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NB CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR THIS WEEKEND

Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I would normally have clarity of the subject that I would like to share in Parish News but on this occasion my mind has been taken in so many directions thanks to the Lenten films some of us are watching and the Lenten themes that arise through reflection of the biblical themes in our Sunday readings.

The two films we have watched so far: 'Loving Vincent' and 'Babette's Feast' led to discussions of the former about what makes a priceless work of art particularly if it's of a 'Sunflower' and how do we view the 'Narrow Way' and God's grace in the latter. Can we discover the quality of the sacred within the painting of Van Gogh and the use of Sunflowers and wheatfields to express his hope of resurrection through natural things? In Babette's Feast can we be drawn into a meal made so beautifully, so artistically, and so lovingly that we can see the Heavenly Banquet come to life here on earth? Can Babette's gift to the community of all that she had to give, speak of God's grace and love? This week we will view 'Me Before You' based on the Jo Jo Moyes best seller asking the complex questions surrounding freewill and the responsibility we have for others in our decisions.

Instead of sharing more of my own feelings about the films, I have chosen to write based on the pastoral support and love provided by the Revd Jo Ellington at Altwood School. Jo has, through sharing God's love with young people, helped them on a journey of knowing that they are not alone in this world and that they are loved by God. As I write, Jo with the support of a few other committed Christians, is sharing Youth Alpha. This course is completely different to the Alpha that All Saints ran for many years based on the talks of Nicky Gumbel. Millions of pounds are now spent to film across the world young people thinking about the Christian faith.

Week three of the course based on the Cross and God's love and mercy began with symbols and emojis. A modern emoji can be a smiling face with tears which I received from several people around Europe who I met in Durham last year. I had said that my relative in the Northeast on replying to my text that Newcastle will be bouncing following their win over Liverpool had informed me that the city had run dry of beer the night before the win! The Geordie fans in Durham and Sweden had then sent me the above-mentioned emoji.

Back to the Alpha course and the progression from the emoji to the symbol of the Cross being the fundamental symbol of faith for a Christian. The course discussed the idea that we are capable of love and evil. God intends us to live life in fulness, but we have a natural urge to selfishness and sin. Sin leads to war, racism, and even environmental issues to name but a few.

As the young male students watched the Alpha film, they saw examples of people knowing forgiveness. We were shown a clip from Japan with subtitles as a young Japanese man spoke of his time being bullied at school. Heartbreakingly he was given a white vase, a symbol given when someone dies. The young man told us that he was devastated as he discovered the symbol had been sent to him by the boy, he thought was his one friend at school. Later as an adult he saw the student on a train. Having found faith, he decided to speak with the person who had caused him heartache. The guilty man broke down in tears as the man he had tormented forgave him.

The course reminded us of people who have lived sacrificially giving their lives to save others. 24 March 1980 was the day that Archbishop Oscar Romero was shot while sharing the Mass in his cathedral in Salvador. Many South American countries in the 1970's sacrificed human rights for economic success. Many Christians spoke out including Romero desiring to show God's love for the poor.

Alpha reminded us of Luke 15 and the prodigal son. The moving story that we can all receive God's love by repenting and turning back to God. In Luke 13 which we had as our reading on Sunday we discover people dying through accidents (Tower of Siloam) and human cruelty (Pilate). Whether a person is miraculously saved or killed in a tragic accident is not a measure of righteousness. (Trump might want to rethink his theology following his recent escape) I recall too the Tsunami in the early 2000s when a Christian community worshipping on a high mountain was spared. Some said God saved them for their faith. Jesus says in Luke we will all die, some tragically and the need is to repent. The choir, if our rehearsals go well, will sing the anthem 'God so Loved the World' on Passion Sunday and Good Friday. John 3:16 tells us 'That those who believe in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life.'

Another symbol from Luke 13:1-9 is the fig tree without fruit. This leads me to another film just released. *Bonhoeffer 'Silence in the Face of Evil is Evil.'* Bonhoeffer wrote about costly and cheap grace. If we know God's love/grace on the cross, then we will desire to respond in love. What all people need to hear are the words Jesus heard at his baptism. You are my beloved son/daughter with you I am well pleased. Knowing we are loved by God and are valued, enables us to live life in all its fulness.

Let us pray this Lent that those students at Altwood and all of us will come to know that we are loved by God.

May you be blessed by God's love this Lent, Holy Week and Easter,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

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| Thursday 27 March | <i>7.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's</i>
7.00pm Stations of Mercy based on the writings of Pope Francis led by Fr David
<i>8.00pm Choir Practice</i> |
| Friday 28 | 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
6.00pm Childrens' Film Club in the Birinus Room includes a pizza supper
<i>The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe</i> |
| Saturday 29 | 10.00am Mothering Sunday posy making in the Parish Centre |
| Sunday 30 | 10.00am Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday Worship for All
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

<i>1.00pm</i> The bellringers will be ringing a quarter peal |
| Monday 31 | 9.30am Morning Prayer
<i>7.30pm</i> Sustainability meeting in the Birinus Room |

- Tuesday 1 April** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
 1.30pm All Saints School Rehearsal for their Easter Service
 2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre *see p 7*
 8.00pm Confirmation Class on Zoom weeks 11 & 12
- Wednesday 2** **10.00am Requiem Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Service at Clara Court Care Home
 12.15pm Soup Lunch in the Parish Centre
 7.00pm Film Night in the Birinus Room *See p7 for details*
- Thursday 3** 10.00am All Saints School Easter Service
 2.00pm All Saints School Easter Service for Parents and Governors
7.00pm Stations of the Cross *Mary's Way* led by Jeanette Lock
 8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 4** **10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre**
From 7.00pm and overnight Altwood School sponsored stay awake for 'Street Kids Direct' in Guatemala
- Sunday 6** **10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Fifth Sunday of Lent with Holy Baptism**
 Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr David

6.00pm Sundays@Six Stations of the Cross led by Jeanette Lock
- Monday 7** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
- Tuesday 8** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
 8.00pm Group 2 Confirmation Class on Zoom Week 7
- Wednesday 9** **10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy**
 12 noon Soup lunch in the Parish Centre
7.00pm Lent Film in the Birinus Room see p7 for details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Generous God, on this Mothering Sunday, we thank you for mothers, parents and all who care for us. Love shapes our life. But none more so than your love, which is beyond any other. Thank you that you do not leave us wallowing in the mess we make of life but wait patiently for us to come to our senses. Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, who paid for our sin with his immeasurable sacrifice. Thank you for your Holy Spirit, who keeps us on track. Thank you that when we return to you, we are always sure of a warm, comforting embrace. (Prayer from Roots)

We continue to pray for the Ripple Effect charity and for the people suffering as a consequence of climate crisis in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya and Zambia. We pray for the people of Ripple Effect as they try to help communities make their land more productive and biodiverse, helping them to build food security. We give thanks for those who are supporting the Lent lunches and in so doing are playing a part in supporting the Ripple Effect charity.

We pray for the ministry of Revd Jo Ellington and her chaplaincy to Altwood School. We give thanks for those students seeking answers to questions of faith through the Thursday Alpha course run at the school. We pray that more young people may come to know that they are loved by God and that God's wills them to live life in all its fulness.

We pray for the students of Altwood and for the sponsored stay awake on the 4 April as they seek to raise funds for the 'Street Kids Direct' charity seeking to give young children in Guatemala hope for the future.

We pray for All Saints School as the students and staff of the school share an Easter service in church and pray for the good news of resurrection life.

We pray for the mission of our church and this Lent we pray for Tiny Saints, Young Saints, Sundays at 4 and the newly formed young people's film club. We pray for those leaders giving their time and skills to run these groups and we pray that the young people and families will flourish.

We pray for the ministry of AllSorts that reminds us that God's love is for everyone and for Street Angels that more people may come forth to show God's love to those people struggling in any way on the streets of Maidenhead.

We pray for peace in Ukraine and for the people of Ukraine and Russia, the Middle East and for long term peace in Gaza. We pray too for the situation in Sudan and South Sudan and all areas of the world where there is unrest.

We pray for all asylum seekers and for those newly arrived in this country that they may experience a sense of welcome. We give thanks for those who have received the right to stay and we pray that they may find homes and jobs.

Please pray for Arabella Wells, Freddie Hayden, Logan Le Roux, Abraham Albert, Amelia Curtis and Ollie Campbell on the anniversaries of their baptisms.

We pray for those who are suffering in any way. We remember Daneille, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Massouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Helen Brickley, and Edite Zadinane. May they all know God's healing and loving presence.

We pray for the recently departed Jennifer Speer, Rosemary Crace and Albert and all our departed loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 30 MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

O T READING: Exodus 2: 1 – 10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 33 - 35

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about Jesus. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Berceuse	<i>G Fauré</i>
Opening hymn:	394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	
Offertory hymn:	313 For Mary, mother of our Lord	
Communion hymn:	137 God of Eve and God of Mary	
Closing hymn:	777 Sing of the Lord's goodness	
Postlude:	Serenade	<i>D Bourgeois</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 6 APRIL THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

EPISTLE: Philippians 3: 4b - 14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12: 1— 8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Chorale Prelude on 'Rockingham'	<i>C H H Parry</i>
Opening hymn:	702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	
Anthem:	God so loved the world	<i>J Stainer</i>
Offertory hymn:	707 Lift high the cross	
Communion hymn:	144 How deep the Father's love for us	
Closing hymn:	806 There's a wideness in God's mercy	
Postlude:	Praeludium Pastorale	<i>J Stainer</i>

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM) WILL BE HELD AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB, HIGHWAY ROAD, MAIDENHEAD SL6 SAE ON MONDAY 28 APRIL 2025

Programme:

6.30pm bar opens. Fish and Chips or Chicken and Chips Supper served. Must be ordered and paid for in advance. Sign-up sheet now at the back of Church.

7.00pm Meeting of Parishioners to elect two Churchwardens,

7.10 pm APCM with speakers, reports and elections to PCC and other roles.

The guest speaker will be Steve Foley All Saints who will talk on:

'My Role as a Travelling Surgeon'

After the APCM, there will be a short meeting of the newly elected PCC. Open to PCC members.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for those who wish to register for the APCM.

PARISH ELECTIONS

On Monday 28 April at the All Saints Meeting of Parishioners and at the All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, the following elections will be held from 7.00pm

- At the Meeting of Parishioners at 7.00pm, there will be an election of 2 Churchwardens to serve for 1 year
- At the Annual Meeting (APCM), starting at 7.10 pm, there will be an election of
- 1 Deanery Synod Representative to serve for 1 year, and
- 6 members of the PCC to serve for 3 years

If you want to stand in any of these elections please find a proposer and seconder, register as a candidate by signing the Candidates' List on the cross aisle table towards the back of the church and collect a Nomination Form, an Application Form, and information about the role you are standing for from the folder next to the Candidate List

If you have any queries please contact me, David Morgan PCC Secretary, on email: drmorgan46@gmail.com or Stella Harding Parish Safeguarding Officer on email: hardingstella25@gmail.com who can help you with any more information on the various safeguarding requirements as they relate to these appointments.

Please give the completed Nomination Form and the completed Application Form to me or to Fr Jeremy before the election

David Morgan, PCC Secretary

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

We are preparing a new All Saints Church Electoral Roll for the APCM to be held on Monday 28 April. Every six years we ask every member of our congregation to complete a form in order that our records are kept up to date. Please will you therefore ensure that you complete an application form along with a consent form and return it to church as soon as possible. Forms are available on the cross aisle table at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like an application form to be delivered, please contact me by email on sastannett@gmail.com.

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer

APCM Fish and Chips Supper

If you are planning to attend the APCM on Monday 28 April at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, please sign the list on the table at the back of church.

Supper will be served at 6.30pm. Fish and Chips cost £9 and Chicken and Chips cost £7. If you would like to order supper, please tick your preference on the form and give the payment to Sue Stannett. The final order date for food is **Sunday 20 April**.



MAKING MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES SATURDAY 29 March 10.00am IN THE PARISH CENTRE

We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. A selection of small pieces of greenery are required, such as Heather, Pittosporum, perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) which are particularly welcome, so if you or your neighbour have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on Friday morning, 28 March.

The Flower Team

TUESDAY CLUB 1 APRIL 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

It's always a delight to welcome this month's speaker: the Revd Dr Judith Thomas, a lady who's lived in so many countries and remembers so much about all of them, is going to tell us about life in Taiwan.

PARISH NEWS NEWS

The next edition of the Parish News will be prepared and issued by Tanya on Wednesday 9 April. It will be a bumper edition covering 3 (THREE) weeks so if you have any items for inclusion about events up to and including Wednesday 30 April please send it to the Parish Office: allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com by Monday 7 April.

Tanya has kindly offered to produce the following edition too. That will be a two week edition so anything concerning events up to and including Wednesday 14 May to her by Monday 28 April please.

PLEASE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE TIME FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE LENTEN ACTIVITIES BELOW:



1. WEDNESDAY FILM NIGHTS IN LENT

26 March 7.00pm in the Birinus Room *Me Before You* - A film that questions the issues around assisted suicide. (This is sad but also has moments of humour and love)

2 April 7.00pm in the Birinus Room *The Old Oak* – Originally shown at Norden Farm and recommended by some of our congregation this film looks at community and the reception of asylum seekers. (it was referenced at Durham University on the conference I attended last Easter)

9 April 7.00pm in the Birinus Room *Les Misérables* – This wonderful film sets the question of grace v law and the hope of redemption.

2. **WEDNESDAY LENT LUNCHESES** 26 March and 2/9 April at 12.15 in the Parish Centre – A soup lunch with fresh bread and cheese. All the soups will be vegetarian, and all proceeds will go to the Ripple Effect Charity supporting sustainable farming in Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya.

3. THURSDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

27 March 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross – Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

3 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Mary’s Way of the Cross

10 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – A Missionary Way of the Cross with Sean Kealy

Wednesday 16 April 7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

4. CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Friday 28 March 6.00pm Film Club *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* – the film night for children includes Pizza and soft drinks.

5. SERVICES

SUNDAYS@6

6 April Stations of the Cross at All Saints

13 April Taizé service at The Church of the Good Shepherd

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 13 April 10.00am Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and procession

Monday in Holy Week 14 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Tuesday in Holy Week 15 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Wednesday in Holy Week 16 April 10.00am Eucharist and meditation

7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Maundy Thursday 17 April *11.00am Chrism Mass at Christchurch Cathedral*

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, foot washing and watch until midnight.

11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 18 April 10.00am Morning Prayer and Litany

11.00am Walk of Witness starting from the piazza outside Sainsbury’s

3.00pm Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns

Holy Saturday 19 April 9.00am Church decorating, cleaning and flowers

8.00pm Easter Vigil followed by celebratory hospitality

EASTER DAY 20 APRIL 10.00am Eucharist and Worship for All and blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter eggs.

Come and See ‘Earth, Wind and Fire: Understanding Baptism – oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

There are leaflets for Come and See at the back of Church.

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reuse- A couple of weeks ago I was asked if I could give details of the collapsible cup I carry in my handbag. It is made by STOJO and you can buy them for £4.99 from Amazon. I much prefer to use actual shops but sadly the Eco shop in Marlow where I got it closed down. Please do support our other local Eco shops, such as Filling Good, as I’d hate them to go the same way. Maybe if enough people ask they’ll get some in? It’s certainly very handy and much used abroad in those towns with street drinking fountains as it means I don’t have to carry a heavy water bottle!

Your eco-committee