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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This week I write to share the plans that the Sustainability group has put forward to enable the parish to share during Lent as we seek to become an Eco-church. As I said in the sermon on Sunday we believe as Christians that we are created by God with meaning and purpose and that God has blessed us with this world to enable us to live healthily and at the same time for us to play our part in sustaining the world we live in.

The plans we are hoping people will respond to include challenges for us to think more about the issues of sustainability and for us to continue our overseas aid through Ripple Effect. Each week throughout Lent we will provide healthy vegetable soups in the Parish Centre from 12.15 and through the lunches we will invite people to donate to the work of Ripple Effect.

Ann Hatton, the Community Manager of Ripple Effect has shared with the our Sustainability group the details of how our financial support will be helping countries in Africa this Lent. We will follow the example we set last year by twinning our church garden. A donation of £120 will help families living in rural Kenya, with three years training in sustainable, organic farming. Starting with small kitchen gardens, families can grow enough to eat, set up small businesses, send their children to school and go after their dreams. We are hopeful that through the lunches we will continue our sustainable work through the Ripple Effect charity.

Alongside this project the Sustainability team are planning four films that look at various issues concerning different subjects around conserving and protecting God's world. We will be listing the films shortly and they will be shown on consecutive Wednesdays starting on 21 February at 7.00pm. We will confirm the venue and film ready for next week's Parish News.

This Lent we hope as well that as individuals we may reflect on how we can make lifestyle choices that care for God's beautiful world. Within the church we are now providing Fairtrade coffee and we are looking into using the same company for providing our tea. It would be good for us to provide biscuits following church services that are Fairtrade, many of them looking and tasting delicious even though as a diabetic I should refrain from eating them!

Regarding food can we cut down on the amount of meat we eat this Lent? We know that eating more vegetable-based meals is a key part of sustainability. It is thought that meat and dairy production contributes to the serious environmental problems we face. Can we buy more seasonal and local food using farm shops and delivery boxes of healthy food. In a small way Ann Sweeney has been growing some vegetables in the plot set aside for Boyne Hill School within our Birinus Garden. Another alarming statistic around food is that it is believed we throw away one third of the food we buy. This worrying statistic leads to climate change, world poverty and hunger.

As we journey through Lent and think about our well being can we challenge ourselves to walk to more places that we would normally use the car for? We are in the process of putting bike racks in the quadrangle as a growing number of people including our Iranian friends from the hotel are using bikes. There are a few other people using their bikes to attend church for services and meetings.

A challenging issue for us might be looking again at our recycling habits. It's great to see so many people recycling their blister packs at church. Thank you to Ken for arranging this and for taking them to a pharmacy for the recycling to take place. We are using biodegradable cups in church, and we are challenged to think how on the occasions we provide food we might use sustainable cutlery and plates.

Anne Sweeney is posting 'Doing the Small Things Well' item each week in parish news. Last week she asked could we share books, jigsaws, and board games that we might share the pleasure of a book with another person?

I am sure that there are many other areas of life where we can start some good habits of sustainable living this Lent and it would be wonderful if as a community and individuals, we commit to find small ways we can conserve the world we live in.

LENT AT ALL SAINTS 2024

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (14 February) with services of Ashing at 10.00am and 7.30pm

1. Thursday evenings Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm. Included in the stations will be the theme of refugees and Pope Francis' stations of Mercy.
2. Wednesday soup lunches to raise donation for the Ripple Effect charity at 12.15 each week starting on the 14 February.
3. Wednesday night film nights looking at Sustainable issues starting at 7.00pm on Wednesday 21 February.
4. The Oxford Diocesan 'Come and See' this Lent. At the back of church there are 'The Way of Love' cards, blue in colour that enable individuals to receive daily meditations throughout Lent based on the great commandment to Love God and our neighbour as ourselves. (Luke 10.27) Find out more online at oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

Bishop Steven Croft will be providing the meditations and I am sure from previous experience that they will be well worth listening too.

May we all be blessed by God's love this Lent.

Fr Jeremy

A final message from Fr John



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the celebration event at the end of our Eucharist on Sunday morning, and especially for the beautiful Icon of St John Henry Newman, and for the cheque. Thank you to all of you who contributed, to those who arranged the refreshments, and for the many kind words and best wishes, and for those who left cards and gifts. It was a lovely occasion, and the Icon was an inspired choice, something which is so beautiful and will always remind me of you all and of my time at All Saints.

Whilst there is sadness in being separated from good friends, there is also much to celebrate and be joyful for. The last two years have been a wonderful journey for All Saints as a church community, as we have rebuilt and grown after Covid, and have welcomed the Iranian asylum seekers and other new members into our midst who have been a joy to get to know and who have contributed so much happiness and energy to our church life. The Icon reminds us of the rich faith of the Oxford Movement which is our inheritance at All Saints, with a beautiful church in an incomparable setting, the centrality of the Eucharist to our Church life, and a tradition of mission, evangelism and service to the community.

I am now beginning to look towards my new ministry in Maidstone, with the excitement of new challenges and opportunities for mission and ministry. I will take with me your words of encouragement and love, the experience I have gained at All Saints, and many, many happy memories of things we have done together. I know I will be in your prayers, as you will be in mine. I certainly hope to pop back and see you from time to time.

With my thanks, prayers and blessings,

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 8 February

11.00am Baptism Class in the Birinus Room
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
6.30pm Baptism Class on Zoom
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 9

8.50am *Assembly at Altwood School on the Theme of Respect*
10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Saturday 10

4.00pm *at the Vicarage England v Wales rugby match. All are welcome to watch the game and share chilli at half time. Please let Fr Jeremy know by phone if you haven't already told him you plan to be there.*

Sunday 11 February

10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Sunday Next Before Lent Worship for All

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy with a Presentation by Young Saints & Sundays@4

Tuesday 13

9.30am Morning Prayer

11.00am Funeral Service for Janet Emerson in Church

12.30pm Service of Committal at Slough Crematorium

Wednesday 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

10.00am Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.30am Service at Normanhurst Nursing Home

Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock

12.15pm Lenten Soup Lunch in the Parish Centre

1.00pm Lunchtime Rectal in Church see p 6

7.30pm Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

ADVANCE NOTICES:

Thursday 15 February 7.00pm First of our Lent Stations of the Cross- At this first stations of the cross this Lent we will be following 'Stations of the Cross journeying with refugees.' – this moving and powerful set of meditations are highlighting the harsh and painful realities of refugees in the context of Jesus' last journey. 14 year old students have written this series of reflections bringing deep humanity to the refugee crisis.

Friday 16 February 11.00am Requiem Mass for Gwen Burkitt in Church followed by a cremation service at East Hampstead Park, Bracknell at 1.00pm. Please keep her daughters Mary and Sarah in your prayers.

Thursday 21 March 7.00pm The Licensing service for Fr John as Associate Priest at St Michael and All Angels, Maidstone. We are trying to arrange to take people from All Saints to support Fr John. If you are interested in travelling by coach to attend the service, we will need to leave All Saints by 3.30pm. We anticipate the cost per person for the coach will be approximately £30 depending on the numbers travelling. We need to make a decision with the coach company by Monday 12 February. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you are interested The formal invitation is attached to the email and if you are planning to drive has helpful information.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We offer up to God the search for peace in the troubled areas of the world. We pray for the end of bloodshed in the Gaza, Israel, and the surrounding countries in the Middle East. We pray for Ukraine and the search for peace following two years of unrest. We recall too the troubles in Sudan and South Sudan, Iran, Afghanistan and other places of violence and oppression. We pray for all asylum seekers and refugees in our town and at church. It is a worrying time for many of these people as they are forced to move from Maidenhead and the communities that have supported them. May they find jobs, homes and acceptance in this country and be able to live life in all its fulness.

In this winter season we continue to call to mind the needs of the homeless and those suffering poverty. We pray for refugees leaving hotels trying to find work and a place to live. We give thanks for the Brett Foundation and Foodshare as they seek to find ways to support those in need.

We pray for our Lenten services and activities. May we all find the opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter this Lent. We pray for the Lent lunches and the opportunity to support the 'Ripple Effect' charity in six African countries. We pray that more people may learn the life skills for farming that they may provide for their families and create opportunities for their children to attend schools.

We continue to pray for Fr John as he prepares for the next stage of his ministry in the parish of St Michael and All Angels, Maidstone. May God bless him in his ministry in that town.

We remember Vincent Worman and Elisabeth Swinscoe on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those in any kind of need or distress at this time and especially for Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane-Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw, Abbas Heidari, Azita Rezaei, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam and Doreen Bramble.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring help and healing to those in need, those caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes within our parish.

We pray for the recently departed; Gwen Burkitt, Janet Emerson, Helen Jackson and Audrey Burch and all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

Inspirational God, from little acts of faith, you bring huge transformation,
From little acts of trust, you bring huge opportunities,
From little seeds, you bring huge growth,
From little steps, you bring huge progress,
From little showings of love, you draw us into your huge heart,
And hold us as one – for you are our all, forever. Amen. (*Prayer from Roots resources*)

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 11 FEBRUARY THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 4: 3 - 6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL Mark 9: 2 - 9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Voluntary on Tallis' Lamentation	<i>B Britten</i>
Opening hymn:	279 Jesus, on the mountain peak	
Gradual hymn:	281 Tis good, Lord, to be here	
Offertory hymn:	42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness	
Communion hymn:	454 Love is his word, love is his way	
Closing hymn:	27 Colours of day	
Postlude:	Partita 'Christ, der du bist der helle Tag' BWV 766	<i>J S Bach</i>

MUSIC FOR WORSHIP FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10.00am

Prelude:	Aus tiefer Not schrei ich zu dir, Op 135a, No 4	<i>Reger</i>
Hymn:	116 Be thou my guardian and my guide	
During Communion:	Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737	<i>J S Bach</i>
Hymn:	121 Forty days and forty nights	
Postlude:	Mode d'orien Op 63 No 1	<i>Dupré</i>

7.30pm

Prelude:	Aberystwyth	<i>D Terry</i>
Opening hymn:	121 Forty days and forty nights	
Gradual hymn:	815 Thy kingdom come, on bended knee	
Offertory hymn:	128 Jesu, lover of my soul	
Communion Anthem:	Hide not thou thy face	
Closing hymn:	131 O for a closer walk with God	
Postlude:	Chorale Prelude, Aus teifer Noth, BWV 686	<i>J S Bach</i>

DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Eco News: it's good to keep you in touch with what's happening on the Eco-Church front. In the last couple of weeks we have added a 'bug hotel' and compost bin to the Birinus garden. We plan to use the compost we make to further improve the soil. We have also planted lots of Spring bulbs in the Calvary Garden so look forward to seeing them come through soon. Small things, but hopefully with a lasting impact.

Your Eco-Committee.



LUNCHTIME RECITAL IN CHURCH GIVEN BY THE DRYADS DUO 1.00pm WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY ADMISSION FREE

We are pleased to welcome the locally-based Dryads Duo to All Saints who will present an attractive and accessible programme of music for violin and piano.

Formed in 2010 by violinist Carla Santos and pianist Saul Picado, in recital the Dryads Duo aim to create a coherent combination between the lesser known and the standard repertoire providing the audience with a sense of ownership and freshness, always conveying their engaging sensibility, complicity and love for the music performed (www.dryadsduo.com).

In this recital they will play the 3 Romances Op 22 by Clara Schumann; Sonata BWV 1017 by J S Bach, and the well-known Sonata by César Franck.

As it also Ash Wednesday it will be preceded at 12.15pm by the first of our Lenten Soup lunches with donations going to Ripple Effect, the charity we supported last year. <https://rippleeffect.org/>



AND SPEAKING OF LENT - HOW ABOUT SOME FILM EVENINGS?

We will be showing films with a sustainability theme on four Wednesday evenings during Lent (21 and 28 February and 6 and 13 March). If you are interested, please put the dates in your diary and more details will follow shortly (ie timings and venues). We haven't finalised the films yet, so please let Jenny Wilks or Jo McMullan know if you have any suggestions.

The Sustainability Group.

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL

Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

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