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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I write this lead article having enjoyed with millions of other people in Britain and indeed many across the World the powerful Coronation service at Westminster Abbey, the various street parties and the amazing performance of music, art, acting and speech many of us witnessed on our televisions showing the concert from Windsor Castle.

In the morning we celebrated the theme of the Coronation at the Eucharist and following the service we enjoyed celebratory hospitality. It was great to see so many people stay to enjoy the occasion and thank you to everyone who contributed to the service, the Young Saints and Sundays@4 leaders who provided activities for the children, those who provided the wonderful flowers and the team of people led by Steve Foley who provided the food and drinks.

During the sermon I reminded people of the beginning of the Coronation service when 14-year-old Samuel Strachen, child of His Majesty's Chapel Royal, addressed the King. 'Your Majesty, as children of the kingdom of God, we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings.' The King replied, 'In his name and after his example I come not to serve but to serve.'

At the end I asked the congregation to dwell on perhaps the greatest gift the Monarchy can offer society today, that of service. Kirsty Young in her excellent summary of the service said that King Charles III has sought to preserve creation, and through his Princes Trust value young people by helping them reach their goals, as well as having passion for refugees and marginalised communities.

During the concert at Windsor Castle, we were entertained by choirs from many different communities, and music and visuals that challenged us to think about the world and its eco systems.

Bank Holiday Monday saw six million people join 'Big Help' day and 33,000 charities take part in the initiative to celebrate the Coronation and provide a legacy. One of the charities that has often been the focus during May is Christian Aid. The charity began in 1945, when it was founded by British and Irish churches to help refugees following the 2nd World War. For more than 75 years the Charity has provided humanitarian relief

and long-term development support for poor countries worldwide, while highlighting suffering, tackling injustice and championing people's rights.

The work has included sustainable development in South America, the Caribbean, Africa, and Asia. It works with hundreds of local partner organisations in some of the most vulnerable communities in 24 countries. Christian Aid is a founder member of the Disasters Emergency committee, a major member of the Climate coalition, The Fairtrade Foundation, and the Trade Justice Movement campaigns.

Reconstruction after various wars in Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, alongside the Aid given to the overthrown of dictators such as Idi Amin in Uganda, the Somaza family in Nicaragua and Pol Pot in Cambodia.



Our service this coming Sunday will mark the beginning of Christian Aid week from 14 to 20 May. The charity will ask us to support famers like Jen Bishop in Malawi who are

struggling against temperatures rising at twice the global average with droughts and cyclones ruining crops year after year. Pigeon peas are a food that can be farmed in the harshest conditions and offer a ray of hope. By buying and selling baked foods made from the peas Jen can transform her family's future. With Christian Aid's help and training, she's formed a co-operative with other farmers, enabling them to earn a fair price at the market. The money made will help Jen to support her children to finish their education.

Sadly, the Street-to-Street collections are no longer being made in Maidenhead, so we have chosen to make the collection at the Eucharist this Sunday in aid of Christian Aid. Please join us to worship at the Eucharist this weekend and if you are able, support the wonderful charitable work of Christian Aid. We hope that envelopes will be available for those able to Gift Aid their donation.

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 11 May

9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Baptism class in the Birinus Room

3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 12

10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Sunday 14

**10.00am Eucharist for the Sixth Sunday of Easter & Christian Aid
Worship for All**

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John.

All proceeds from the Collection will go to Christian Aid

6.00pm Sundays@Six on the theme of Christian Aid on Zoom led by St Luke's

Tuesday 16

8.50am Assembly on the Ascension at Altwood School

9.30am Morning Prayer

1.30pm Chapel Chats at Altwood School

8.00pm at the Synagogue **What Josephus Reported about Jesus** see p 6

Wednesday 17

8.50am Assembly at Altwood School

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John

11.00am Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles in the Birinus Room

11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home

2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home

3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

7.00pm Bible Study in the Birinus Room with Fr John

ADVANCE NOTICE SATURDAY 20 MAY TRIP TO KEBLE COLLEGE FOR TOUR AND EVENSONG AT NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD.

For those of you lucky enough to be going here is some important information: **Keble College** was founded in 1870 in memory of John Keble, a key member of the Oxford Movement which sought to recover the medieval Christian heritage of the Church of England. Its extensive gothic architecture is absolutely breath-taking and of course has a strong resonance for All Saints, also sprung from the Oxford Movement. In the chapel you will see Holman Hunt's famous painting 'The Light of the World'.

New College is close to Keble College and Jacob Epstein's moving statue of Lazarus can be seen in the Ante-Chapel as you go in.

DETAILS OF THE VISIT

A coach has been arranged for the visit. Please be at the church in time for the coach to leave at 12.30pm for Oxford. The guided tour will commence at 2.00pm and will last about one and a half hours, finishing at about 3.30pm.

Following the tour turn right out of the college along Parks Street and Catte Street and make your way to Broad Street and the High Street where you will find a selection of cafes. The Ashmolean Museum is an option but bear in mind that last orders are at 4.30 and the Museum closes at 5.00pm.

We had thought we could all have tea in the Grand Café but we have recently been told that as a group we would be required to pay in advance and each would have to pay a minimum of £24, so it was decided that was not feasible.

We need to be at New College by 5.30pm for Choral Evensong at 5.45pm. The entrance to New College is in Catte Street.

The coach will be outside the Ashmolean Museum at 7.00pm for the journey home.

Although not too far between venues please ensure that you will be able to walk it.

PAYMENT

For those who have not yet paid please give £20 for the coach to Sue Stannett as soon as possible please.

Thank you to John Bolodeoku and Ken Smith for planning this trip. We are sorry that this was over-subscribed but we hope to run another trip, perhaps in the Autumn.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we pray for all charities and for all those who give of their time to support charitable organisations. As we begin Christian Aid Week on Sunday we are reminded of the work of the charity as it helps vulnerable people find sustainable ways of living.

Creator God, you have planted the seed of love in our hearts, in our souls, in our lives. We long for the brightness of your presence drawing ever closer to you and to one another, as we join with your people at all times in all places to worship and to serve. (Prayer from Christian Aid)

As we look back and contemplate last weekend, we give thanks for the Coronation service and the beautiful liturgy that provided so much joy. We pray that His Majesty King Charles III and for His Queen Consort Camilla that they will be supported by God's grace to offer a life of service to God and the people.

Following the example of service, we give thanks for all those who serve the All Saints Church community and we remember the newly-elected PCC. We pray for the mission of the church and that we may be guided by your Holy Spirit to bring your light to the world. We pray too for all those who serve in schools, Maidenhead Care, All Sorts, Street Angels, and the other charities that people support.

We remember the troubled parts of the world. We pray for Sudan and Ukraine and all areas of the world where there is unrest. We pray too for protection of all the refugees and asylum seekers as they seek a place to live where they can feel safe and where they can contribute to society.

We pray for those who are preparing for Baptism at the Pentecost Eucharist at the end of the month. May they like all of us be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit that we might use our gifts to build the Body of Christ.

We pray for those within our congregation and within the community that are in need of prayer. We remember Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard. May they know the healing touch and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring comfort and healing to those in need, and those who care for loved ones in need at this time.

We pray for the recently departed, among them Pauline Dobbs and we remember all our departed loved ones. We pray for families and friends and all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 14 MAY SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT FOR CHRISTIAN AID

God, gardener of Eden, who flung stars into space and nurtures the tiniest plant, lift our hopes and dreams above the loss and damage of our suffering planet, fill us with your life-giving hope and inspire us with your creative Spirit now, and in the age to come.

COLLECT

God our Redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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 for ever. Amen.

NT READING Acts 17: 22 – 31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where

they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

GOSPEL John 14: 15 – 21

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

MUSIC

Prelude: Franconia *A Fletcher*

Opening Hymn: AM 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky

Gradual: AM 602 Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory: AM 454 Love is his word

Communion: AM 805 There is a redeemer

Closing Hymn: AM 650 Great is thy faithfulness

Postlude: Bridal March *C H H Parry*

ALTWOOD BIG SLEEP 31 MARCH

The final total raised for The Guatemala City, Street Kids Direct charity is £968 of which £448 came from us at All Saints! Thank you!

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



We have had the pleasure of getting to know some refugees from Iran in our congregation over the past year. At our APCM recently, Sam Jonkers from Care4Calais spoke to us about the fantastic work the charity does in welcoming and supporting refugees.

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.

Thank you!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS TUESDAY 16 MAY 8.00PM AT THE SYNAGOGUE

You are invited to a talk on Josephus: hero or villainfor Jews and for Christians? Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office:

admin@maidshul.org

WINDSOR AND MAIDENHEAD COMMUNITY FORUM WOMEN'S GROUP 7.00pm MONDAY 22 MAY

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to the next meeting at St. Luke's Church, Norfolk Road Maidenhead, SL6 4HZ

Anita Sawal, Outreach Co-ordinator at Thames Hospice will speak about the work of the Hospice

Further details from: sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org

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.

CORONATION SPONGE CAKE



The Coronation Sponge last Sunday was made by our Churchwarden, Ken Smith's granddaughter, Bethany Cowdery. Several people kindly commented on how delicious it was and some were interested in buying other things when they knew that she had her own baking company.

So here are her details. She can make for you personalised birthday cakes and celebration cakes, cupcakes and brownies, and even cream teas to take home. Her company is called Syllabub.

Contact her at www.syllabubcakes.com, or Instagram and Facebook @syllabub.cakesuk. It is well worth looking at her website where you can see photos of her comprehensive range and also Bethany in action.