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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

The Importance of Leadership.

This coming weekend we celebrate the Coronation of our King, His Majesty King Charles III. He is not 'made king' at his Coronation – he became king upon the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II – but this is the time when he makes his Coronation Oaths and is solemnly anointed and crowned within the context of a service of Christian Worship. The Commentary which accompanies the Order of Service for the Coronation says this:

“The magnificence and beauty of the processions and costumes is a great celebration of tradition and joy. But behind the pageantry lies another message which the words and ceremonies demonstrate – our King commits himself, through prayers and oaths, to follow the Lord he serves in a life of loving service in his role as Monarch.”

In his introduction to the service, the Archbishop of Canterbury will say: “We are gathered to offer worship and praise to Almighty God...to pray for Charles our King...and to witness with joy his crowning and anointing,



as he is set apart and consecrated for the service of his people. Let us dedicate ourselves alike, in body, mind and spirit, to a renewed faith, a joyful hope, and a commitment to serve one another in love.”

As with any Christian liturgy preparing properly for it, and participating in it, have the potential to renew our vision and strengthen our commitment in the service of God; and we pray that this may be the case not just for King Charles and his Queen Consort, but for us as a nation.

And this is important. Very, very important. We are seeing played out in our news bulletins the effects of dysfunctional and bad government in Sudan, in Afghanistan, and in the war in Ukraine. I have recently been reading a biography of Joseph Ratzinger, later Cardinal and Pope Benedict XVI, particularly his upbringing in 1930's Germany amidst the growing darkness of Nazism (Hitler was, we must remember, democratically elected at least initially). And I have been listening to a Radio 4 lunchtime series on the horrors of the Warsaw Ghetto. Good government, good leadership, is not a given, and cannot be relied upon without the work of men and women dedicated to the well-being of their fellow human beings, and without the structures of law and justice which keeps them to account. As Christians, we know that the model for living a good life and for building good community can be found in the words and teachings of Jesus Christ. But we also know that we need the grace and strength of God in order to live up (even in small part) to the wonder and glory that God sets before us.

Many of the major issues facing our world are, at heart, spiritual issues – they are about motivations and priorities, about justice, and about caring for one another across communities and nations and between generations. Issues such as global climate change, inequalities of food, water, education and healthcare; issues of power struggles and justice; issues of population movement, refugees and asylum seekers; issues of the protection of the poor, the marginalised and the vulnerable. These are issues that transcend the boundaries of narrow national self-interest and extend beyond the timescales of electoral cycles.

So institutions that are not beholden to electoral success, but which live by an inner authenticity, and which are visibly grounded in the message of the Servant King and seek their inspiration and their values from God – these are like gold-dust; they are not infallible, but without them we lose our sense of direction and easily retreat into the short-term and the needs of our own in-group in preference to the wider good. Without them, communities and nations risk fracture and disconnection. Our Churches and other faith communities must aspire to be institutions like this; and on Saturday King Charles will commit himself to being another, very important, such institution. For us as a Church, and for our King, this is a huge responsibility for which we have been set apart by God.



Our late Queen lived out this vital role with great humility, courage and dedication and in so doing demonstrated just how much can be achieved without necessarily having any overt power over others. She celebrated love and compassion and inclusion with an infectious joy, always pointing beyond herself to its source deep within her soul.

It is in that sense, and with that hope, that I will be praying for the person and the reign of King Charles III this weekend. May God save the King.

Fr John

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 4 May

11.00am Baptism class in the Birinus Room
1.00pm Funeral of Olive Joan Tiley at Easthampstead Park Crematorium
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 5

10.00am **Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre**
3.00pm Assembly at All Saints School

Saturday 6

Coronation of King Charles III

Sunday 7

10.00am **Eucharist for the Fifth Sunday of Easter and the celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III**
Fr John presiding and Fr Jeremy preaching.
Following the service wine and snacks will be served. We hope people will stay to celebrate the Coronation together. There will be activities at Young Saints and a Treasure Hunt on the theme of the Coronation for children following the service.

Tuesday 9

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 10

10.00am Eucharist
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.00am Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles in the Birinus Room
11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre
2.30pm Senior Saints Meeting See p 7
3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
7.00pm Bible Study in the Birinus Room
7.30pm PCC Standing Committee in the Parish Centre



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for His Majesty King Charles III on his Coronation and for his Queen Consort Camilla. We pray that the King will remain faithful to his Coronation Vows, and that he will be granted the wisdom, grace and strength to live a life of service to God and to his people.

We pray for this nation, and all the peoples of the Commonwealth; for their governments and ministers and all who are called to public service, that they will seek justice, mercy and peace, the well-being of all humanity, and the protection of God's creation.

In our Church, we pray for our Bishops Steven and Olivia, for Fr Jeremy and Fr John, and for our Churchwardens and newly-elected PCC. We pray for all the work of mission and ministry undertaken in the name of Christ in this church and parish of All Saints.

We remember all places of darkness and violence, praying especially for the people of Sudan, Afghanistan and Ukraine. For the protection of all refugees and asylum-seekers, that they may find a place of peace and protection to call 'home' where they may flourish. We pray for the work of Care4Calais, and for refugees housed within our Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchinson-May, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Natalie Darmon, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard.

May they all know the healing peace 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 Joan Tiley and Pauline Dobbs. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.



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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 7 MAY CORONATION WEEKEND

COLLECT

Almighty God, fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles, and all who are in authority under him; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OT READING Isaiah 40: 12 & 25 – 31

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? Says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

GOSPEL Luke 22: 24 – 30

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude No VI Set 1, Opus 101 *C V Stanford*

Opening Hymn: How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds AM 664

Gradual Anthem: Come my Way, my Truth, my Life *R Vaughan Williams*

Offertory Hymn: Christ is made the Sure Foundation AM 291

Communion Hymn: Jesu, Lover of My Soul AM 128

Closing Hymn: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven AM 766

National Anthem: God save our gracious King AM 578

Postlude: Crown Imperial *W Walton*



THANK YOU, SUE!!

Friday 28 April marked the last day of Sue Wright's ministry as Parish Administrator in the Parish Office. I would personally like to thank Sue for her wonderful work both in the office and from home. As some of you will know the role of Parish Administrator is often the first contact that the public receive from All Saints. This might be providing support in arranging a funeral, a baptism, or a wedding. It might be seeking to book the Parish Centre for a party or someone seeking support and help. Sue has provided a wonderful welcome whether that has been in replying to emails promptly or offering support in person at the office or by phone.

Other major areas of ministry include promoting our Sundays@4 which during Spring and Summer months has grown in number of attendees and our link with our local schools.

Sue, to her credit, made time to attend courses so that she could further develop her already excellent skills to enhance the Parish's ability to communicate with the public. Everyone who has had dealings with Sue has said to me how warm and friendly her response to them has been.

Of course, twelve months ago we discovered that Asylum Seekers from Iran and indeed other countries were being accommodated at the Holiday Inn hotel. Sue having discovered the need to help through her role in the office then joined Care4Calais and her ministry to that wonderful charity has been remarkable. At the recent APCM, Sam Jonkers of the charity told those attending that Sue had helped access educational opportunities for over 100 students! This is an incredible achievement, and that alongside the support Sue has put in with the Iranian community attending All Saints, gives some indication of the wonderful impact she has had within our community.

Thankfully Sue is going to still support Care4calais and help All Saints in developing our Overseas Aid. I am extremely grateful for all she has done.

We welcome Tanya Fullarton as our new Parish Administrator and Tanya has already provided excellent work as assistant to Sue. Tanya is dedicated to her new role, alongside offering support in bookkeeping and we are very fortunate that we have these gifted people within our community.

ELECTION RESULTS AT THE PARISHIONERS' MEETING, APCM AND PCC MEETING HELD 24 APRIL 2023 AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB.

The following were elected.

John Bolodeoku and Ken Smith were elected Churchwardens at the Parishioners' Meeting.

At the APCM, Rod Broad, Ken Smith and John Bolodeoku were elected Deanery Synod Lay Reps. The following were elected to the PCC: Marellie Akousy-Shima, Brian Graves, Steve Foley, David Morgan.



Three members stood down from the PCC:

Nick Kirk stood down in October 2022. Fr Jeremy thanked Nick for his contribution to the PCC and to the life of the church over many years. Nick served as Churchwarden under Fr Norman.

Dianne Farmiloe and Sue Stannett stood down from the PCC at the APCM. In addition, Sue stood down as Assistant Treasurer. Fr Jeremy thanked Dianne and Sue for their contribution to the PCC and to the life of the Church. He thanked Sue for her valuable work as Assistant Treasurer over a considerable period of time. Louise O'Dwyer Barnard had stepped down from her role as Joint Safeguarding Officer earlier in the year. Fr Jeremy thanked Louise for her safeguarding work.

At the PCC meeting immediately following the APCM, Laura Nunu and Cameron Sharkey were co-opted onto the PCC and various appointments were made by the PCC. These are shown in the list of members of the new PCC

The new PCC

Fr Jeremy, Fr John, John Bolodeoku, Churchwarden, Chair of PCC and Deanery Synod Lay Rep, Ken Smith, Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Lay Rep, Rod Broad, PCC Treasurer and Deanery Synod Lay Rep.

Elected PCC Members: Stella Harding, Safeguarding Officer, Deputy Churchwarden, Steve Foley Deputy Churchwarden, Marellie Akousy-Shima, Brian Graves, Greg Hurst, Jeremy Nordberg, Jo McMullen, David Morgan PCC Secretary. Plus Laura Nunu (co-opted), Cameron Sharkey (co-opted)

Other appointments made by the PCC

Sue Stannett was appointed Electoral Roll Officer.

Ken Smith was appointed Buildings Manager. John Bolodeoku was appointed Properties Manager with Ann Rawlings as member of the Properties Team

David Morgan, PCC Secretary, May 2023

SENIOR SAINTS MEETING 2.30pm WEDNESDAY 10 MAY

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Carole Deverill's home, 56 Laburnham Road.



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

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.