

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
MAIDENHEAD
PARISH NEWS

www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk

Issue 214 13 NOVEMBER 2024

NEXT ISSUE 27 NOVEMBER



Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Monday 4 November my friend and walking colleague, John, and I finally arrived in Southampton following our 70 mile pilgrimage from Reading. To celebrate the fact that we had arrived we found a Wetherspoons Pub to enjoy some Ringwood real ale. We found the pub rather more easily than we had found the last couple of yellow arrows leading us to God's House Tower which is the final place of this part of the Camino before catching a ferry to Northern Spain and walking to Santiago Compostella.

As I sipped my pint of Ringwood a ping was heard on my phone. The sender was Jenny Wilks asking me to verify the submission that she had made on behalf of All Saints Church to gain the Eco Church Silver award. Within the time I had finished my first pint of beer and ordered the second we were officially a church with a silver award.

Later in the week I read my copy of the Church Times. The front cover had the headline 'Trump's triumph'. Surprised but delighted that the Church Times was branching out into sport and the latest victory of the outstanding snooker player from the West Country I turned to the back page to read the weekly interview. The Church Times each week interviews a person from various areas of public life about their role and their faith. This week it was Polly Eaton of A Rocha UK, the organisation that equips Christians and churches to protect and restore the environment, for God, nature, and all people. I read that Polly's role is to support dioceses to achieve their Eco Diocese awards but also to help encourage parishes like ours to care for the environment. I discovered that the scheme now has 7500 registered churches with 3500 plus churches now having at least bronze award status.

Eco Church began in 2016 and was launched by A Rocha. There are three levels of awards based upon how the environment is addressed within five categories: worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement, and lifestyle. The more individual churches like All Saints take seriously the role we play in trying to restore the environment, the better it is for the Diocese in their attempts for an award. Polly Eaton had her 'Aha' moment in Nigeria. While working for a mental health project there she noticed villages that grew cocoa to supplement their income. Sadly, each year the price they received for their product went down. In the end it wasn't worth picking and instead the locals felled trees and sold them for timber. Without the trees, heavy rains meant flooding, soil erosion became an issue, and farms were often washed away. Polly became a Fairtrader for years in Britain as a consequence of her experience in Nigeria. In our month of Creationtide you will recall our promotion of Fairtrade Fortnight, when we had sermons, fairtrade products and encouraged more people to look for Fairtrade products in the supermarket. We have also continued to develop our links overseas with Ripple Effect and their sustainable farming schemes in Africa. Some of you may have noticed too the amazing partnership work going on in the churchyard with the local authority, GoodGym and members of our congregation.

The Sustainability group of Jenny Wilks, Jo McMullen, Anne Sweeney, Ken Smith and John Bolodeoku need to be thanked for the work they have put in giving focus to this ministry over the last 4 years or so. Thank you too for the congregation of All Saints who are playing their part in making the connection between God and nature.

Finally, those of us at All Saints are not interested in ticking boxes to gain awards. I am thrilled that we have genuine stories in various areas of worship and teaching, buildings, land, community and global engagement and lifestyle. The Diocese has noticed this ministry too and has invited Jenny and our team to speak to the Diocesan Greenhoots Network about our sustainability projects at the end of November.

To conclude: Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, in an article on the Lord's Prayer (Middle of the Church Times!), states that the prayer does not begin 'My Father' but 'Our Father'. It is not about self but about the communal need of society. God is in fact through the Lord's Prayer teaching us how to live in communion with God as trinity and each other. In Polly Eaton's words 'Social justice has sometimes been sidelined for a focus on personal salvation, rather than loving our neighbour.

We celebrate this week the silver award but more importantly the understanding of working in partnership with God, nature and all people in protecting and restoring the environment. May we all be blessed by God's love this fortnight.

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Thursday 14 November** 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
4.00pm Confirmation Class for group 4 on Zoom
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 15** **NO TINY SAINTS THIS WEEK**
7.45pm *Meeting at the Royal British Legion*
- Saturday 16** *10.00am Meeting of the Lady Pocock Charity at St Mary's*
12 noon Interment of Ashes in the Churchyard
- Sunday 17** **10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday before Advent**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
- Tuesday 19** 7.30pm Bellringing Practice
- Wednesday 20** **10.00am Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am *Communion Service at Normanhurst Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette*
2.30pm *Service at Larchfield Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette*
- Thursday 21** 1.30pm 6th Form Bible Study at Altwood School
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 22** *9.00am Assembly at Boyne Hill School*
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

Sunday 24 November 10.00am Eucharist for Christ the King Worship for All

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

6.00pm Sundays@Six Taizé Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

*6.30pm Confirmation Service at St Barnabas and Emmer Green, Caversham
Please pray for all 31 candidates to be confirmed including 16 from here.*

Monday 25

9.30am Morning Prayer

Our Sustainability group share their experiences of Creationtide with the Diocesan Greenshoots Team.

Tuesday 26

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 27

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre

ADVANCE NOTICE

Wednesday 11 December 1.45pm Senior Saints Christmas lunch at the Toby Carvery; for further information contact Wendy Channon on 01628 625701

ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET: SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 12 noon to 3.30pm



We're under 3 weeks away now from this year's Christmas Market, and we need everyone's help, please, to make it a success.

- We need prizes for the Raffle, Adults and Children's Tombola – the box at the back of the Church is waiting for your contributions!

- We also need help to run the All Saints stalls, and / or to provide cover so everyone has time to enjoy the Market. We're looking for help with: the Raffle, Tombola, BBQ and the Children's activity table, and in the kitchen providing hot chocolate, mulled wine and teas and coffee.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.

- And we also need your help with cakes and mince pies, to sell with the teas and coffees, and very importantly gazebos so we're prepared whatever the weather!

Please sign up at the back of the church if you can help with any of these

Please speak to Fr Jeremy, Stella Harding or Jo McMullen if you would like to talk about how you can join in or help with a prize donation.

Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, John Gay, Stella Harding, Mei Bolygo, Bence Bolygo

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A prayer for COP 29

God of blessings, the universe sings of your glory. Deepen our gratitude for all you have made and waken in us a renewed commitment to care for the earth and each other. Inspire world leaders at COP 29 with openness to listen to those most affected by climate change and with courage to act urgently and wisely so that our common home may be healed and restored and all people, and generations to come may delight in it. AMEN (A prayer from CAFOD)

As we journey towards Advent, we continue to hold in prayer charities supporting young people. We remember the Operation Christmas Child and the Children's Society that we are supporting at this time. May young people know that they are loved through the work of these two organisations and all charities supporting young people.

As we look forward to the confirmation service at St Barnabas, Caversham with Bishop Henry Scriven and Fr Kevin Lovell we remember those from All Saints who will be confirmed. We pray for Katy Lion, Karen Harvey, Parang Tajeddin, Mohammad Ali Tabkhi, Shadan Ghafelzade Ahvaz, Mohammad Shini, Leila Zamani, Maria Rezvan, Yasaman Shahbazi, Alireza Hokmi, Fatemeh Hassani, Shayan Reyhanifard, Neda Khamehee, Majid Araghiyeh Farahani, Behnood olia, Maedeh Zare. We pray too for Richard Wilson who will be received into the Church of England. May all these people continue to grow in faith and be inspired by the Holy Spirit to share their gifts within the Body of Christ.

We continue to pray for peace in this world of trauma and violence. We pray for the countries across the Middle East. We remember people from our own community with families in Lebanon, Israel, and Iran, we pray for Gaza and all those suffering at this time. We pray too for the people caught up in conflict in Ukraine. We pray for peace for people of Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East.

We continue to pray for our friends here who are going to interviews with the Home Office. May they receive a fair hearing and be given the opportunity to build lives in this country.

We pray for those in need of God's healing. Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Arash Rezaei, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Elham Nekunam, Beryl Dorton and the families of Pearl and Marian. May they all know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for Margaret Darkwah, Kristina Baloch and Doreen Bramble and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Hebrews 10: 11 – 14 & 19 -25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God,' and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

GOSPEL Mark 13: 1 -8

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here

upon another; all will be thrown down.’ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, “I am he!” and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.’

MUSIC

Prelude:	Prelude	<i>G Finzi</i>
Opening hymn:	584 All my hope on God is founded	
Gradual hymn	643 God beyond earth's finest treasures	
Offertory hymn:	663 How shall I sing that majesty	
Communion hymn:	595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart	
Closing hymn:	422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus	
Postlude:	Hyfrydol	<i>R Vaughan Williams</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING

COLLECT

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

O T READING Daniel 7: 9 – 10 & 13 -14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

GOSPEL John 18: 33 - 37

Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

MUSIC

Prelude	Rondo Da Chiesa	<i>P Hurford</i>
Opening hymn:	593 At the name of Jesus	
Gradual hymn:	612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning	
Offertory hymn:	494 I, the Lord of sea and sky	
Communion hymn:	678 In Christ alone	
Closing hymn:	818 To God be the glory	



CHRISTINGLE NEWS

There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle service on Sunday 8 December. (Suggested donations of £1). Helpers will be needed to make the Christingles between 10.00am and 11.30am on Saturday 7 December in the Parish Centre. Please sign the list at the back of the church and add your contact details if you can help, even for a short time. New volunteers are always welcome and the job is quickly completed with lots of help. Thank you. *Anne Clark*

*Wishing you
a joyful and
blessed
Christmas*



Nativity Window, All Saints Church

ALL SAINTS CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS CARD

We all enjoy receiving Christmas cards each year, and not least we enjoy sending cards to our friends in the congregation, even if we see them every week. Each person who joins in will receive just one card. The card has a picture of the centre panel of the nativity window on the front cover and will include the names of everyone who takes part. (See the sample card at the back of church.)

Donations will go to the Operation Christmas Child charitable appeal.

How it works

1. You decide you want to take part, make your donation (suggested £10) and sign your name on the sheet. (See sign up sheet and donation envelope at back of church). Please ensure you have done this by **4 December**.
2. Your name will be entered in the card under one of the symbols. Cards will be printed during week commencing 9th December and will be **ready to pick up from 15 December**.
3. Your card will contain everyone's name who has contributed.

We hope that you will be keen to reduce waste and try out this new idea. If you have any questions, please ask *Jenny Wilks or Ken Smith*.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL DEADLINE MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER!!!

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 12th time this year. In each of the last 3 years, we have donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. (Last year, it was 71). Over 11 years, we've sent over 720 shoebox gifts, which is amazing!

One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online/goal-page/MzIxMA%3D%3D>. It costs £25.

See the leaflet attached to the email for more information and other ways to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk or speak to me in church.

Jenny Wilks

Introduction to Singing



Over the next few weeks, the choir will be preparing Christmas Carols for Nine Lessons and Carols and to lead singing at the Christ Child Market. This provides an excellent opportunity for novice, reluctant and occasional singers to join with the choir to supplement them for either or both of these events in music that will be familiar and accessible.

For many years the choir has been supplemented by singers from outside the Parish for Nine Lessons and Carols so we are accustomed to extras joining us at this time of year. For anyone new to singing, this is an excellent introduction to the pleasure, physical and mental benefits of choral singing.

If you are interested, please get in touch with me after a Sunday morning service or via the Parish Office.

Brian Graves,

VACANCY IN THE ALMSHOUSE CHARITIES BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

Accommodation

Built in 1858, Lamotte House has 4 self-contained flats. We have a vacancy on the ground floor with rear access to a small courtyard. The flat has one bedroom, lounge, kitchen and a modern shower room. There is a communal garden. The property has a 24 hour remote alarm service. The house is adjacent to All Saints Church Boyne Hill.

Criteria:

To be considered applicants must:

- Be a female in need age 60 or over.
- Priority given to applicants with a connection to the former Borough of Maidenhead.
- Be capable of independent living; we do not offer any warden support.
- Not have any pets.
- Priority is also given to members of the Church of England.

Contact Details

Residents are appointed by the Trustees as beneficiaries, and pay a maintenance charge not a rent. For an application form and to find out more about the charity & the accommodation contact Mike Moss, at mike.moss@btinternet.com

Closing date 13 December 2024.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.

THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley