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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Saturday the clergy of St Luke's, The Church of the Good Shepherd and All Saints shared the annual marriage preparation day with couples planning their wedding services this year. Some of the subjects that we cover include our expectations of marriage, how we manage our financial matters, what might be the cost (emotional and financial) to having children, being aware of one another's needs and then a run through the words and meaning of the service itself.

With the subject of children, we split the group into men and women to discuss the costs and sacrifices that might be made. It is always a fascinating discussion and, of course, in the 21st century many couples have already had children by the time they arrive at marriage preparation. On Saturday we heard how having children changes your life in so many ways. You are no longer living just thinking about your own needs, but you are aware of the responsibility and love you have for a young baby and child growing up. Some of the costs raised are the loss of freedom to a couple as they can no longer go out for a drink or a meal quite so freely, and the question about whether either the man or the woman will sacrifice, or at least put on hold their career if they decide to bring the young child up without childcare.

One of the issues raised concerns the loneliness of parenting a young baby or child without the support of other adults to share companionship. Some couples have the support of grandparents to provide support during school holidays and the evening with gran and grampa so that they can enjoy a meal out occasionally. For many though support cannot be found quite so easily.

Over the last 14 or 15 years we have run a group on a Friday morning called Tiny Saints. It began with Sirpa Arovaara, a young mother who worshipped with us at the time sharing with me her experience of the parent and toddler group that was flourishing at St Peter's Church. Sirpa asked if we could provide a similar group and thanks to Elizabeth Bryson and the support of a group of young families who were part of our community at the time, the group started at the Parish Centre each Friday morning.

The Tiny Saints group was enhanced by the involvement of the Mothers' Union members at the time. I spoke recently at Gwen Burkitt's funeral of the wonderful ministry people like Gwen, Margaret Hill, Ena Jones, and Rene Wilson provided to young families. Ena would play the piano at the nursery rhyme service and Gwen and Rene would be teaching the children the words of the nursery rhymes. All of them would provide support by sharing conversation with young parents and sometimes grandparents.

The group has provided activities for the children to do which relate to the bible story, there are many toys and games for the children to play with, a healthy brunch of fruit, yogurts and drinks are provided for the children and the adults enjoy teas and coffee with unhealthy biscuits and cakes. At the end of

the session, we share the story and reflect on the children's activity and we sing twinkle, twinkle little star, the wheels on the bus and Jesus' love is very wonderful. We then share a prayer that focuses on the parts of our body as we pray two little eyes to look to God, two little ears to hear his word and two little hands to do his will....

Some of the benefits of this wonderful group is that parents are not left isolated at home bringing up their child but can share with other adults and make friends. The friendships frequently lead to support networks being formed between parents which means shared parties, trips, and shared school runs when the children get to school age.

From the church community point of view, we are able to share with Baptism families the opportunity we provide for children and parents to find a way to become part of our community. Frequently parents from Tiny Saints request baptism services for their children through making the contact with people from our church. This group is still the way that All Saints meets with the majority of the families we have contact with. Only a few weeks ago 17 families were in attendance and although numbers fluctuate it is a delight to meet with lovely people from our community week in week out.

I would like to thank Ursula Hutchison, Carole Deverill, and Tanya Fullarton for their outstanding commitment to this group. If any of you reading this lead article feel a call to support this important ministry, please speak to Tanya or myself. This is a really valuable ministry and we pray that All Saints Church will be providing Tiny Saints and support to young families for many years to come.

May we all be blessed by God's love this Lent.

Fr Jeremy

COX GREEN LUNCHEON CLUB

There are places for people to enjoy a freshly cooked two course meal at Cox Green Community centre every Tuesday lunchtime. The meal is normally served from 1.00pm. You can be sure of a warm welcome; for more information contact Pam Hitchcock on 01628 825157

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 7 March

3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

4.00pm Baptism Class in the Birinus Room

7.00pm Stations of the Cross with *Jeanette Lock Journeying with Refugees*

These stations were written by young people on the plight of refugees.

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 8

Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Saturday 9

9.00am – 3.00pm Diocesan Synod at High Wycombe

10.00am Mothering Sunday posymaking in the Birinus Room see p 3

*6.30pm Renaissance Voices Concert in Church **JOY SORROW HOPE** see p 5*

Sunday 10

10.00am Parish Eucharist for Mothering Sunday Worship for All

Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

Monday 11

9.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12 March

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 13

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.30am Service Normanhurst Care Home: Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock

12.15pm Lenten Soup Lunch in the Parish Centre. Proceeds to the Ripple Effect Charity

3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

7.00pm Film Evening at Mike & Jan's, Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue.as below



MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES

We shall be making the posies for Mothering Sunday on Saturday 9 March at 10.00am in the Parish Centre. We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along if you can. A selection of small pieces of greenery are required, such as Heather, Pittosporum, perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) are particularly welcome, so if you, or your neighbours, have any that can be spared, please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on Friday morning, 8 March.



LENT FILM EVENINGS

Films with an environmental theme to be followed by a short discussion.

Please come and join us.

Still to come:

Date	Film	Location
13 th March 7.00 pm	Gorillas in the Mist (1988) The story of Dian Fossey, a scientist who went to Africa to study the vanishing mountain gorillas, and later fought to protect them. A 'golden oldie' with Sigourney Weaver.	Mike and Jan's

Mike and Jan's house: Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue, SL6 4HA (phone 07779 967969) Between Westmorland Road & Bishop Court

The Sustainability Group.

EASTER LILIES: ORDER BY THIS SUNDAY PLEASE



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. Unfortunately, the price of flowers has increased dramatically over the past few years, and it is anticipated that the lilies will cost around £6.00 per stem this year. We need to place our order by Sunday 10 March at the latest; so please put your name on the list by that date. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes which are also on the table at the back of the church to be handed to Stella Harding or the Church Office.

The Flower Team

PRAYER INTENTIONS

On this Mothering Sunday we pray; Loving God, Jesus, your Son, was born into the family of Mary and Joseph; Bless all parents and all who care for children; strengthen those families living under stress and may your love be known where no human love is found.

Loving God, we thank you for the family of the Church. We pray that all may find in her their true home; that the lonely, the marginalised, the rejected may be welcomed and loved in the name of Jesus.

Loving God, as we see the brokenness of our world we pray for healing among the nations; for food where there is hunger; for freedom where there is oppression; for joy where there is pain; that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray in particular at this time for the people suffering through war in Gaza and Ukraine and for all Asylum Seekers and Refugees seeking support in this country.

As we journey through Lent, we give thanks for the Lent lunches and for the fellowship we are enjoying over delicious homemade soups. We give thanks too for the generosity of people making the donations towards the Ripple Effect Charity and the sustainable farming training they are providing.

We pray and give thanks for Tiny Saints and for the opportunities of parents and grandparents of young babies and children to share hospitality, a simple nursery rhyme service and activities. We pray that more families will make friendships and share support for each other through the Friday morning group. We give thanks for the ministry of Carole Deverill, Ursula Hutchinson and Tanya Fullarton and for the journey some families make towards Baptism.

We give thanks for the appointment of the new Headteacher of Altwood Academy. We pray for Cath Harden as she takes up this important position from September 2024. We pray that Cath's leadership will be blessed by God. We give thanks too for Neil Dimbleby, the Head for the last 11 years, and for his outstanding leadership at the school.

We pray for those in need currently. We remember Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane-Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw, Abbas Heidari, Azita Rezaei, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Doris Winn and Nick Kirk.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring help and healing to those in need, those caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of care homes within our parish.

We pray for the recently departed; Eddie Sheppard, Bishop Alan Wilson, and Keith Whiteside and all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time. We pray for Jo and Carol Sheppard at this time.

All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Highway Road, Maidenhead SL6 SAE on Monday evening 22 April 2024

Programme:

6.30pm bar opens. Fish and Chip 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 Rev Jo Ellington Chaplain of Altwood School

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

Notices of elections will be issued shortly.

David Morgan, PCC Secretary

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 10 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 John 19: 25b - 27

While the soldiers were looking after themselves, Jesus' mother, his aunt, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the cross. Jesus saw his mother and the disciple he loved standing near her. He said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that moment the disciple accepted her as his own mother.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Berceuse	<i>G Fauré</i>
Opening hymn:	394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	Woodlands
Gradual hymn:	136 Fathers and mothers	
Offertory hymn:	313 For Mary, mother of our Lord	
Communion hymn:	800 The Lord's my shepherd	
Closing hymn:	777 Sing of the Lord's goodness	
Postlude:	Serenade	<i>D Bourgeois</i>

RENAISSANCE VOICES CONCERT IN CHURCH DIRECTED BY PAUL LEDDINGTON WRIGHT

JOY- sorrow – HOPE Saturday 9 March 6.30pm

Tickets £18 (£16 in advance, under 18s free) Includes a light supper after the concert

<https://www.renaissancevoices.co.uk/tickets/> or 01628 624429

Renaissance Voices' concerts have become a regular feature at All Saints. This thoughtful concert complements other activities at the church as part of our Lenten preparation for

Passiontide and Easter.

The choir is directed by Paul Leddington Wright who was formerly Director of music at Coventry Cathedral and principal conductor of the BBC TV programme Songs of Praise.



DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reuse- I stopped in church for a coffee on Sunday prior to helping at the Baptism Service. Whilst there a couple of people asked me about my reusable coffee cup as it collapses down to something not much bigger than a jammy dodger, so can be slipped into a pocket or handbag easily. There are lots on the market but mine is a Stojos one which I've used for years. It's dishwasher safe and saves on the waste created by single use take-away coffee cups. If you're Interested take a peek at this website.

(<https://zerostore.co.uk/product/collapsible-coffee-cup/>)

Your Eco-Church committee

THURSDAY 21 MARCH 7.00pm THERE MAY BE PLACES LEFT ON THE MINI-BUS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!

The Licensing service for Fr John as Associate Priest at St Michael and All Angels, Maidstone. For those who would like to attend the service we are providing a mini-bus which will leave All Saints at 3.30pm and will return home about 10.30pm. I hope there will be time when we arrive at Maidstone for some refreshments before the service and refreshments will be provided by St. Michaels after the service. The cost of the mini-bus will be no more than £30. Please contact Sue Stannett if you would like one – sastannett@gmail.com. if anyone would still like to give a donation to his farewell gift please do so to the Churchwardens, John or Ken.



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.

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

THE MARLOW PLAYERS PRESENT *THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST*

Thursday 6 – Saturday 6 April 7.30pm at Great Marlow School Hall, Bobmore Lane, Marlow SL7 1JE

Doors open 7.00pm

Tickets: Adults £15 School Students £6

All together now: "A HANDBAG??!!"

Oscar Wilde's final play and a sparkling masterpiece of witty repartee and ironic satire on the hypocrisy and superficiality of social manners in England in the 1890s. Jack Worthing, the baby in the handbag, Miss Prism, the governess and Dr Chasuble a High Churchman are swept aside by Lady Bracknell, in search of a wealthy son-in-law, a part hungered for by every actress (and some actors) since the unforgettable Dame Edith Evans whose horrified scream of "A Handbag?!!" made this the most recognisable line in any play after "to be or not to be" . A great chance, to see this live, not to be missed!

To access the Box Office press Ctrl and click mouse using this link [Box Office](#)

Andrew Stafford

WAMCF LADIES GROUP next meeting Monday 18 March 7.30pm at St Luke's

All welcome to hear about the Revd Joan Hicks 'recent visit to Guatemala