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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have found at times in my life when I might be feeling a little down I have turned on the television or put on a DVD to watch some comedy to lift my spirits. One of my favourites like millions of other people would be 'Only Fools and Horses.' This British television comedy sitcom created and written by John Sullivan followed two brothers who would buy and sell almost everything, including dodgy goods, believing that one day they would become millionaires!

I guess we all would have our favourites including Del Boy acting as a 'Yuppie' falling over the bar as he tries to impress a lady, the 1989 Jolly Boys outing to Margate, another Christmas special when they went dressed as Batman and Robin thinking they were going to a fancy dress party only to arrive at a wake! My favourite memories are of their dealing on the markets when Del Boy is trying to convince people of the power of his washing up liquid, the quality of his sprouts or the accuracy of the time on his wrist watches!

This weekend is harvest time at All Saints, Boyne Hill and it is the Sunday when I get to have fun auctioning your harvest apples, potatoes, homemade jam and the occasional bottle of wine. Yes this is the weekend when you the generous punters can offer me £25 for the incredibly versatile tin of corned beef that you can make sandwiches out of with delicious homemade pickle, or indeed turn into a corned beef hash that Delia Smith would be happy with. This stunning corn beef offers far more in variety than the American spam despite what Monty Python might tell you.

Last year your generosity in supplying Harvest gifts and your even greater generosity in allowing me to play 'Del Boy' led to over £600 being raised to help provide clean water taps in Kenya and toilets in South Sudan. This year we welcome Margaret Watson of Ripple effect the charity that we will be supporting at Harvest but also in sustainable projects with a number of African countries.

We will be helping grandmothers like Agness fight hunger this harvest with climate-resilient seeds, trees and bees. Families in rural Africa are going hungry as the climate crisis worsens and they experience longer periods of drought and unpredictable rainfall. Agness lives on the front line of the climate crisis in Central Zambia where crops are often destroyed due to erratic weather conditions. This year Agness's maize crop was washed away by flash floods. She is now worried about how she will feed an extended family of 40.

In Zambia, nearly two-thirds of the people live below the poverty line. Zambia has one of the lowest life expectancies and highest death rates in the world. Ripple Effect and its partners help train people like Agness to transform their farms with climate resilient seeds, trees and bees. Ripple Effect claims that for every family they work with, three more families will benefit from the knowledge and skills shared from family to family, community to community and from generation to generation.

As part of our challenge to become a sustainable church (Eco Church) it would be wonderful to create ripples of positivity across rural Africa. Please support the Harvest service, enjoy the auction and bring your harvest gifts this Sunday.

May you all be blessed by God's love this week,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 28 September	11.00 am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room 3.00 pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 7.00 pm <i>All Sorts at St Mary's Church</i> 8.00 pm Choir practice
Friday 29 September	9.00 am <i>Harvest Assembly at Boyne Hill School</i> 10.00 am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
Sunday 1 October	10.00 am Parish Eucharist to celebrate Harvest Festival – Fr John celebrant and Margaret Watson from Ripple Effect speaking. Following the service we will have an auction of the harvest gifts. The ploughman's Lunch will follow in the Parish Centre. 6.00 pm <i>Sundays @6 Harvest service at the Church of the Good Shepherd</i>
Monday 2 October	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 3 October	9.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm <i>PCC meeting in the Birinus Room</i>
Wednesday 4 October	10.00 am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr John 11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre 11.30 am <i>Communion service at Clara Court Care Home</i> 2.30 pm <i>Open the Book at Larchfield Primary School</i>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks this harvest weekend to God who shares his presence with us in the beauty of creation and provides for us his gifts. We give thanks for charities like Ripple Effect who are helping families living in rural Africa. These families can with the help of training in sustainable, organic farming grow enough to eat, set up small businesses and send their children to school to provide for their futures.

We give thanks this day at All Saints for the wonderful gifts we have been provided with by the people of our community. We pray as we share our auction of the goods that the money donated will bless the ministry of Ripple Effect.

We continue to pray for the people of Morocco, Libya and other places suffering through natural disaster, famine and drought. We pray for Ripple Effect as they work alongside families in rural Africa in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia. We pray for the aid agencies trying to support people in Morocco and Libya.

We pray for concerted action to reduce carbon emissions and to combat the effects of climate change which is impacting countries like those supported by Ripple Effect. We pray for our church and the sustainability group as we continue to find ways to care for creation and live more sustainably. We pray that we may respond personally and as a community to find ways to look after God's creation and our neighbours suffering in places in Africa.

We pray for all Asylum seekers and refugees in this town of Maidenhead and across Britain who are facing the threat of being made homeless and jobless. We give thanks for those at the local authority who working alongside Care4Calais, FoodShare, Slough Refugee Council, Maidenhead Football Club, The Brett Foundation and the churches are trying to provide for refugee's wellbeing. We pray that we may show compassion to enable people to feel a sense of belonging in this town.

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, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie and Jess, Joseph White, Morieza Serja and Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Elizabeth Smiglewska, Jim Goff, Andrew and Sue Fleet.

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, and especially Tessa Armstrong and Stanley Brown, and for the departed members of our own families. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness[b] endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GOSPEL Luke 12: 16-30

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude on Bunesan *J Nixon*
Opening: 290 We plough the fields *Wir Pflügen*
Gradual: 287 Praise and thanksgiving *Bunesan*
Offertory: 282 Come, ye thankful people, come *St George's Windsor*
Communion Anthem : Thou visitest the earth *M Greene*
Closing: 483 We are marching in the light of God *Siyahamba*
Postlude: Recession on St George *V Griffiths*

CLERK TO GOVERNORS AT ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, self-motivated Clerk to Governors to work in our school. The role of Clerk is to provide the Local Governing Body with efficient and accurate administrative support. Key tasks include preparing agendas and papers, taking minutes of meetings and other support activities. The hours are on average 3.5 hours a week (term time only).

The full advert, the application form and job description are available from:
www.allsaintsmaidenhead.org.uk/vacancies/

Jenny Wilks

HELP FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS URGENTLY NEEDED

You have probably heard that the government is in the process of mass-granting asylum to asylum seekers. This is good news but presents a short-term problem. People granted asylum have to leave their accommodation within 7 days of the grant. It means we are expecting up to 100 people to become homeless in Maidenhead in the next few weeks. It has already started and we expect to have around 30 people on the streets by next week.

Nigel Cohen is trying to arrange places for people to get food. This is what is arranged so far:
<https://openarms.charity/asylum-residents>

1. Can anyone offer to help cook and/or serve food at the Salvation Army once a week on any of the following days:

Sundays 12:30-1:00pm

Mondays 6:00-6:30pm

Fridays 11:00-11:30am

If you are able to help please speak to Fr Jeremy.

ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3rd December 2023, 12 noon - 3.30pm

The organising team are delighted to confirm the date of this year's **Christ Child Market**.

The market will be organised along the same lines as in the past two years with a number of external, local makers and producers having stalls, as well as our own All Saints stalls:

Handicrafts, tombola, raffle, children's activities, spin-for-a-bottle, cake stall, BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies,...and Father Christmas will be joining us!

As in previous years, there will be plenty of opportunity to help, particularly as a volunteer on the day – more about that to follow.

We would be grateful now for prizes for the **RAFFLE and TOMBOLA (new items only please)**. The collection box for your donations will be beside the South Porch.

We will also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS** for our stall holders and – from the bakers amongst you - **CAKES** for the All Saints' cake stall.

Sign-up sheets will be at the back of the church in the next few weeks if you can help with either or both of these things.

If you have any questions or need more information please speak to any member of the team:

Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibó Veira, Darren Pimm, John Gay and Stella Harding

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.

Thank you!

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