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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This week we give thanks for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and for her long and dedicated service to the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth and for her faith as the Supreme Governor of the Church of England. As we mourn our beloved Queen, we give thanks for the Accession to the throne of His Majesty King Charles III.

I share with you the words of the sermon I gave at the Eucharist on Sunday 11 September.

A number of people who have visited the church to sign the book of condolences and to light a candle for HM Queen Elizabeth II have expressed their deep sadness. A man who visited on Saturday evening said that he had wept deeply. I knew how he felt as the Queen has offered continuity and hope in so many challenging times in a world that at present is very unsettled with War, Climate crisis, and the cost of living concerns.

The last time I heard the Queen speak publicly outside of Christmas broadcasts was to encourage us all during those disturbing times of the Pandemic lockdowns. The constant presence in a changing world has been for many of us comforting. Perhaps the life of the Queen reminds us of our own lives, our early memories (Silver Jubilee when I was growing up in South Wales), my grandparents who bought a television to watch the Coronation. This was to be one of the few things the family did get to watch (Maybe the Stanley Matthew Cup Final of 1953 as my grandfather was a big football fan would have been viewed) but otherwise the television was in pieces as my grandfather desired to see how it worked! It is an emotional time for the Nation and as King Charles commented for the World.

To lighten our feelings just a little I thought that I would turn now to the Queen's sense of humour. We have Theresa May recounting the occasion that she dropped some cheese at Balmoral. She quickly picked it up and looked around in the hope that no one had noticed only to find the Queen smiling.

The wonderful sketch of the Queen with a much-loved character that my mother read to me by the name of Paddington Bear sharing marmalade sandwiches will live long in the memory. It was used to help children think about the death of the Queen in school assemblies last Friday. Other memories include the meeting with James Bond before the 2012 London Olympics. My two favourite stories that I have heard and seen though are when the Queen was addressing the people of America in 1991 in Washington DC when no one thought to check the height of the lectern so that the audience was left hearing the Queen but only viewing her hat! On the next occasion she was addressing the American people she began 'I do hope that you can see me...'

If you like real wit; what about this story. At a charity event in Windsor some people I think from Surrey shared with the Queen their dislike of the noise of the planes flying overhead from Heathrow. The Queen replied, 'Yes we're thinking of moving.' The only occasions the Queen was said to have put people in their place was when high profile public figures were heard to be name dropping at a party hosted by the Queen. She replied, 'Oh really I should have put my glasses on!'

Where does this humour come from? I would suggest through her humility. Some of the best humour comes from people who do not take themselves too seriously. The Queen is said to have not taken herself seriously but took her position very seriously.

Where did her humility come from? I would think her faith. At Elizabeth's Coronation we discovered the Queen's understanding of what she was committing herself to do. (The Servant Queen and the King she serves) She was vowing to serve her people as a servant of God. The Queen understood her authority was 'not conferred by Parliament, nor inherited from her earthly Father but from God'. The Moderator of the Church of Scotland presented the Queen with an object described in the service as 'The most valuable thing the world affords.' It was the Bible.

Tony Blair in an article from the Times wrote of the Queen's 'stability and steadfastness, her reassuring presence but also her resilience through an extraordinary and tumultuous period of social change.' Blair felt too that the Queen was 'Very sharp in the perceptions of the people she ruled and never complacent about understanding them.' 'The inner resilience the Queen was shaped by her Christian faith' Blair continued.

Yesterday at our Sustainability discussion group we discussed Colossians chapter 1. Verses 15-20 and the Supremacy of Christ. 'All things were created in Christ and for Christ. Christ holds all things together and he is the head of the body the Church. The Church made up of Baptised members doing small things well 'To walk in God's light, rejoice in God's love and reflect his glory.' King Charles III said in recent times 'we are tempted to think that we are separate from creation and can therefore exploit it.' His mother knew of course that Thy Kingdom come on Earth as in Heaven was the key. Heaven and Earth are God's creation, and we are to pray for and bring the heavenly quality to Earth. On this theme the Queen (Who rarely named people in speeches) gave thanksgiving in one Christmas address to Mother Theresa of Calcutta who said, 'Do the small things well with love.'

Our ripple effect in our service booklets comes from one of the Queen's speeches and her use of scripture. The Good Samaritan (1975). 'Even the smallest pebble changes the whole pattern of water. Our daily actions are like those ripples, each one makes a difference, even the smallest. kindness, sympathy, resolution, courteous behaviour, courage, self-sacrifice are an inspiration to others and are infectious.'

This belief in neighbour love and service not self-interest came from the teachings of Christ and why she frequently expressed her concern for the grieving, the lonely, the hungry, the poor, those cut off from society. When Sebastian Coe took the Queen around the Olympic Stadium he noted her abiding interest in people, not just ones of status. The man polishing door handles with Johnson's baby oil and the conversation that the Queen shared with that man over the cleaning qualities of the oil!

Today the set text is the parable of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and we could add the Prodigal Son. These stories tell us that if we discover what's going on in Heaven, we can discover what's meant on earth. Two halves of creation heaven and earth are knit together. Jesus' action in seeking the lost, the vulnerable and those outside community show us the value of heaven.

HM Queen Elizabeth II knew that like the Good Shepherd everyone mattered, everyone could play a part, and all could be received into the Heavenly Banquet. Six months before her coronation Elizabeth asked the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth 'to pray that God may give her wisdom and strength

to carry out the solemn promises she would make and that she would faithfully serve Him and us the people all the days of her life.'

Clearly God answered those prayers.

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

THE CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR PRAYER FROM 10.00am UNTIL 12 noon & 4.00pm – 8.00pm EVERY DAY FROM NOW UNTIL SATURDAY 17

Thursday 15 September 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 16 10.00am **Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

Saturday 17 9.00am – 10.30am in the Birinus Room ***Tenants of the King*** Bible study
Part 2 of this 4 part discussion course takes place over breakfast, focusing on God's creation and our response as Christians.
Please feel free to come along even if you haven't yet had a chance to sign-up. There will be plenty of croissants to go round!

Sunday 18 10.00am **The Parish Eucharist for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
We shall celebrate the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Paul & Rhona Latham

12 noon **Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Celeste Angelina Jacqueline Wagstaff, her parents and godparents

4.00pm **Children's Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room**

6.00pm **Requiem Eucharist for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**
Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

Monday 19 9.30am **Morning Prayer in Church**
11.00am *The Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II at Westminster Abbey*
4.00pm – 8.00pm **Church open for prayer**

Tuesday 20 9.00am **Pilgrim Mass for those beginning their pilgrim journey to Walsingham.**
Please pray for Fr John and the pilgrims.
8.00pm *Deanery Synod at St Mary's on the theme of Discipleship Courses*

Wednesday 21 10.00am **Eucharist for Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
10.45am *Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*
7.30pm *Sustainability Meeting at the Vicarage*

Thursday 22 9.30am *Eucharist at Burnham Abbey Celebrant: Fr Jeremy*
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
7.00pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room
8.00pm Choir Practice

- Friday 23** **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**
12 noon The Interment of Ashes for Margery Pocock in the churchyard
- Saturday 24** 9.00am – 10.30am in the Birinus Room *Tenants of the King* Bible study
Part 3 of this 4 part discussion course takes place over breakfast, focusing on God's creation and our response as Christians.
- Sunday 25** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity with Holy Baptism**
Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy
And the blessing of Jayne Chapman as she leaves All Saints to begin her new life with her family in the Isle of Man. Jayne has been a wonderful servant to All Saints as a member of the choir for over 30 years!
- 12 noon Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Kallie Elizabeth Rampton, her parents and godparents
- 4.00pm Sundays@4 Service and BBQ including teaching for the Children's Confirmation Class**
- Monday 26** **9.30am Morning Prayer in Church**
- Tuesday 27** *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*
9.30am Morning Prayer in Church
7.30pm PCC Standing Committee (Changed from Monday)
- Wednesday 28** **10.00am Eucharist (BCP)**
Celebrant: Fr John
10.45am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre
11.30 Service at Normanhurst Care Home
2.00pm Service at Larchfield Care Home

ADVANCE DATES: There are now sign-up sheets at the back of Church for anything which needs to be signed up for!

Saturday 1 October South Coast trip to Berwick, in East Sussex. This trip has been arranged with the Revd Peter Blee, vicar of 7 Sussex churches near the South Downs. The trip will focus on Berwick where remarkable work has taken place and will be followed by a walk between Berwick and Alciston which is part of the Cuckmere Pilgrim Path that Peter has created in recent years. We will arrive in Berwick at 11.00am for tea and coffee followed by a talk on Berwick church followed by worship. Between 1-2pm we will share a pub lunch at the Cricketers in Berwick village. 2-3pm – Pilgrim walk from Berwick to Alciston. 3.00pm Contemplative worship at Berwick followed by tea and depart for Maidenhead at 4.15pm returning home around 6.30pm. There will be a sign-up list at the back of the church in the near future.

Sunday 2 October 10.00am Harvest Festival Eucharist followed by an auction of harvest goods. Following the auction there will be a harvest ploughman's lunch to enjoy. Cost £5 per head: please sign the list at the back of church.

Sunday 30 October 10.00am Eucharist to celebrate our Patronal Festival of All Saints. Our Associate Archdeacon, The Revd Liz Jackson will be our guest preacher as we give thanks for the marvellous floor restoration work that has taken place. Following the service, we will share hospitality with guests involved in the project. Following the drinks at the back of the church there will be a church community meal at the Gandhi Restaurant at 12.30. Again, we will ask people to sign a list at the back of church if they wish to share in the meal.

Sunday 20 November 10.00am Confirmation here with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We do need a few more people on the planning group and will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls.

Fr John will also be leading a Bible Study in the Autumn (see p8) as well as leading a Pilgrimage to Walsingham from Tuesday 20 September to Friday 23 September. This will be the first Pilgrimage from All Saints since 2018 to the place where so many of us have enjoyed services of deep spiritual meaning and wonderful hospitality.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for the life of HM Queen Elizabeth II, and for her long and dedicated service to the people of this country and the Commonwealth.

We will pray at the Requiem Eucharist this Sunday for the repose of her soul, that she may rest in peace and rise in glory.

Prayer for King Charles III

Almighty God, we give thanks for Charles your servant and our King, for his devotion to his family, nation and Commonwealth and to the Earth, our fragile home. We thank you for his faith in you and his love for his peoples and for his call to be our sovereign in such a time as this. Bless and protect Charles in all the years to come, grant him long to reign over us and give him gifts of wisdom and discernment as together we face the opportunities of our age. Bless Camilla, the Queen Consort, William, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family in this time of mourning and change.

May we all abide in your love, draw strength from the deep wells of Christian hope and dedicate ourselves afresh to God's kingdom of justice and peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We continue to pray for peace and justice in all places of war, violence and oppression.

We pray for Celeste Wagstaff and Kallie Rampton who will be baptised on the next two Sundays, and their parents and godparents

We pray for our Pilgrims journeying to Walsingham and Fr John who is leading them. May the Pilgrimage be a time of spiritual growth and a time to enjoy fellowship and hospitality.

We pray for Paul and Rhona Latham and give thanks for their 60 years of Christian marriage. We pray too for their children Sandra, Jenny, Russell, and their grandchildren Sophie, Thomas, Nicholas, and Henry.

Pray for Jayne Chapman and her family as they move to the Isle of Man for the next part of their life.

We pray by name for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Elaine See, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Sue Nordberg, the family of Vicki Axten, Cheryl Brookes.

We pray for the recently departed, Roderick Maclennan, Carol Aitkin, Kathleen Bristow, Eileen Wheeler and John Hicks, brother of the Revd Joan Hicks. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Fr Jeremy

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 2: 1 - 7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

GOSPEL Luke 16: 1 - 13

Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer." Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty." And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude No IV Set 1 Opus 101 *C V Stanford*
Opening Hymn: AM 569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy
Gradual: AM 496 Long ago you taught your people
Offertory: AM 715 Lord for the years
Communion: AM 448 I come with joy, a child of God
Closing Hymn: AM 595 Be thou my vision
Postlude: Fantasia in g min BWV 542 *J S Bach*

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE 1 Timothy 6: 6 - 19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time – he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

GOSPEL Luke 16: 19 - 31

Jesus told this parable to those among the Pharisees who loved money: ‘There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, “Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.” But Abraham said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” The man who had been rich said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will

repent.” Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude No III Set 1 Opus 101 C V *Stanford*
Opening Hymn: AM 584 All my hope on God is founded
Gradual: AM 379 God has spoken by his prophets
Offertory: AM 562 Inspired by love and anger
Communion: AM 692 Jesus good above all other,
AM 838 Jesus, remember me
Closing Hymn: AM 765 Praise to the Lord the almighty
Postlude: Lobe den Herren, O meine Seele S *Karg-Elert*

AUTUMN BIBLE STUDY GROUP

I will be leading a small group on Mark's Gospel on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm-8.00pm (followed by Compline for those who would like to stay) starting on 5 October. We will look at the Gospel through key themes and passages (roughly in order through the Gospel) rather than following through every verse from beginning to end. If you are interested in joining us, please add your name to the list at the back of church or drop me an email on revjohnainslie@gmail.com. If you would like to join but this is a difficult day / time do let me know and we will see what we can do.

Fr John



Thank you everyone who kindly agreed to sponsor the Stewards and All Saints Walkers who took part in last Saturday's Ride & Stride Day. Please can you let me have your sponsorship money now - if I'm not in church, please leave the money in an envelope with your name on it in the Parish Office. And there is still time for anyone who would like to offer sponsorship to do so – the sponsorship form is at the back of the church. Thank you very much for your generosity. *Stella Harding*

ALL SAINTS CHRISTMAS MARKET – SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER

Preparations are underway now for our Christmas Market. We are starting to contact small local businesses and crafts people about having a stall and we will, once again – courtesy of our own wonderful knitters and craft ladies - have our own handicrafts stall which was such a success last year.

We hope to have several choirs entertaining visitors and the Salvation Army will be joining us to share Christmas Carols at the end of the afternoon.

There will be Indian food once again, and hot drinks, and nearer the date we will be asking the bakers amongst the congregation to help with mince pies and cakes.

For now, we would be very grateful for your help with donations of:

1. Prizes for the raffle
2. Items for the tombola

Please remember that we can only accept new / unopened items for the Tombola

Please leave any donations in the box provided at the back of the church, or take your item(s) to the Parish Office for the organising team to collect.

Stella Harding

FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.



URGENT APPEAL FOR THE CHURCHES TOGETHER CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

During the pandemic we were unable to provide lunch on Christmas Day at SportsAble for people living alone in the Maidenhead area and we delivered Christmas hampers instead. Sadly our brilliant catering team is unable to continue helping. So if you know of anyone who could help organise the food preparation and service, or if you would like to volunteer to help with something else, then please contact Tony Weeks on 01628 627265 or email him at tonyweeks@gmail.com