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Services

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| SUNDAY | 09:00 HOLY EUCHARIST (BCP) 10:30 SUNG EUCHARIST | Coffee / lunch in the Hall |
| WEEKDAY | Tuesday at 19:30 Thursday at 10:30 Saturday 10:30 Confession by appointment with the clergy | |

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The Chaplain writes



September sees the end of summer, with its long warm days, and brings a new sense of purpose; in many respects, more than springtime, autumn is a time of new beginnings. Many of our young people know this as they will have started at a new school or college, or simply moved up a year, with a new teacher, and perhaps new friends.

At St Boniface, the pews are filling up again as people return from their holidays and we begin to look forward: to the Harvest Thanksgiving and beyond to the great celebrations of All Saints and All Souls. We also have a sense of new purpose, as our Mothers Union group begins to take shape and as our confirmation group is formed.*

Both MU and the confirmation group are focussing on the preparation of young people for the Christian life, and it is good to see that after several years of hopeful prayer, this is now coming to fruition. We will be welcoming the Bishop of Richborough, the Rt Rev'd Norman Banks, to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the new year.

The regular round of prayer and worship underpins all we do at St

Boniface; we are privileged to be able to offer the Eucharist not only on Sundays, but at regular intervals throughout the week. This strong foundation supports all we do and aim for; it is good that it is bearing fruit.

The offering of the Eucharist is the supreme act of worship for the Christian, and it is offered not just by the clergy, but by people and clergy together. Please, in this season of new purpose and new beginnings, consider committing yourself to attending not just once a week on Sunday, but perhaps once or twice in the week. A weekday Eucharist is short (usually twenty minutes), but is intensely spiritual and often very personal too—a time to be with God and his church in regular prayer, as Jesus himself encourages us to do.

* We have a young people's group of around seven; are there any adults who wish to be confirmed? A separate group can be formed if necessary.

News from John & Vijaya Varghese

We are finding our way in to settling in here. We have taken a house on rent in Miryalaguda. This requires some repairs/renovation and this work is now on. This may take a few weeks more. We hope to place an order for the furniture required by the end of next week. This will take a month for delivery and should be available by the time the house is completely ready. In the meantime, we have booked a vehicle for our travelling around. This should be available sometime next month.

The farm is going on well and we are in the process of planning for the coming few months. We are also looking to buy new machinery and implements for the farm. So in all a busy time. We are also travelling a bit between Miryalaguda and Hyderabad.

All our family members are fine here. My father is particularly happy that we are back. Of course we miss the children and we miss you all. Sixteen years



is a very long time and we had got used to St. Boniface. So worshiping in a different church, even if it is our parent church, is not the same. Thanks to Skype etc, we keep talking regularly to the children and also see Aura growing up fast.

We hope all are well in the church. Please do convey our love to all our friends and regulars. We do miss you all.

DIARY DATES

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| Harvest festival | 2nd October 10:30 The Eucharist 12:00 Harvest Lunch | Check out the details and follow-up on event photos on boniface. be on Facebook or Twitter |
| Archdeaconry Synod Drongen | 13th to 15th October | |
| Remembrance Service with Royal British Legion | Sunday 13th November at 18:30 | |
| Service of Lessons and Carols | Sunday 18th December at 18:30 | |

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| <p><i>HARVEST LUNCH</i> <i>October 2nd at 12 Noon</i></p> <p><i>3-Course lunch</i> €15</p> <p><i>Numbers limited so book soon to avoid disappointment!</i></p> <p><i>Preferably after church on Sunday or email to ann@turner.be</i></p> | <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> |
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Why not join our new women's group at St Boniface – which we hope will become a fully-fledged Mothers Union branch in due course!

The next meeting is on Saturday, September 24th. Everyone is welcome and a creche will be provided for children.

We'll start with a special celebration of the Eucharist at 10-30am, followed by the meeting which will include coffee. We'll learn more about Safeguarding and looking after our children in a safe environment in Children's Church. We aim to finish around noon.

At our recent meeting in July we decided to trial a weekly Children's Church rota that is now on the church notice-board and we'll evaluate after a few months so do ask the sidesmen about Children's Church when you arrive on Sundays.

If you would like more information, please contact:

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On October 2nd the children are invited to donate baskets of produce at the Harvest Thanksgiving service. We have limited takers for fresh produce so store-cupboard items are also welcome!

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. We have a diocesan MU representative and you can get more information on-line at www.mothersunion.org

News from the parish

Holy Baptism -The following have recently been Baptised,
Ryan Richards, Olivia Vanasch, Claudio Boëne Ruiz

Farewell- to Noma, Nomatshetshi Matolwen, who is returning home to South Africa after successfully completing her Masters degree at the University of Antwerp. Thank you for singing with the choir during your time in Antwerp!



Rest in Peace- Elizabeth Loze-Fraser, a long-standing and much loved parishioner at St Boniface before her retirement to Oostende who served faithfully on the PCC and Mission Committee, died recently, and her memorial service is being held at the Kapucijnenkerk Kapucijnenstraat, Oostende on Saturday October 1st at 15:00u

St Boniface Church PCC as of September 2016 - 15 members

Chairman Fr Andrew Wagstaff
Churchwardens, Edward Hiett, Ann Turner (vice-chairman)

VZW Board members
Fr A Wagstaff, Noel Das, John Marshall Doddi, Edward Hiett, George John,
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