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10:30 SUNG EUCHARIST Coffee / lunch in the Hall

WEEKDAY Tuesday at 19:30 Thursday at 10:30 Saturday 10:30

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The Chaplain writes

Last weekend saw our Annual Parochial Meetings, when we had a chance to look back over the last year and elect churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council to take us through the coming year.

What was immediately apparent from the numbers at the meeting and those volunteering to serve the church was the dedication of so many people in our congregation. From churchwardens, council members, accountants, singers, cleaners, teachers we are blessed with people with high calibre gifts they are happy to place at our disposal.

We also heard in the reports of the church's activities that we are experiencing modest growth in our numbers and church attendance. We heard how we have a significant role to play across the country, through the Anglican Council for Belgium, and in the Archdeaconry and Diocese, where St Boniface is well represented. All very positive!

Of concern was the fact that though our giving has increased significantly, we still have a very long way to go to ensure the future viability of the church in its present form. To put it into context, we are only a third of the way to achieving the increase in giving we absolutely need. The city of Antwerp will not pay as they did in the past. This needs to be taken on board not just by those who

volunteer, but by everyone connected with St Boniface.

So we urgently need more regular and generous givers, and we need more support for all our fundraising events. Our running costs have been reduced consistently in recent years, but we have been badly hit by a large reduction in the subsidies paid to churches in Antwerp and also the very late payment of monies owed for the restoration of the church. But, the overall mood was one of grateful optimism. As you will see in this issue of the newsletter, we are planning not just fundraising events, but events to deepen our faith and enrich our common life. The Archbishops' call to a week of prayer leading up to Pentecost is something we will share with churches across the Church of England. Do take part in this faithfully—either at the event in church, or at home, using the guide-lines provided.

You will also see that we are forming an active women's group, under the auspices of the Mothers Union. Again, this is something to consider joining, particularly if you have young children (or grandchildren) and want to strengthen Christian family life at home and across the world.

And finally, continuing the more positive theme, join us in June for a fun afternoon tea-party celebrating Queen Elizabeth's ninetieth birthday.

Fr Andrew Wagstaff



A Prayer initiative for Pentecost

The Archbishops have expressed their longing “to see a great wave of prayer throughout the Church of England and many other Churches” from 8th-15th May. The Archbishops said:

“At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – ‘Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.’ It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord’s Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain

a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory.”

There are a number of prayer initiative to be found on the Thy Kingdom Come website: <http://thykingdom.co.uk> and we here at St Boniface are highlighting three that we hope will be useful to you in the week leading up to Pentecost.

Praying for others to know Jesus is one of the most powerful things we can do; persistent prayer for others brings transformation to their lives. Consistently praying for others takes discipline, and there are many ways that we can build up habits that will help us to pray for our friends and family.

Pray for Five people for the week

Choose five people you would regularly like to pray for and write their names down onto a list. If you're not sure who to pray for, ask God to guide you as you choose. Once you have settled on 5 names, commit to praying for them regularly. You might like to use the following prayers as you pray for others:

Loving Lord,
Please work in me so I can share your love, life and message with...
Reveal your love to them, that they might know, follow and witness to you,
For Your Glory
Amen

Loving Father,
Send your Holy Spirit so I can share your love, life and message with...
Reveal Jesus to them, that they might know, follow and love him,
For Your Glory
Amen

You build your church through the power of your Spirit.
By the same Spirit enable me to witness to... your love, beauty and grace.
That they may come to the fellowship of the faithful.
For Your Glory
Amen

Lord,
I pray that you will lead... to you.
Thank you that you love them and I pray that you would break into their life and show them your love, grace and peace.
For Your Glory
Amen



The second way you may like to participate in this initiative is to pray for young people:

Prayers for Young People

The majority of Christians come to know Jesus as young people; this is something to be celebrated and excited about. However, there are less young people in the Church than ever before. Young people today need our prayer.

Here are five ways to pray for young people:

1. Pray for Jesus to be known
Pray for the message of the Bible to reach young people across our Diocese; for Churches working with young

people and organisations who support young people. Pray that Jesus would be known and for God's love to be understood by young people across our Church; who He is and who He has made them to be. Pray specifically for young people you know in your community.

2. Pray that the Bible will be shared
Engaging with young people is a challenge that many Churches struggle with. Pray that whole churches will be equipped and passionate to reach young people; that God would bless the work of priests, youth and school workers. Pray that each church in our area will see sharing the message of the Bible to the next generation as an essential part of their work.

3. Pray God will call young leaders
Jesus' disciples were probably teenagers or in their early twenties when they were called by Him. Pray that God would raise up young leaders who can reach their peers; that they will build and grow the future church .

4. Pray for the pressures young people face
Today, young people are crippled by the pressures of our increasingly

digital culture, where pornography, cyber-bulling and online relationships are increasing. Huge numbers of young people come from broken families; there has been a rise in anxiety, depression and eating disorders among young people. Pray against these pressures, and for spiritual guidance from older Christians who can communicate God's love to them.

5. Pray for one young person you know
Committing to pray for one person by name can bring transformation. Take a moment to ask God to bring one young person to mind. Commit to praying for them for the next three months.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, the third possibility.

In addition to these two private prayer initiatives we shall hold a corporate Eucharist service and prayers before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday May 10, from 19:30 to 20:30. Why not join us?

Please join this call to prayer in whatever way(s) you can!

DIARY DATES

ASCENSION DAY	5 MAY 10:30 The Eucharist	<p>Check out the details and follow-up on event photos on boniface. be on Facebook or Twitter</p>
DINNER in the VICARAGE	13 MAY 19:30 for 20:00 €45 all inclusive Book with Fr Andrew	
PENTECOST	15 May	
QUEEN ELIZABETH II BIRTHDAY TEA	4 JUNE 14:00 to 16:00 €15 Book with Fr Andrew before 1 June	
SUMMER FETE	25 JUNE 11 to 17:00 St Boniface Hall and Gardens	
WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE	18 to 23 JULY Booking Closed	<p>St Boniface Anglican News</p> <p>will be published quarterly from now on. Up-to-date dates and news are always available on church notice boards, and on-line via Facebook, Twitter and the website.</p>
MISSION to SEAFARERS BBQ	26 AUGUST Evening	
HARVEST FESTIVAL	2 OCTOBER at 10:30 Lunch at 12:30	



Join our new women's group at St Boniface – which we hope will become a fully-fledged Mothers Union branch in due course.

The first meeting is on Saturday, May 7th. Everyone is welcome and a creche will be provided for children.

We start with a special celebration of the Eucharist at 10-30am, followed by the meeting which will include coffee.

We aim to finish around noon.

The Mothers Union is well known and respected around the world for its work in supporting Christian family life as well as more practical support for communities at home and overseas.



THE QUEEN'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION

To mark the Queen's ninetieth birthday,
you are invited to a delicious

Afternoon Tea & Garden Party

*Saturday June 4th
from 2 – 4 pm at St Boniface*

Tickets 15 euro, 5 for children. Come and join us!



DINNER AT THE VICARAGE

in aid of St Boniface vzw

Friday 13th May

Bookings with Fr Andrew 45 euro.



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JUNE 25th

11 to 17:00



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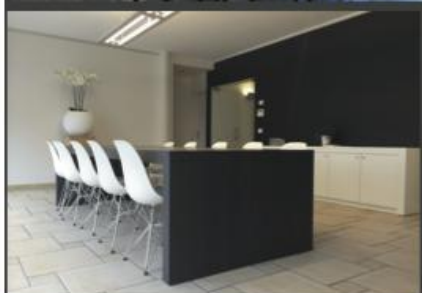
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