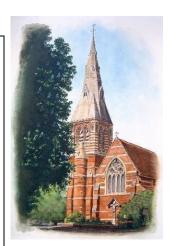
ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD PARISH NEWS

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I would like to take the opportunity this week to share information about a charity that to my mind takes seriously the subject of 'Wellbeing' and at the same time takes part in excellent community projects. During the Pandemic the issue of human wellbeing has become increasingly important. Many young people at school, students at universities, people struggling with different work patterns and those of us such as parish priests trying to keep community together know that our physical, mental and at times our spiritual welfare is extremely important. I have just finished my annual ministerial review and the key question within that important part of sustaining a healthy ministry is wellbeing. Yes, not only my doctor, but also my reviewer have challenged me to think about wellbeing and particularly physical activity. I have been challenged to get back out jogging after letting it slip for the last twelve months.

In the early lockdown of last year many people connected to All Saints wanted to know how they could help people with getting food and medical supplies and indeed just getting on the phone to someone who might enjoy hearing the voice of another person. As a church community we received thanks from the Borough for our efforts to keep in contact with people and this led to us working in partnership and receiving a grant to help support the community.

A charity that has combined wellbeing with helping in the community is the excellent GoodGym. A local Boyn Hill resident Amy Lovell, who lives opposite the church, met with me, Ken Smith and other community people on a Borough forum on zoom recently. As a consequence of that meeting, we heard how Amy is running a very successful GoodGym team in our local area. The great news for our church community is that Amy has agreed to bring of a number of athletes and keen community helpers to our church this Wednesday (30th June) at 7.00pm to work on weeding in the courtyard and painting the skirting boards in the Parish Centre. Amy has an excellent link with our church through Tiny Saints and her family have enjoyed the activities, simple hospitality, and nursery rhyme service for a number of years. Amy has kindly written the following piece outlining the idea behind GoodGym.

In case you haven't heard of GoodGym, they are a charity who combine helping in the community with getting fit. GoodGym started in Tower Hamlets 12 years ago and is now in 58 areas of the UK. The Windsor and Maidenhead branch launched around a year ago and is led by Boyne Hill resident Amy Lovell.

The 'Good' bit of GoodGym is that they we volunteer to help local charities, community projects and isolated older people. The 'Gym' bit is that they stay active by running, walking or cycling to volunteering sessions. We also organise optional running/walking challenges and fitness sessions.

The charity is dedicated to improving physical and mental health of participants by keeping them active, connecting them socially with other participants, giving them a sense of purpose and connection with their community. The vibe during the sessions is relaxed and fun and the tasks don't feel like work because everyone is chipping in and feeling productive. Even the least glamourous tasks can be very satisfying when many hands make light work and there are some impressive 'before' and 'after' photos.

GoodGym would love to get more people participating. We list all of our events on our website www.goodgym.org and there is just a short registration and online training module needed before people can sign up. There is no minimum time commitment involved, just as much or as little as participants want to do, so it can fit around busy lives. Everyone is welcome as long as they are over 18 and the group includes people of all ages and fitness levels, from those who have just finished school to those who have retired.

GoodGym are always on the look out for tasks, so if you know of a charity or community group in need of help with anything from weeding and digging to painting, shifting furniture or sorting donations, please contact amylovell@goodgym.org.

Thank you, Amy, for sharing the background to GoodGym. I believe they offer an example of how to find a sense of wellbeing through physical activity and by offering excellent community work. I believe they also offer an example to the Church community. When we return to the church building in late September or early October can we be the gathered worshipping community that is also known within the community for our deeds? Can we reflect the light of God's love within our communities?

Pilates with Amy

I know that a number of you are keeping fit by taking part in Pilates. Amy is starting a group in the Parish Centre starting on Thursday 9th September from 7.30pm to 8.30pm. If you would like to join see https://www.movehappyfitness.co.uk/

Family community at All Saints

On Sunday we hosted another of our summer family services followed by an excellent BBQ given by Dave and Stella Harding. This BBQ continued the delicious standard set by Mike and Jan Moss at our May BBQ. For those of you that are not aware of this new activity we begin with thirty minutes of worship which attempts to engage all ages. Last weekend we looked at the theme of caring for people beyond our normal boundaries as Jesus did with Zacchaeus, The Good Samaritan and people living with illnesses like leprosy. We also thought about people who may come across as difficult because of unhappy experiences in life who still cry out for help.

Following the worship with hymns (of good quality) and nursery rhyme songs of varying quality led by the vicar a good number of people enjoyed a gorgeous burger, hotdog and salad along with a soft drink or a glass of wine. It was lovely to see that the conversation flowed. Please note that everyone is welcome to join us. Our next BBQ and service will be Sunday July 25th at 4.00pm in the Quad and the theme will be St James and Pilgrim journeys.

Good News

Congratulations to Nick and Margaret Kirk on the birth of their great grandchild Oscar Nigel Winston. Our congratulations go to Caitlin and Aidan the proud parents.

Vicar's email address

Please CHECK the email address on emails claiming to be from Fr Jeremy. He will only send from <u>jeremy-harris@outlook.com</u>. Please do not reply to any email from him with a different email address.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Wednesday 30 June

7.00pm We welcome GoodGym to the Quadrangle and Parish Centre.

Friday 2 July 10.00am

We hope that weather permitting our Outdoor Tiny Saints will re-start after a 15 month break.

Sunday 4 July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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 5 July 8.00pm Night Prayer on Mondays on Zoom

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85011600714?pwd=Y0x2VWpMQ3JFUStsQ0plbEFL0EQrQT09

Meeting ID: 850 1160 0714

Passcode: 553120

Psalm 103, Luke 19: 28 - 40 Hymn 'Go Forth and Tell'

Wednesday 7 July

10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Thursday 8 July

7.30pm on Zoom First Meeting of the new PCC

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

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

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Prayers from Roots resources:

Lord, you sent your disciples into the world to share your word with those in need – may we approach this coming week with a similar desire. You sent them carrying little but trusting much – may we live this week

with a similar attitude. May our lives be less about us and our needs, and more about you, and your love and care for all people in all places and circumstances. May we love as you love. Lord in your mercy

We continue to hold within our prayers the ministry of welcome at All Saints. We continue to plan for our return to the church building in the Autumn. We give thanks for last weekend's BBQ and the opportunity it allowed to share hospitality and fellowship. We pray too for the return of Tiny Saints for young children and families within the Quadrangle. Lord in your mercy

We give thanks for the charity GoodGym. At a time when people's wellbeing and community cohesion are so important, we give thanks for the members of GoodGym who have supported All Saints community this week. Lord in your mercy

We pray for those in need at this time. We pray by name for Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery, Albert, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris and for Paul Lathan. We pray for the family of Jordan Shawn Mhlanga-Viera.

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

Charlie MacKesy 'Sometimes,' said the horse. 'Sometimes what?' asked the boy. 'Sometimes just getting up and carrying on is brave and magnificent.'

Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 4 July The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Sounds of Worship Brian Graves

Today's gospel provides an example of where the familiar creates indifference to the extraordinary and the best way of overcoming this is to do the extraordinary in an unfamiliar setting. We hear of the reaction of Jesus' fellow townsfolk who despite being amazed at his teaching in the synagogue dismiss what he has to say and does because he is a carpenter and a member of an ordinary family.

Jesus is dismayed at their reaction but subsequently rises to the challenge of spreading his message by sending his disciples in pairs on a mission to spread his gospel. He instructs them to go without food and money and rely entirely on the welcome and hospitality of their listeners to sustain them. If their approach is ignored or people are unresponsive, Jesus tells the disciples to stop wasting their time and move-on to somewhere more fruitful.

I have chosen two hymns which speak to the message of sending-out, ministry and mission. The first is "Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!" AM 477 words by James Seddon (1915 – 1983) set to the tune Woodlands composed by Walter Greatorex (1877 – 1949)

This hymn of mission dates from 1964, when the author was living in Sidcup, Kent. He had returned from service with the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society (now Crosslinks) in Morocco and was then the society's Home Secretary. It was published in the 1966 *Youth Praise 1*.

While using New Testament 'mission' language, the hymn 'avoids the overtly military metaphors of Wesley (and Paul)...Its message is that of God's "gracious invitation", rather than his overwhelming power.' Seddon

himself attributes its popularity partly to 'its specific call to action, and I think the idea of sharing the gospel with all people.'1

Seddon was educated at Southport Grammar School, Tyndale Hall, Bristol, and the University of Durham (LTh, 1939). He was ordained (deacon 1939, priest 1940), serving curacies at Everton (1939-41), Toxteth (1941-43) and Southport (1943-45). He was a missionary with the Bible Churchmen's Missionary Society (now Crosslinks) in Morocco (Tangier 1945-50, Marrakesh 1950-55); fluent in Arabic and French, he began writing hymns there for Arabic-speaking congregations to enlarge their limited repertoire. He was based in London as Home Secretary of BCMS (1955-67); then incumbent of two Essex parishes, Hawkwell (1967-74) and Peldon with Great and Little Wigborough (Peldon 1974-75, united parishes 1975-80) until retirement to Colchester in 1980.²

As a Colcestrian myself, I was interested to discover this Colchester connection with James Seddon.

Greatorex was a chorister at King's College, Cambridge, moving thence via Derby School to St John's College, Cambridge. After eleven years as an assistant music master at Uppingham School (1900-10) he was appointed Director of Music at Gresham's School, Holt in 1911, remaining there until his retirement in the summer of 1936. His pupils at Gresham's included W. H. Auden, Lennox Berkeley and Benjamin Britten. Named after one of the residences for pupils at Gresham's, his tune Woodlands was composed in 1916.³

- Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake! God's saving news to all the nations take: proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and king, that all the world his worthy praise may sing.
- 2. Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all, he will in grace respond to all who call: how shall they call if they have never heard the gracious invitation of his word?
- 3. Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide: share God's good gifts let no one be denied; live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose, your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.
- Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!
 Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies, go till all nations his great name adore and serve him, Lord and King for evermore

NB the recording omits verse 3.

Go forth and tell AM 477 *Woodlands* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNyDd9qtuk0

"Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!"
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The second hymn is "Christ is the one who calls" AM 487 words by Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926) set to the tune Love Unknown by John Ireland (1879 - 1962).

The opening line of this hymn summarises the entire theme of the day and the remainder of the verse stresses the importance and power of that call. The second verse shows it is the love of God which is the basis of Christ's call and the potency of that love to set us free in this life. The third and fourth verses remind us of Christ's passion and resurrection which enables the promise of a new life for all of us. Finally, the call of Jesus is wasted unless we share the message of God's love and hope.

The underlying message of God's love is given extra resonance by the choice of tune, which is normally used for "My song is love unknown".

Dudley-Smith was educated at Tonbridge School, before studying maths and then theology at Pembroke College, Cambridge. After graduating in 1947, Dudley-Smith began his ordination training at Ridley Hall. He was ordained deacon in 1950 and priest in 1951 by Christopher Chavasse, the Bishop of Rochester. After ordination, Dudley-Smith served as an Honorary Chaplain to Chavasse, as well as Head of the Cambridge University Mission in Bermondsey, South London. In 1955, he was appointed Editorial Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance and editor of the new Crusade magazine, created after Billy Graham's 1954 London mission.

He served as Archdeacon of Norwich from 1973 to 1981 and as Bishop of Thetford from 1981 to 1991. John Ireland studied piano, organ and composition at the Royal College of Music (RCM) London. From 1896 to 1926 he was an organist at two London churches. In 1923 he was appointed to a teaching position at the RCM where he remained until he retired in 1953. He was a successful and prolific composer.

- Christ is the one who calls, the one who loved and came, to whom by right it falls to bear the highest name: and still today our hearts are stirred to hear his word and walk his way.
- 2. Christ is the one who seeks, to whom our souls are known. The word of love he speaks can wake a heart of stone; for at that sound the blind can see, the slave is free, the lost are found.
- 3. Christ is the one who died, forsaken and betrayed; who, mocked and crucified, the price of pardon paid.

 Our dying Lord, what grief and loss, what bitter cross, our souls restored!

4. Christ is the one who rose in glory from the grave, to share his life with those whom once he died to save.

He drew death's sting and broke its chains, who lives and reigns, our risen King.

 Christ is the one who sends, his story to declare; who calls his servants friends and gives them news to share.

His truth proclaim in all the earth, his matchless worth and saving name.

Christ is the one who calls AM 487 Love Unknown

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCksFjfFOBk

"Christ is the one who calls"

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COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows – was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

GOSPEL Mark 6: 1 – 13

Jesus came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Safeguarding at All Saints

I expect many people will have heard the term "Safeguarding" being used and not been entirely sure what it means as far as the Church is concerned. I thought I would try and provide some explanation and set out a few of the actions and responsibilities that it covers.

Just to let you know, Louise ("Lou") O'Dwyer Barnard, the All Saints **Parish Safeguarding Officer** (PSO) is now on maternity leave and I have just been confirmed as her replacement for her period of leave.

Safeguarding, as the word suggests, is the requirement to keep children, young people and vulnerable adults "safe" - safe, in terms of their physical, emotional and mental health and care. **Safeguarding is part of our core faith and an integral feature of Christian life in parish churches.**

The PCC – Fr Jeremy, the Church Wardens and all those elected to it, have a duty of care to ensure the protection of the vulnerable in the church community. In turn, Fr Jeremy, and the PSO, play a key role in ensuring appropriate action is taken to ensure we meet these obligations and that we provide a safe, caring and nurturing environment for all our children, young people and vulnerable adults.

The Church of England House of Bishops, has developed "Safeguarding Policy and Practice Guidelines" which provide a robust and detailed framework to help support parishes in meeting their safeguarding responsibilities. The Diocese is responsible for supporting parishes in implementing these guidelines.

One important requirement is that each parish has its own "Parish Safeguarding Policy" which is published on its website and clearly displayed in all of the church's buildings. The PCC reviews the policy annually and updates it as necessary.

The Diocese provides **safeguarding training** for all those whose roles/tasks involve safeguarding responsibilities/contact with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults. There is additional training for those with leadership responsibilities or who lead activities involving vulnerable groups. The basic awareness training (delivered via an on-line presentation) is available to any member of the church community who would like to improve their understanding of abuse, as we build a culture of "informed vigilance", or awareness of potential safeguarding issues, within the church.

Another key feature of the church's approach to safeguarding has been the introduction of **"Safer Recruitment"**. Some of you may be aware of, or have read about, some recent appalling situations in which people have used – or created for themselves – positions of authority in the church in order to coerce or

manipulate vulnerable children and adults with a tragic outcome. Safer recruitment seeks, as far as possible, to ensure that this cannot happen again; it includes: a requirement to complete an application for a position/tasks within the church, and for certain positions/activities, to complete a declaration concerning any inclusion on a barred activity list (e.g. teaching). A few of the key leadership roles will also require a clean Disclosure and Barring Service ("DBS") certificate (this used to be called a "CRB" – Criminal Record Bureau check).

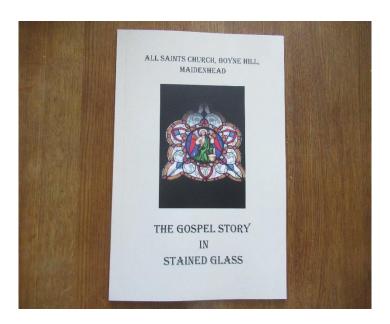
I have taken over the various recruitment processes from Lou and will be working with Fr Jeremy to make sure our list of all the roles and activities undertaken by everyone is up to date, and that those who are required to undergo some training or provide a DBS, are supported to meet those requirements.

Whilst Fr Jeremy, the PCC and the PSO have primary responsibility for safeguarding activity in the parish, we are all called upon to be mindful and alert to potential safeguarding issues. Any one of us might see a worrying or un-characteristic change in behaviour by a fellow member of our church community, or be party to some information that suggests abuse or coercion involving the most vulnerable. If you do, please **share this information**, in confidence, with Fr Jeremy or me so we can help deal with it appropriately....you may make an enormous difference to someone, or in a very extreme or distressing situation, save a person's life. And one thought, if the pandemic has taught us anything it is that we can all become vulnerable, unexpectedly, at any time in our lives.

The Diocese has a team of advisors ("DSA"), who we can go to with any safeguarding concerns, and who are there to help, advise, support or, if necessary, take responsibility for dealing with such situations.

If you would like to find out any more about any of these features of safeguarding, please let me know.

Stella Harding 07738 179710 safeguardingallsaintsboynehill@gmail.com



As a further fund-raiser for the floor project Ken Smith has created a pictorial record of ALL the stained glass windows in the church, including the angels in the cerestory windows and a record of the original windows that were installed by Street prior to their being replaced by the St Augustine window and the Annunciation window. The book consists of 48 A4 pages on semi-gloss stiff paper, most photos are page-size and all are

accompanied by an appropriate biblical text. This is the only pictorial record of the windows that exists and only 100 copies have been printed.

Each copy is £10 and as the cost of production has been met by Citygate Automotive every sale will go towards the floor fund.

Sue Stannett has kindly offered to manage the sales so if you would like to purchase a copy of "The Gospel Story in Stained Glass", then please send an email to sastannett@gmail.com with the following information:

- 1. How many copies you would like to order.
- 2. How you would prefer to make payment, i.e. Bank Transfer, Cash or Cheque.
- 3. Whether you would like to collect the book from the Church Vestry door by arrangement or would prefer to have it delivered.
- 4. If you are without email, perhaps you could ask a friend or neighbour to request one on your behalf?

MAIDENHEAD CARE IS BACK IN OPERATION FROM THURSDAY 1 JULY

The Maidenhead Care telephone line is **07538 418 448.**

Maidenhead Care is a "Good Neighbour" volunteer scheme providing support for the people of Maidenhead. If was founded in 1985 by the Reverend Peter Hudson, a former Minister at Maidenhead High Street Methodist Church. We were delighted to be granted in 2009 the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award given to volunteer groups across the UK. Pre-covid we averaged over 50 jobs per week.

Our volunteers can help with the day-to-day problems of life and thereby help maintain a client's independence. Requests for help can vary from providing transport to hospitals, doctors, dentists, collecting prescriptions; to help with shopping; or just visiting the lonely and having a chat.

Each new request for help is carefully considered as the scheme is designed to help those who would have difficulty in doing a task for themselves. Their difficulties, and the availability of other sources of help including relatives and friends, are taken into consideration to ensure that priorities are maintained.

All of our volunteer drivers are DBS vetted. If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please telephone us on 07538 418 448.

All Saints Church Representative: Jan Moss

CAN YOU HELP?

Female congregant who moved away from Maidenhead is looking to return. If anyone could potentially provide accommodation, even in the short term, or a house-sitting opportunity, would you please give details to Jan Moss (jan.moss@btinternet.com)

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

Eighteen months ago, it would have seemed ordinary. But when the approach came, it felt exciting. A business contact suggested a meeting. "Shall we meet in person"? he asked.

Covid-19 rules say we should 'usually' use remote working tools, with physical meetings held when 'reasonably necessary'. Well, we had both been working from home by default and had our fill of on-screen niceties. We arranged to meet in a café in the City of London.

A second invitation followed. Another contact suggested lunch. For a year and a half, lunch had been a sandwich or last night's left-overs. I agreed a lunch appointment the same day.

Then came a diary mix-up. On the train from Maidenhead to Paddington, I realised I was due to log-in to a video meeting at nine, not ten o'clock as I thought. On arrival I raced to find a quiet spot by a canal but, after many attempts, couldn't get online. I missed the meeting.

I had to abandon plans to spend an hour at the office. I travelled to my coffee appointment, then to my lunch engagement. Rushing, I was unable to log on to check messages in between.

Both were excellent, productive meetings. Nothing can rival in-person relationships. But I returned to the office to find a stream of messages from colleagues. Where were you? What happened?

The previous day I'd had six business video meetings: efficient, slightly perfunctory, draining. But two face-to-face meetings in a day put a strain on expectations in this always-on working environment.

It's a shame. We risk under-valuing human contact.