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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have just read the headline on the BBC news website which reads **Ukraine: With placards and tears, Poles are greeting refugees like family**. It is said that Poland alone has taken in 1 million refugees. The Polish border town of Przemysl has received 180,000 refugees in 10 days. The town's population is 60,000 and the mayor is both proud of the efforts but also concerned about how people can be supported in the long run. In the railway station you find scribbled signs 'Hostel for eight in Gdansk', 'Can take a family – Warsaw,' '40 places available on bus to Germany.' Many Polish people are emotional about the situation in Ukraine and have been worried about this war for many months. The Polish people know what it is like to suffer during war.

If you are brave and are watching the news you will have heard and possibly seen the horrors of people losing their lives trying to escape to the West of Ukraine with the hope of journeying onwards, not just to Poland but to other neighbouring countries. Yesterday the tragic news of the death of a mother and two children brought home the reality of war.

This weekend at All Saints, like so many communities across Britain and much of Europe people, sometimes feeling helpless are trying to play their part. The local Assistant Head of Altwood School, Simon McCallion, has begun arranging for funds to be raised for the Red Cross at Altwood. We too will raise money by supporting the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (DEC) which is funding 15 charities including the Red Cross.

Monika's cousin Tomek who lives in the beautiful countryside outside of Olsztyn in North Poland and who has a flat in the city is arranging for up to 16 people from Ukraine to stay with him and his family. We do not have the latest news as yet, but as of Saturday, Tomek was arranging to greet the first of his guests, three women and three children aged 12, 6 and 3. We are going to support Tomek and when we receive more news of the people he is helping we will share it with you.

If you would like to help support either the DEC charity to directly aid Ukraine or support the personal story of Tomek's in Poland, then donations can be made in the Parish Office via Goodbox or cash between 10.00am and 1.00pm on Thursday this week.

For the full story that I have made brief mention of above, listen to the Today programme from Przemysl on BBC Radio 4. The programme is presented by Mishal Husain will be available for 29 days from 7 March.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

COME AND SEE The Diocesan course which is offering daily meditations based upon the Lord's Prayer. Go to www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/ to sign up. Bishop Steven is offering some valuable thoughts on the Lord's prayer.

Please sign up for our film showings at Jan and Mike Moss's starting with Erin Brockovich on Wednesday 16 March at 7.00pm or Thursday 17 March at 2.00pm at the Vicarage.

Please note too the suggestions made in last week's Parish News to make this Lent a sustainable one, and see Jenny Wilks Sustainability newsletter from last week that highlights the issues around sustainable spending in the shops.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who attended last Sundays@6 St David's service. Thank you to Dorothy and Bruce Padfield for the delicious Welsh Cakes and Bara Brith (Welsh Tea Bread) and to Relf Clark for his excellent offering of music.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Thursday 10 March** **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church**
2.45pm & 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr Jeremy
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre
- Friday 11** *9.00am Lent Assembly at Boyne Hill Infant School*
9.15am Morning Prayer in Church
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre *The Woman at the Well*
11.00am Funeral of John Herbert
2.15pm Anne Sweeney & Boyne Hill School planting apple trees in the Birinus Garden
- Saturday 12** *8.45am – 1.00pm Diocesan Synod Meeting*
2.00pm Sidespersons' Training in church
- Sunday 13** **10.00am Eucharist for The Second Sunday in Lent Worship for All**
Celebrant: Fr John. Preacher: Fr Jeremy
- 3.00pm Showing of WALL.E – as part of our Lent Films with a sustainability theme we are showing this film for children and the young of heart. There will be simple refreshments and please note that we will be using the BIRINUS ROOM and not the vicarage as first advertised.*
- Tuesday 15** 5.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre
- Wednesday 16** **10.00am Eucharist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home: Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock
2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home
7.30pm Lent Film showing at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue
Erin Brockovich

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A Prayer for Ukraine

GOD of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. (Prayer of Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)

We continue to pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless and all those fleeing war-torn areas of the world. We pray that in the suffering people may know your love and support.

We pray for our congregation this Lent that we might discover ways of simple living that will help reduce our carbon footprint and live in harmony with God's world.

For our parish and congregation in any kind of need; for the lonely, the anxious and depressed; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one; for those who are at home or in care homes and hospital: We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb and Florrie Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

For the recently departed: Paddy Fox, John Herbert and Jamie Neal Ferguson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Teach me, Lord God, to live out my faith; to show courage when things are tough, to show love to those in need, and to be forgiving even when I am hurt. Help me to follow Jesus. Amen. (Prayer from Roots resources)

*May we all be blessed by God's love this week
Fr Jeremy*

Worship for Sunday 13 March The Second Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

NT READING **Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1**

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 31 - 35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

MUSIC

Prelude: Berceuse *G Fauré*
Opening Hymn: AM 787 Take my life and let it be
Mass Setting: Rite A
Gradual: AM 604 Brother, sister
Offertory: AM 747 O God, you search me and you know me
Communion: AM 587 Amazing grace
Closing Hymn: AM 610 Christ is the world's true light
Postlude: Grave from Sonata in C minor *F Mendelssohn*

Lent Films with a Sustainability Theme

These films will be shown on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house, Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue, and at 2.30pm on Thursdays at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you'd like to attend, so we can estimate numbers.

Wednesday 16 & Thursday 17 March: **Erin Brockovich**

Based on a true story of Erin Brockovich (Julia Roberts) who takes on a large energy corporation on its culpability for ground water contamination and resulting medical issues for nearby residents.

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 March: **A Life on our Planet**

David Attenborough documentary where he reflects on the devastating changes he's witnessed during his lifetime and reveals how together we can address the biggest challenges facing life on our planet.

Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 March: **TBA**

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April: **TBA**

EASTER LILIES & MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of your loved ones, please put your name on the list on the cross-aisle table. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. It is anticipated the lilies will cost around **£4.00 per stem** this year. Our order must be placed by Monday 28 March at the latest; so make sure you sign up before then. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes supplied on the cross-aisle table: This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Parish Office.

Mothering Sunday Posies – SATURDAY 26 MARCH

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

The Flower Team

MARLOW PLAYERS MURDER MYSTERY SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Calamity in the Cloisters written by Andrew Stafford (gosh, that name still seems familiar).

It's set in a suitably anonymous Cathedral, where the passions run high, the opening croquet match sets the scene for vicious tactics and manoeuvring in which the very different and distinctive personalities of a number of cathedral worthies results in the sudden death of one of their number in very curious circumstances. Tickets £10 each from marlowplayers.org.uk.box-office. Bring along your own food and drink for interval picnics.

CENTENARY ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

30 March 2022 will be the 100th edition of Parish News: the first one was on 20 March 2020. If anyone has anything to add to make this a special edition then please email contributions to me:

jan.moss@btinternet.com by Monday 28 March.

AN INVITATION TO MEET ANNE ATKINS 8.00pm Thursday 7 April at Maidenhead Synagogue

Come and argue (probably not compulsory!) with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her 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, and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org