

# ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL MAIDENHEAD

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

We look forward this weekend to welcoming Fr John Ainslie for his licensing within the Parish of All Saints, Boyne Hill. As many of you will know Fr John worshipped for many years within this parish before testing a vocation to the ordained ministry within the Church of England. Fr John gave of his time and talent as a regular member of the PCC, as a Churchwarden and someone who shared in the liturgy as a server, reader, intercessor and preacher. Jan Moss has discovered looking back that Fr John gave the sermon on the readings for the Second Sunday of Epiphany in 2016! Fr John has played a part helping at Walsingham pilgrimages which so many of you have found helpful over the years.

Following his formation and training at Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, Fr John was ordained Deacon in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, on Saturday 1 July 2017 by The Rt Reverend Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford. Many of us were present at the Cathedral on that happy occasion. Fr John then moved to be with Fr Nick Plant and the clergy and people of the Benefice of The Cookhams where he served as Assistant Curate.

From Easter 2020 through to Christmas 2021 Fr John has served the Parish of Burchetts Green which covers three churches. To cover these churches making sure that services and pastoral care were offered during the Pandemic was a challenging time. Taking services, offering pastoral care and supporting the running of the three churches over a significant period of time is something for which the Deanery of Windsor and Maidenhead are extremely grateful to Fr John. I am very happy that he is coming to serve as a colleague alongside me and the ministry teams at All Saints as we look to build on the Mission Action plans that we have formed over the last few years.

Please come to worship God in word and sacrament this Sunday at the 10.00am Eucharist and support Fr John at his licensing, which will be led by The Archdeacon of Berkshire, The Venerable Stephen Pullin, who will also preach at the Eucharist. This will be Archdeacon Stephen's first visit to share worship with our congregation and we look forward to welcoming him. Archdeacon Stephen, before being asked to serve in one of the senior offices of the church, was an outstanding priest in Reading Minster of St Mary the Virgin. On its website, we read 'The Minster seeks to live out its Benedictine heritage as a place of prayer and hospitality, with two Eucharistic services each week, daily prayer and the church is open regularly at times during the day and as 'Sanctuary' on Friday and Saturday nights.'

Stephen told me last summer that there was an obvious need to support those who are marginalised in the community, and they work with agencies to provide support for these people as well as keeping the church open for hospitality and practical and spiritual support. We look forward to welcoming our Archdeacon this weekend.

## Ministry to Families and Young People

The Young Saints team and the Schools group met before Christmas to plan to reach out to the local schools and families. We already, through our Open the Book Teams, assemblies and classes, support our local schools. Greg Hurst from our Schools Team suggested that we might reinforce the themes and values being taught at our local schools. With this idea in mind the Head of Boyne Hill Infants has shared the themes/values for the year so that we can plan to use them in our 4.00pm Services that will follow on from our outdoor BBQ and services last year. Our first service with activities and hospitality will be at 4.00pm on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January on the theme of 'Going for Goals' and value of 'Endurance'. We will also be sharing a once a month 'Worship for All' and two Young Saints sessions a month. It was great to share the Worship for All on the Baptism of Christ when the singing was uplifting.

## RESOURCES

**Thursday 13 January**    *2.45pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
*8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre*

**Friday 14**                    **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

**Saturday 15** **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL Saturday 19 February**

**Sunday 16**                    **10.00am Eucharist & Licensing of Fr John Ainslie by the Archdeacon of Berkshire, The Venerable Stephen Pullin.**

**12 noon Holy Baptism** Please pray for Esme Catherine Lennox, her parents and godparents.

**6.00pm Sundays@Six on Zoom led by the Church of the Good Shepherd**

**Monday 17**                    *2.30pm Assembly at All Saints School for Martin Luther King Day*

**Tuesday 18**                    *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*  
*5.30pm Standing Committee Meeting on Zoom*

**Wednesday 19**              **10.00am Eucharist**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

From Roots

Creator God, abundant giver, at a wedding in Cana you turned the ordinary into the extraordinary. We ask Lord this week that you turn our ordinariness into something extraordinary for you today. Amen.

As we give thanks this weekend for the Baptism of Esme Catherine, we are reminded that through our own baptism we are an adopted brother and sister of Christ. As Jesus knew he was loved by God at his baptism may we all know the warmth of God's love in our lives.

We pray for Fr John Ainslie as he returns to the parish to serve as a priest to the community. We give thanks for the gift of Fr John's ministry in the past and look forward to his future priestly ministry alongside our parish teams.

We give thanks for our Archdeacon Stephen as he shares the preaching of God's word with us. We pray for Bishop Olivia and Archdeacon Stephen as they lead and guide us in mission.

In these challenging times we continue to pray for all those in our hospitals and surgeries trying to help people with poor health. We continue to give thanks for all those offering the vaccinations and the opportunity to stay healthy.

We continue to pray for our schools. May teachers, support staff and pupils be kept safe, and each child receive the opportunity to learn skills that will help them to become the person God calls them to be.

We pray for all those in need. We remember Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents, Ann and Chris his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Christel Kirschner, Ursula Hutchison, Birmta Zadinane and Kirsty Banner.

We commend to your love those who, washed in the water of Baptism, were close to you in this life and are now with you in eternal life. We pray for Marjorie Pocock, Joan Poolman, Ruth Rassel, 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.

*May we all be blessed by God's love this Epiphany Tide*

*Fr Jeremy*

## **Worship for Sunday 16 January The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

### **O T READING Isaiah 62: 1 – 5**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### **GOSPEL John 2: 1 - 11**

There was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know

where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

### **Saturday 19 February from 10.00am – 12.15pm in the Parish Centre Sustainability Open Morning - Caring for God's Earth as Christians**

Informative and fun. Including Biblical context, guest speaker, Fairtrade coffee and tea tasting, discussions, hints and tips.

If you're interested in knowing more about what we are planning to do as a church and how you can contribute, please look out for the sign-up list at the back of Church.

### **Flowers for 2022**

Thank you for the amazing speedy response. There are only two weeks left on the Flower Rota on the cross-aisle table; do add your name if there is a week you would like to sponsor. Barbara has handed over the Flower Accounts to Stella Harding, so please give your Sponsor donation to Stella and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate.

*The Flower Team*