

Our funding for OAK over the years might not be widely understood. We heard of the opportunity when Robert, who was our Curate at the time responded to the then vicar (Fr Norman Brown) who asked what can we (the parish) do to build upon your experiences in Kenya? Train more priests.

A new brochure explaining OAK will be published in March. Our parish has sponsored Eunice, Margaret, Patrick, Jemimah, Richard & Stephen as ordinands in training and continued prayer support once they are ordained.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

LENT 2017



Our focus throughout 2017 is 'Seeking to discover what is needed for Spirit-filled encounters with God'.

In 2016 we used the spiritual practice of Dwelling in the **Word** to deepen our understanding of what God is saying to us in scripture. We are now building upon that foundation to explore Dwelling in the **World**.

This Lent we have invited speakers whose work brings to life the following text:

Matthew 22.34-40

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

As preparation for Lent you are encouraged to explore this text using the practice of Dwelling in the World.

The commandment 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself' is an important aspect of Dwelling in the World. We are all created in the image of God (Genesis 1.26). For many of us our instinct and nurture has been to **select** those we identify as our neighbour. Are we open to the possibility that God might send to us people we encounter in our daily lives so that we can share His love with them?

Lent is a time of preparation. We often deny ourselves something to reflect upon the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. We might find it uncomfortable to contemplate those living on the margin of society as also being our neighbours. We might believe that taking the scriptures into schools is a challenge too far. Come and listen to our speakers. You may just find yourself being challenged to think that God is encouraging you to do a bit more to announce His Kingdom.

Sunday March 5th 10.00am

Tony Miller, Director of Whitechapel Mission. A 140 years of serving the homeless and the marginalised.

Sunday March 12th 10.00am

Sue Brett on Undercover Maidenhead

Sunday March 19th 10.00am

Jeanette Lock, Street Angels
Sue Ashwell, Open the Book

Sunday March 26th 10.00am

Traditional Mothering Sunday

Sunday April 2nd 10.00am

Bishop Andrew, Mission as our invitation into Partnership .

Sunday April 9th 10.00am

Fr. John Chadwick, finding God at work in the lives of the Travelling Community.

Looking Ahead

God opens doors in a wonderful variety of ways. Read on.

In the Autumn we will hold a Supper Evening as a fund raising event for OAK. Our speakers will be Revd. Robert Langton who visited Kenya with Roy Taylor in 2003 and on his return the OAK project was born. Fr Jeremy will share some of the highlights of his sabbatical visit to Kenya in 2013 which was inspired by our support for OAK.