

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I began last week's Parish News by writing that we could with confidence return to worship in church with a restored floor, a brand-new sound system and the heating up and running. OK, OK, maybe my confidence was slightly misplaced but we have got a rather nice floor that would I think have brought a smile to George Street himself! As for the sound system, well the music and mics are working well. The sound quality is

excellent, but we have just a few changes left to make including the pulpit mic. Sadly, the heating (as I write it's not working at the Vicarage either) is not at its best. It did briefly burst into life before conking out, much like the vicar on a typical Sunday morning! Hopefully this weekend all will be OK as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal British Legion as well as mark the beginning of Advent.

Despite the problems mentioned above let's look on the bright side:

The restored church floor is magnificent! Just look at Ken's picture on our opening page, and there are more on pages 7 & 8. I found it moving that Barbara Bannister said to me after the service that she had never seen the floor looking like the design that George Street had in mind all those years ago. It has been frustrating waiting for the completion, but the quality of the work is outstanding, and I have found the church a joy to worship and celebrate occasions in. Since opening on Saturday we have celebrated a wedding where the couple were overjoyed with the church, we celebrated Christ the King in the Eucharist, held a joyful service of Holy Baptism and on Monday a moving commemoration service for a man who had not been able to mark his father's death last January.

This weekend we celebrate the Eucharist to mark the 100th anniversary of the Royal British Legion. At the service we will give thanks for the support offered to service men and women, to veterans and to their families. We will celebrate our local branch of the Royal British Legion at Maidenhead which is a place of friendship and community as well as serving one another's needs.

From 2.00pm to 5.00pm on Sunday we will celebrate our first ever Christmas Market. As I said in last week's Parish News, Monika and I enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Market in Cologne two years ago. It was in Germany that the first market took place, and the real meaning of the Christmas market was emphasised. The Christmas Market is the 'Christ Child Market' and always began on Advent Sunday when we look forward to the incarnation and God coming amongst us as a vulnerable baby boy who would give his life that we might experience New Life. Many of the All Saints Church community have given their time and energy to planning the market as well as a good number of folk from the wider community coming to support us. Please come to the Quadrangle and enjoy the beginning of the journey through Advent.

With All Saints looking so beautiful we will be looking forward to celebrating with schools for their Christmas services (please support us if you can by welcoming the schools), and returning to the building for the traditional services of Christingle, the Nine Lessons and Carols, the family Crib service and Midnight and Christmas morning services. Please take the opportunity to worship at a few of these services over the coming weeks.

The final part of my good news is something I have prayed for over a couple of years. That is the chance to work once again with a priest who wants to share being a member of the ministry team at All Saints. It delights me even more that it is Fr John Ainslie who is returning to the parish having served as a lay person in such a wonderful way. Fr John, who was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Oxford on 1st July 2017 in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, before serving his curacy at Cookham and then since Easter 2020 served the Parish of Burchett's Green as their priest. Fr John, over the last eighteen months, has served the congregations of three churches during the most challenging of times. I am thrilled that he will return to help support ministry within Boyne Hill and we look forward to welcoming him early in the New Year.

SHARING LOVE AT CHRISTMAS

St Peter's Church last year celebrated 'Sharing Love at Christmas'. Their congregation, with the aid of a matched grant, offered over 500 Christmas boxes to people around the town. I was invited to share 20 and I did so with some of the All Saints congregation. This year St Peter's have invited all the churches of the town to share in this wonderful project. With the aid of the grant a lovely box can be offered at £5. Sue Nordberg kindly represented All Saints at the planning meeting, and we have agreed to support AllSorts by offering the gifts from AllSorts resources. We are hoping that people from All Saints might be willing to support this project either by the gift of a donation or by helping St Peter's with making up the boxes. Contents are purchased centrally by St Peter's and people gather at the church to make the boxes up. We can then share this Christmas love with those we know within our community.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 25 November *2.45pm Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

Friday 26 November **No Tiny Saints as preparations are made for the Christmas Market**

Sunday 28 November **10.00am Eucharist in Church** **Advent Sunday & Celebrating 100 years of the Royal British Legion**
2.00pm – 5.00pm Christmas Market

Monday 29 November *9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey*
7.30pm Sustainability Meeting at the Vicarage
7.30pm Windsor & Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group at the Synagogue

Tuesday 30 November *9.00am Open the Book at All Saints School*
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 1 December **10.00am Eucharist in the Church**
7.30pm Bishop Steven's visit to the Deanery at Holy Trinity, Cookham. All welcome.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we light the Advent Candle today, may its flame be for us a sign of hope; May its warmth be a symbol of God's love for us; and may it inspire us to be hope bearers – people of compassion and integrity, as we gather in the name of Jesus who is the light of the world.

Let us give thanks to God for the centenary of the Royal British Legion: for all the support offered to service men and women, to veterans, and to families; pray that they may always be there whenever help is needed.

Let us pray for the Armed Forces community: for the pressures they face whilst on active service, and when their service is over; for those who live with physical and psychological wounds and those who support them each day; that there may be greater understanding of their needs.

Let us pray for the work of advocacy: for every effort to give voice to service and ex-service personnel and their families; for those who speak up for Her Majesty's Armed Forces in Parliament, and in the corridors of power; that their service may be acknowledged, and their voice heard.

Let us pray for the work of Maidenhead and Datchet branches of the Royal British Legion, for their membership; that they may be places of friendship and community, serving one another's needs.

Let us pray for the on-going work of the Royal British Legion; for the people who contribute in caring, campaigning, and remembrance; and for the next generation of service personnel, that they may have the hope of support and a better future, whatever might be asked of them.

We pray for this community of All Saints as we return to this building for worship and mission. We pray that we will all respond to our baptismal call to play our part as members of the Body of Christ. We look forward to welcoming people to the ChristChild market and the school services this Advent.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Joan Poolman, Doreen Hill, Vivienne Patterson, John Hicks, Christel Kirschner, Ursula Hutchinson, Mikhail & Luidmila, Birmta Zadinane, and Kirsty Banner.

We pray for all the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Loving God, as we end our time together and leave this place, let us go in hope, live by hope, and be signs of hope for all to see. In Jesus' name. Amen

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

Fr Jeremy

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MARKET THIS SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Thank you very much to all those who have already kindly offered to help with our first Christmas Market, by:

...making donations for the tombola and raffle, running our All Saints stalls, offering gazebos.

We are very grateful to all of you. We now need to ask for your help with the last few final, but **very important**, things:

Bakers – we would love some offers of cakes or biscuits for our cake stall, or mince pies to go with the hot drinks we are selling.



Gazebo owners – we are in need of just a few more gazebos, two of which could be small, to shelter the people on the main entrance and the entrance to Father Christmas' grotto.

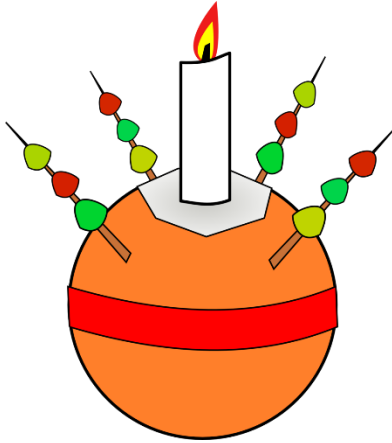
Christmas decorations – to help decorate our stalls and Father Christmas' grotto

We would also be very grateful for help in setting out tables and putting up gazebos and decorations for the stalls in the quad, after the 10.00am service.

If you can help with any of this, please do let us know.

We look forward to seeing you all at this lovely community event – please do come along and enjoy the afternoon, and help make our "Christ Child Market" a huge success.

Jayne Chapman, Stella Harding



Christingle Advance Notice

There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle service on Sunday 12 December. (Suggested donations of £1). Helpers will be needed to make the Christingles between 10.00am and 11.30am on Saturday 11 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.

Anne Clark

HELP NEEDED FOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE CHURCH

If anyone is able to help welcoming our schools as they visit for their Christmas Services please email Sue, our Parish Administrator, allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com Ideally it would be lovely to have 3 people at each. Services as below:

Friday 3 December from 9.00am	Boyn Hill Infants Christingle
Monday 6 December 1.30pm – 3.30pm	Claire's Court Rehearsal
Tuesday 7 December 10am - 11.00am	Claire's Court Years 3 & 4
Tuesday 7 December 2.30pm – 3.30pm	Claire's Court Years 5 & 6
Wednesday 8 December 1.30pm – 3.00pm	All Saints Rehearsal
Wednesday 8 December 6.00pm – 7.00pm	All Saints Service

Worship for Sunday 28 November ADVENT SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

EPISTLE **1 Thessalonians 3: 9—end**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

GOSPEL **Luke 21: 25 - 36**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son

of Man coming in a cloud” with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

So far over 40 boxes have been donated from All **to be received at Braywick Nursery has passed but Monday 29 November** We have our own donation make donating even easier! You can find it purse.org.uk/goal-pages/5605bb90#form If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.



UPDATE

Saints folk. **The closing date for boxes** cash donations can be accepted until page on the OCC website this year to at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-> at [jwilks@jwa-](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk)

Windsor and Maidenhead Community Forum Women's Group Monday 29 November

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to our next meeting on site at the Synagogue, or on Zoom from 7.30—9.00pm. Celebrating Chanukah (and other festivals of light!) at Maidenhead Synagogue, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX. Further details from: sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org Zoom code available on request (email above)

A wall hanging made by this group is now on display in Maidenhead Library which also featured in last week's Maidenhead Advertiser.



