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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



Followers of Jesus.....

We look forward with enormous joy and anticipation to our service of Baptism and Confirmation with Bishop Olivia on Sunday morning. This is a time of genuine celebration as we share faith together and support with prayer, worship and fellowship over 30 candidates who will be taking this step of public commitment to Jesus Christ. This is the outward sign of a journey of

faith that will have been growing in them over weeks, months and perhaps years, and which with God's grace will continue to grow as they find new and exciting ways of being disciples within the life of the Church, and being witnesses to those around them of the love of God for all.

They, as are all Christians, are called to build communities of love and compassion, to live lives of faithfulness to their Lord, and to come close to God through prayer, scripture and the sacraments – especially the Eucharist. We do this both in our lives of quiet personal devotion, and as we come together as the People of God in this place to support and encourage one another.

There is a phrase about baptism and confirmation which is sometimes used – that of a 'Baptismal Vocation'. By this we mean that each one of us is called by God to live out our Baptismal promises, repeated with renewed meaning at Confirmation, with the whole of our lives. How that happens differs for each one of us – we are each a unique person, a unique son or daughter of God, with differing skills, talents, character and enthusiasms, and so living out our Baptismal Vocation takes a different path for each one of us. This diversity within the Church makes up the whole People of God, as St Paul illustrates with his image of the Church as a body (the Body of Christ) – we can't all be a leg or an arm, but rather we each contribute something different and unique to the whole, so that the whole body has what it needs to grow and flourish.

One of my favourite bible passages is the exchange between Jesus and Peter in John 6. When some followers find the teaching of Jesus hard to understand and stop following him, Jesus asks his closest disciples “Will you also leave me?” Peter answers “Lord, to whom shall we go? For you have the words of eternal life.”

In that straightforward answer of faithful trust, Peter acknowledges that the key to living life well, in this world and the next, is the person of Jesus. We don't follow a set of rules, or a book, or a philosophy, but a person, living and present to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, and encountered most especially in the Eucharist which he himself instructed us to “do in remembrance of me”.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 17 November 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*

7.00pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 18

10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

3.00pm *Assembly at All Saints School*

Saturday 19

10.30am Confirmation Rehearsal in Church

12 noon Servers' Rehearsal in Church

Sunday 20

10.00am The Parish Eucharist with Baptism & Confirmation led by The Rt Revd Olivia Graham, Bishop of Reading

The Bishop will present the Parish with the Bronze Eco Church Award during the service. Please come to celebrate this wonderful occasion. There are 32 candidates from this parish and some candidates from Windsor. We welcome all of them and their families and friends. After the service there will be a chance to share hospitality with our Bishop and the newly confirmed.

6.30pm Concert in Church by Renaissance Voices

Monday 21

9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday 22

9.00am *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

1.30pm *Christian Union at Altwood School*

7.30pm Final Planning Meeting for the Christ Child Market in the Birinus Room

Wednesday 23

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John

11.00am *Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*

3.00pm Almshouse Trustees meet in the Birinus Room

7.00pm Bible Study in the Birinus Room: Fr John

7.30pm *Young Saints Planning Meeting at the Vicarage*

Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle.

The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls. See p 4 to see what's still needed..

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for our baptism and confirmation candidates, and for Bishop Olivia as she prepares to lead us in the service on Sunday morning.

We pray for our own faith journey, as we seek to follow Jesus more closely and to live lives of faithful devotion and service to God and neighbour.

We pray for all places of darkness, violence and war, praying for peace with justice in Ukraine and all other places of warfare and oppression. We pray for the people of Iran at this time of tension, and for those among our church community who are worried for loved ones in that country.

We continue to pray for renewed and determined efforts to combat climate change. We pray that the latest COP conference will result in lasting and urgent action.

We pray for our Government, and for wisdom in the management of economic affairs. We pray that in the new measures to be announced this week, the poor the weak and the vulnerable will be protected.

We pray for the proper and humane treatment of those who reach our shores as refugees. We pray for all refugees who are housed in temporary accommodation, and for a new resolve by Government to process asylum applications efficiently and rapidly.

We pray for those of our parish and community in any kind of need, praying 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, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Silvia Denison, and Cheryl Brookes. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Maria Bolodeoku and Tyrone Rahman. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 20 NOVEMBER

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit you give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism. Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit, that we who are born again may serve you in faith and love, and grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Acts 2: 1-4 & 12-16

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel.

GOSPEL Luke 11: 1-10

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.' And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude No 1 C V Stanford

Opening Hymn: AM 510 Will you come and follow me

Gradual: AM 342 Word of God, renew your people

Baptism: AM 238 Come down O Love divine

Offertory: AM 748 O Jesus, I have promised

Communion (1): AM 604 Brother, sister, let me serve you

Communion (2): Ubi Caritas

Closing Hymn: AM 42 Longing for light

Postlude: Prelude in c minor BWV 546 (i) J S Bach

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 59 BOXES SO FAR! KEEP GOING PLEASE!

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 10th time this year. In both 2020 and 2021 we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! A shoebox full of gifts from donations of £20 will bring a smile to children who don't have much. This year OCC's goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. One way you can donate is via the OCC website and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/27c33974>. For other ways to donate and more about the appeal, please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you are filling your own box(es) to take to Braywick Nurseries the deadline is this Sunday, 20 November.

If you have items for us to put into boxes then we must have them by Sunday 27 November please.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 12 noon – 3.00pm

Thank you to all those who have already donated, volunteered and offered to bake for the Christ Child Market.

Our most urgent need now is for gazebos. We also still need volunteers to help with the Raffle, and cover selling mulled wine and cakes - all of which are indoor activities!

Even if you can only spare an hour or two, please do sign up or speak to a member of the organising team, Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Tanya Fullarton, Sibó Veira, John Gay and me *Jo McMullen*



CHURCH CLEANING

A number of you have expressed a willingness to help with cleaning the church. We would like to set up teams of at least 2 to 3 people who would be prepared to clean during one week in a month, at a time and day of their choosing. It would probably take about two hours for two people so the more there are the less time it will take. Jeremy Nordberg has kindly supplied new user-friendly brushes etc.

There is a list at the back of the church for you to write in your preferred week, together with a list of the tasks to be covered.

To appropriate some words from Field Marshall Lord Kitchener -

Your Church needs YOU

If you would like more information please speak to John Bolodeoku, Ken Smith or Jeremy Nordberg. You can see that at least two of them can speak from first-hand experience!

ALL SAINTS COOKBOOK

We would like to get the whole Church community involved in our work to care for God's creation and have come up with the idea of creating a cookbook where we can collate your environmentally-friendly recipes and tips. These may be recipes that use less or no meat, recipes using seasonal produce, tips on buying local or growing your own, or other ideas you have. Anecdotally, lots of you are doing environmentally-friendly things with food already and it would be great if we can share ideas (and maybe save some money at the same time). You'll find a scrapbook at the back of church where you can write or stick in your contributions – or email them to jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk. Let's see how many recipes and tips we can collect by the end of the year!

The Sustainability Group



All Saints Church Cookery Scrapbook

*Your environmentally-
friendly recipes and
tips*



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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.