mission Society in Oxford where she completed the first year of a degree course in Youth Ministry before moving to Cardiff to begin her degree course. Her father Simon said how much this time with the church had enabled Rachel to grow in confidence before moving away from home for the first time. Think of another member of that group Hazel

Wilks who alongside her mother Jenny has been at the heart of the Operation Christmas Child that has sent up to 100 parcels each year to children who would not normally receive gifts.

Youth work in Newport led to young people staying for a weekend in Leicester in 1994 sharing faith with people from the Hindu and Muslim communities of that city. In Ebbw Vale, Newport and Bracknell young people shared dinner parties paying a price for their meal that would support homeless charities. In all this ministry the key was the interaction between adults and young people.

Another area of ministry to families was parent and toddler groups. The first one I began was as a curate in Newport. It was successful in terms of numbers but hopelessly led by yours truly who had no idea how to lead babies and children. I had been banging on in my sermons about all of us playing our part (not much has changed) and suddenly a group of grandparents came forth to make the group a successful one. That pattern followed at Bracknell on a Monday morning at St Andrew's and over the last decade at All Saints with Tiny Saints. Tiny Saints has become a place where children receive healthy food, play games, do activities and enjoy a nursery rhyme service. Parents, grandparents and children's carers socialise with other adults and form friendships over coffee and tea and not so healthy chocolate biscuits. We shared the funeral service for Neila De Silva last Friday and only a few weeks ago she said, 'Jeremy when are we starting Tiny Saints again?' Neila loved the Tiny Saints and the interaction. At the Easter Egg hunt parents were heard saying that they missed Tiny Saints more than any other activity during Lockdown.

This weekend we shared the first of our summer afternoon services and BBQs in the Quadrangle. It was not a large group that gathered but those that did engaged with the worship, sang the hymn and enjoyed the fantastic burgers, hotdogs and gorgeous rolls that Mike and Jan Moss provided. Tanya Fullarton provided soft drinks and wine for the adults to enjoy in the gorgeous weather in the delightful setting that All Saints Quadrangle provides. The conversation between people flowed and encouraged us to plan further BBQ's for the rest of the summer.

It is my hope that when we return to church in September we can build once again the Young Saints alongside the Tiny Saints. We can pray to offer worship that engages young people in the journey of the Christian faith alongside having fun. I consider myself to have been lucky. I had clergy and lay people committed to giving time to families and young people. Those clergy and lay people enabled me to find friends and shared experiences and that in turn helped foster my vocation.

I have already had three families offer to sponsor the BBQ for the next three months. Tanya and I are planning the return to Tiny Saints. If anyone wants to be part of this welcome to families, please let me know.

## RESOURCES THIS WEEK

### Thursday 3 June Night Prayer

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVtIpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

Psalm 42, Luke 9: 11 - 17

### Sunday 6 June Corpus Christi

The day of thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion. This year more than ever it is good to experience once again the gift of New Life given us by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ.

#### 9.30am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

It will also be possible to watch on zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82041922070?pwd=blhkaGRnUWVNbmJ6K2JBQTdDamExZz09>

Meeting ID: 820 4192 2070

Passcode: 587930

#### 11.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre.

### Monday 7 June 7.30pm Prayer Group on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFLOEQrQT09>

Meeting ID: 850 1160 0714

Passcode: 553120

If there is anyone or anything you would like us to pray for please let Fr Jeremy know.

### Wednesday 9 June Columba, Abbot of Iona

#### 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

### FUTURE DATES FOR BBQS IN THE QUAD @ 4.00pm on Sundays

**27 June, 25 July, 29 August – If we are lucky we may be able to find some sunny weather in September.**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Heavenly Father, Holy Scripture tells us that through this Holy Sacrifice we enter the sanctuary of your love, a place of true mediation between heaven and earth. We therefore come before you, Father, with great confidence as we pray for the needs of the church and the world.

We continue to pray for the ministry of welcome at All Saints Church. We begin planning for our return in September but Lord we pray too for our worship and activities throughout the summer. May there be opportunity to enable people to feel a sense of belonging within the community of All Saints.

In this year of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Royal British Legion we give thanks for their ministry throughout the country and particularly in this town of Maidenhead for our local branch with its loyal and committed members.

We pray for Cliveden Conservation and for all those involved in enabling All Saints church to be the place where people can worship and share mission for the future. We give thanks for George Street's complex of buildings enabling worship to the glory of God, education of the young and pastoral care.

For those in need of prayer we remember Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery, Albert, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Chris and Ann Rawlings. We pray too for the family of Tara Theogarajan. May God's loving and healing presence be with them all.

We remember the departed loved ones, Tara Theogarajan and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Charlie Mackesy: 'Asking for help isn't giving up,' said the horse. 'It's refusing to give up.'

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## **Worship for Sunday 6 June Corpus Christi**

### **Sounds of Worship**

**Brian Graves**

The feast of Corpus Christi celebrates the institution of the Eucharist. In today's gospel Jesus discusses the meaning of his statement that he "is the living bread which has come down from heaven". This discussion goes to the heart of not only his ministry and sacrifice on the cross but also to the importance of being able to commune with God through his flesh and blood or the bread and wine of the Eucharist.

There are many communion hymns that would be suitable for today, but I have chosen two which have contrasting musical styles and thus make their impact in different ways.

The first is "Broken for me, broken for you" AM 433 words and music by Janet Lunt (b1954). The worship song style of this hymn suggests that the congregation join together for the refrain while a soloist or solo group sing the verse. Indeed, the irregularities caused by the variation in the metre of the words from verse to verse would make this a more practical approach than everyone singing all the verses. Also, this approach is much more appropriate for the context and structure of the words.

Verse 1 is a statement or summary of the sacrificial nature of Jesus' death on the cross. Then, in the remaining verses, the words are personal, as though spoken by Jesus. Verse 2 speaks of the bread and wine while verse 3 associates his body (bread) as a memorial of his death and verse 4 his blood (wine) to remind us of his sacrifice for the redemption of our sins. The short phrases of the words and simple, limited range of the melody are reminiscent of the Taizé style of songs.

Janet Lunt has been involved in creative arts in worship and prayer for most of her adult life and began to flourish as a member of St Michael-le-Belfrey in York, under David Watson. She trained in music, gaining a first-class honours degree through studying at York University and Bath Spa University College. Work has included typesetting, transcribing and arranging music for publication, teaching piano and being Music Coordinator and composer in a Bristol Church. She has composed and led rehearsals for a large drama project with teenagers in the Bristol diocese, and has written songs for primary-school leavers as part of the Cathedral's education team.

Janet leads occasional quiet days. She has also designed and run several multi-sensory prayer trails in local churches, which have been welcomed in other venues including the Cathedral.

*Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

1. He offered his body, he poured out his soul,  
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

*Refrain*

2. Come to my table and with me dine,  
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

*Refrain*

3. This is my body given for you,  
eat it remembering I died for you:

*Refrain*

4. This is my blood I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness, making you new:

*Refrain*

Broken for me, broken for you AM 433 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXmjJsPnNLA>

“Broken for me, broken for you” words and music Janet Lunt  
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The second hymn is more traditional in style and it is “Sweet sacrament divine” AM 464 words and music by Francis Stanfield (1835 – 1914).

From the simple statements and phrases of the first hymn to something more melodramatic and archaic in its use of language. The first two verses build on the word “home” firstly harking-back to Jesus’ birth and earthly ministry and then, secondly as a place of peace and sanctuary. The third verse paints the picture of a storm at sea and with the reference to the ark in the second line immediately creates the association with Jesus calming the storm and Noah saving creation from the devastation of the flood. The last verse returns us to the centrality of God the Father and hope of eternal life through Jesus. The other feature of this hymn is the recurring use of the phrase “Sweet sacrament divine”, itself a simple and powerful statement.

The hymn was first published in Stanfield’s *Catholic Hymns (Part I 1858, Part II 1860), for Holy Communion*. Subsequently, it was found in the *Westminster Hymnal (1912)*, in the section ‘The Blessed Sacrament’, with the tune by Stanfield himself, later given the name Divine Mysteries. It was included in the revised *Westminster Hymnal (1940)* for ‘Corpus Christi and the Holy Eucharist’. In the last part of the 20th century this hymn was included in Anglican hymn books.

Stanfield and his family lived at Camden from 1832 to 1839. He was the son of Clarkson Stanfield (1793-1867), the theatrical and landscape painter, and friend of Charles Dickens. Clarkson Stanfield became an increasingly devout Roman Catholic in his later years. Two of his children, Francis and Raymund, became Catholic priests. Francis, a convert to Catholicism like his father, was ordained in 1860 and worked as a priest in the Diocese of Westminster.

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.
  
2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.
  
3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.
  
4. Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament divine AM 464 Divine Mysteries <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XcV7vZz-yJw>

- 1 JRW. "Sweet Sacrament divine." *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*. Canterbury Press. Web. 8 May. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/s/sweet-sacrament-divine>>.
- 2 JRW. "Francis Stanfield." *The Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*. Canterbury Press. Web. 8 May. 2021.<<http://www.hymnology.co.uk/f/francis-stanfield>>.

## COLLECT

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in this wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves and show forth in our lives the fruits of your redemption; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## EPISTLE **1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This

cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**GOSPEL**      **John 6: 51 - 58**

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; or my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'



**CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION**

The Royal British Legion is at the heart of a national network that supports our Armed Forces community through thick and thin - ensuring their unique contribution is never forgotten. We've been here since 1921 and we will still be here as long as they need us.

We are the country's largest Armed Forces charity, with 235,000 members, 110,000 volunteers and a network of partners and charities that help us give support whenever and wherever it is needed.

We support serving members of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, the British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families.

We help veterans, young and old, transition into civilian life, helping with employment, financial issues, respite and recovery, through to lifelong care and independent living.

From sports and arts-based rehabilitation courses to tailored personal support, we are by veterans' sides every step of the way. Every year we take thousands of families on breaks so that they can spend some much-needed quality time together.

We also support older veterans with home adaptations, nursing services, and through six dedicated care homes, run just for ex-servicemen and women and their dependents."

Although the official 100th birthday was on 15 May we hope to have a Service in All Saints Church later in the year to mark the Anniversary, covid permitting of course!

*Ray Williams, RBL*

## **QUENCH CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP HAS REOPENED: Monday to Saturday 11.00am – 4.00pm**

Please support them if you can; they have an excellent selection of cards and gifts for all occasions as well as the books.

## **FOODSHARE NEEDS are in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.**

### **REFLECTION by Greg Hurst**

Seven months after my mother's death, we buried her ashes. And the sun shined on us.

My mum, Elizabeth Hurst, worshipped at All Saints when my dad Jeremy was a non-stipendiary priest here in the 1970s and 1980s.

We planned her small funeral during the second lockdown in November hoping for a big memorial service at around this time of the year, with choral singing.

Circumstances still won't allow it. Instead, on Saturday 30 of our family gathered in the churchyard of my dad's last parish church, St Mary's in Langley.

He led children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and partners along a grassed path through the beautifully tended churchyard, glancing back with pride to observe the long procession we made.

He took us to a flowering ash (*Fraxinus Ornus*) planted 25 years ago in memory of my mother's mother, Margery Dustan, after her death. We formed a semi-circle around the tree, whose flowers were just spent but whose leaves were in fine colour. Our dad said a prayer.

I carried a spade. At the foot of the tree I lifted a clod of turf. My elder brother carried a box with mum's ashes. My sister poured them into the ground. My twin brother replaced the turf.

We stood a while at this tranquil spot, opposite the rectory where our mum lived for 20 happy years, where her grandchildren played in the garden.

It is a fine resting place. The sun peeked from behind clouds. We 30 left to regroup in my sister's garden where, finally together, we celebrated her life.