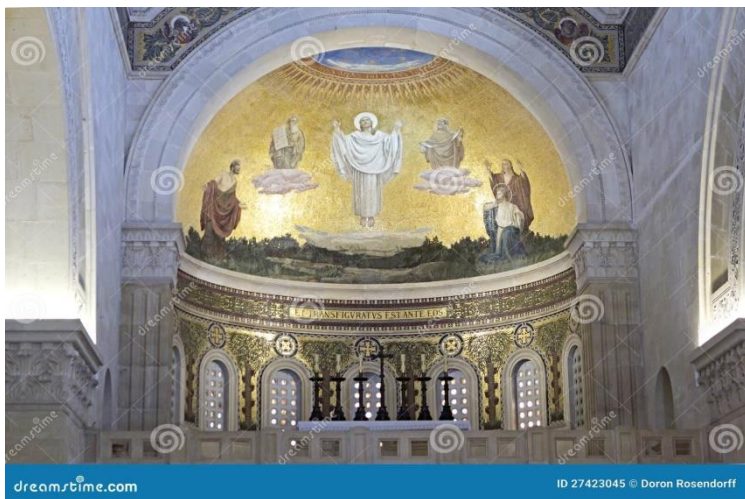


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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



Glory and Beauty

If you had to pick a selection of stories or events from the Gospels, I wonder which they would be? Christmas, Good Friday and Easter certainly, as key moments in the life of Jesus. Perhaps Pentecost, or maybe one of the healing miracles of Jesus. Perhaps his teaching in the Sermon on the Mount.

This Sunday we focus on another of those key moments in the Gospels, as we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. In this event, Jesus during his earthly life appeared to his closest disciples

transfigured in glory. You can find the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the Sunday Readings on p4 of this edition of Parish News.

When we focus on these key moments in the life of Jesus, we see an important event in the work of God as he works to bring us hope and forgiveness. But through them we also see something of who God is, and who we are. At Christmas, for instance, we see through the historic event to the nature of God – his humility, and his love for us in coming into this imperfect and sometimes brutal world in order to share his love and his life with us. And we see in the newborn infant something of the purity, beauty and potential of each and every human being.

The Transfiguration is a showing of divine glory and beauty, and its celebration is a feast and a 'showing forth' of that divine glory and beauty. But Jesus on the mountain top doesn't just reveal the beauty and glory of God – he also reveals the beauty and glory of our humanity as it was made to be, and as God intends it to be at some point in the future. On the Feast of the Transfiguration, I'm told, in the Byzantine Liturgy Christians sing of how Christ 'transfigured disfigured humanity' and 'in his own person showed the apostles the true nature of humanity'. This tells of our human dignity and worth in the sight of God. As Christians we have a realistic view of human nature, we know acknowledge that we live in a fallen world, and that there are limits to our potential for good because of the corruption of our human nature. But we also tell of God's great rescue-story for humanity, his plan for our redemption and life with God and each other in a place where there shall be no more weeping or crying or pain (Revelation 21:4).

I very much value the traditional form of prayer known as the Rosary, because it gives us twenty different scenes from the life of Jesus and his mother Mary to meditate upon, and in so doing we focus on individual events such as the Transfiguration. As we do so, we not only reflect on the event recorded by the passage of scripture, but more importantly we take into our hearts and minds something of the glory and beauty of God, and something of our own potential as a child of God. Traditionally we would repeat the Hail Mary ten times as we think prayerfully about each scene, but you don't have to use the Hail Mary at all – you can repeat another prayer such as “Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me”, or you can sit in silence and contemplate one of these scenes.

I thoroughly commend to you this way of praying as part of your routine of prayer. It is especially valuable as a way of praying when you can't manage words at all, when even the Lord's Prayer seems empty and meaningless – those times of confusion or worry or pain when words just don't seem to work. Then, staying quietly with a scene from the Rosary, perhaps using a repeated word or phrase to anchor the 'thinking' part of the brain, is a wonderful - indeed the only - way of praying that works for me in those times. But it is not just valuable at those times – it can be an anchor-point in your weekly routine of prayer.

And, of course, it keeps you anchored in the key moments and scenes of the Gospels so they become a part of you, deep within.

If you would like to try this way of prayer, this is the list of biblical events that make up the Rosary way of praying. The events are grouped into four sets of five scenes, and you can meditate on one scene by itself, or more than one, or use a complete set of five scenes in your prayer time:

The Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38)

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1: 39-56)

The Birth of Jesus at Bethlehem (Luke 2: 4-20)

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple in Jerusalem (Luke 2: 22-35)

The finding of the child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2: 41-52)

The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: 13-17)

The Wedding at Cana (John 2: 1-11)

The Proclamation of the Kingdom (Matthew 5: 1-16; 13: 1-52)

The Transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-36)

The Last Supper and Institution of the Eucharist (Luke 22: 14-20)

The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22: 39-47)

The Scourging of Jesus (Mark 15: 1-15)

The Crowning with thorns (Matthew 27: 27-31)

The carrying of the Cross (John 19: 16-17)

The Crucifixion (Luke 23: 33-38; 44-46)

The Resurrection (John 20: 1-10)

The Ascension (Acts 1: 6-14)

The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 2: 1-12)

The Assumption of Mary (1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18)

The Glory of the Saints in Heaven (Revelation 21: 1-4)

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 3 August	11.00am & 3.30pm Baptism Classes in the Birinus Room
Friday 4	10.30am Baptism preparation in the Birinus Room
Sunday 6	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Monday 7	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>3.00pm Memorial service at Oakley Green for Philip and Elizabeth Shaw</i>
Tuesday 8	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 9	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>2.30pm Senior Saints Cream Tea at the Vicarage</i>

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 12 August 3.00pm – 7.00pm

Everyone is invited to join in the 80th birthday celebrations of Margaret Hill, at Boyn Hill Baptist Church, Westborough Road, Maidenhead. Afternoon tea will be served. Games available for the young and young at heart. Please RSVP Jackie Honey (daughter) 07776 117052 if you plan to attend.

WAMCF CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS CRICKET TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 27 AUGUST AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Adult's & Children's Competitions start from 10.00am Fr Jeremy presenting children's prizes at 2.00pm. Full details on WAMCF website.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we give thanks for The Transfiguration of Christ, we pray that we would be encouraged and upheld by the glory, beauty and grace of God, who is our Father, Redeemer and Sustainer.

As we reflect on the dignity of each and every human being, we pray for those who are persecuted in any way and for victims of violence and prejudice. We pray for release from those evils which bind people, diminish their humanity and prevent human flourishing.

We pray for prisoners and those who work with offenders to bring repentance and a genuine desire for live a new life; for prison chaplains, for those who work with young offenders, for the probation and court services and for charities that help the resettlement of offenders. We pray for all who work in the criminal justice system.

We pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya, for the Diocese of Taita Taveta, for Bishop Liverson, and for Grace Kitawa Karingo seeking confirmation of her call to begin training for the Priesthood.

We pray for all refugees and migrants, and for those too afraid to search for a new and better life. For our asylum system in this country and across Europe, that it would find compassionate ways of helping those who have fled persecution. And we pray for those housed in the Holiday Inn in Maidenhead, and especially for those who have found a spiritual home with us at All Saints Church.

We pray for Tyler Mungal, Reginald Curtis, Oliver Curtis & Alexander Dillon on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those from our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter and Simon Cowdery. May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed, including Nancy and Philip Shaw. We pray for their families and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 6 AUGUST THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

COLLECT

Father in heaven, whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain, and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem: give us strength to hear his voice and bear our cross that in the world to come we may see him as he is; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

EPISTLE 2 Peter 1: 16 -18

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL Luke 9: 26 – 36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

MUSIC

Preludes: Sonata in E flat major BWV 525 *J S Bach* & Andante K616 *W A Mozart*

Opening hymn: 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Gradual hymn: 279 Jesus, on the mountain peak

Offertory hymn: 709 Light of the minds that know him

Communion music: Cantilene Sonata in D minor, Op.148 *J Rheinberger*

Closing hymn: 754 O worship the King

Postlude: Carillon Op 31 No 21 *L Vierne*



heritage open days

All Saints will be open on Saturday 9 September from 9.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday 10 from 12 noon until 4.30pm. Helpers needed please; see sign-up sheets at the back of the church or contact me on kensmith1@btinternet.com or 01628 633895. See attached flier for full details.

There will be an organ recital by Dr Relf Clark on the Sunday at 2.30pm.

Ken Smith



In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. You can donate food at all the supermarkets, and a list of what's most needed is in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week. BUT what would really help them is if people are able to set up a regular standing order. It is regular gifts that enable them to plan the food they can afford to buy. This can be done for as much or as little as you like:

Unity Trust Bank
Account Name: Foodshare
Sort Code: 608301
Account Number: 20448464
Reference: [Please use your name as the reference]

PARISH NEWS NEWS

If you have anything for next week's Parish News (9 August) please send it direct to Tanya (allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com). The following week, 16 August, will be a double edition.

RIDE + STRIDES for Churches

SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 9 September

WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event!

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in the congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10.00am and 6.00pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips trophy which is awarded to the most successful church each year – this is a splendid silver cup which is still resting with St Peter's Woolhampton as they raised the most sponsorship in 2022.

All Saints will benefit hugely as we will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need; All Saints has benefitted from this in the past.

More details of the participating churches, together with sponsorship forms will be available soon, or can be found on the BHCT Ride & Stride website - <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

Stella Harding, All Saints Boyne Hill Ride & Stride Co-ordinator



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!

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