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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I write this article for Parish News in the hope that it might generate some interest in our APCM this year at Boyne Hill Cricket Club on Monday 24 April starting with a Fish and Chip supper at 6.30pm. The Club will be opening the bar so if you like the idea of enjoying your supper over a glass of wine or a pint of Rebellion then you should find at least the opening of the meeting a relaxing time spent in the company of All Saints church community.

I hope, though, that the evening will provide more than just hospitality and fellowship as important as these two qualities are within community. We will be reflecting on the life of the church over the last twelve months as we continue to try to become a church of welcome that leads people to a sense of belonging as well as engaging in other areas of mission including education and sustainability.

Education is vitally important within our parish as we serve three church schools as well as Larchfield. As Fr John pointed out in his article in last week's Parish News, sustainability, and the need for humanity to work in partnership with God's creation is of paramount importance to the world.

The main speaker at our annual meeting will bring insights into another issue that All Saints and much of Western Europe have been experiencing, that of how we help asylum seekers. Sam Jonkers of 'Care4Calais' a charity that supports asylum seekers has been working as a volunteer offering support to people fleeing unimaginable horrors. Our congregation has, since Holy Week last year, been receiving people from Iran fleeing from persecution in their own country. These people have brought, in my opinion, a vibrancy to our worshipping community and many of them have rejoiced in learning about the Christian faith which saw 17 of them getting confirmed by Bishop Olivia last November. These people bring with them talent and hope that their skills will be valued in Britain.

Last week Fr John wrote about 'Mother Church.' Pope Francis writes 'The Church is mother, and her motherly attention is expressed with special tenderness and closeness to those who are obliged to flee their own country and exist between rootlessness and integration. This tension destroys people. Christian compassion – this 'suffering with' means 'giving voice to those who cannot manage to make their cry of distress and oppression heard.' The Pope goes on to write that we are called to bring hope to these people. 'A hope that is expressed in expectations for the future, in desire for friendship, in the wish to participate in the host society also through learning the language, access to employment and the education of children.'

On a local level Sue Wright, on hearing of the Iranian community coming to our church, has, through Care4Calais, helped access education for children and young students (over 60 last time I heard) as well as

providing many other forms of support. As a church we have tried to help with language, hospitality and teaching of the Christian Faith.

On a national level we see Gary Lineker speaking up for the voiceless (And housing some asylum seekers). In this week's Church Times' Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford and an Iranian herself, writes about the Government plans and how churches can help asylum-seekers practically. The bishop writes that 'proposals would close the door on anyone seeking asylum in the UK unless they arrive by a legal route.' There are sadly few legal routes. This means that genuine asylum seekers who arrive by irregular means will be removed without an asylum case being heard on their behalf. People being asked to return to Iran, Yemen and Afghanistan would find this impossible and could be left in limbo. Former Prime Minister Theresa May has raised concern too about victims of modern slavery being left vulnerable. Theresa May said in the House of Commons last week: The UK has always welcomed those who are fleeing persecution, regardless of whether they come through a safe and legal route. By definition, someone fleeing for their life will, more often than not, be unable to access a legal route.' In an article in the 'Daily Telegraph' Mrs May wrote specifically about the situation of the type of people coming to All Saints Church. She wrote 'genuine young victims, such as a young woman escaping Iran, would 'have the door shut in her face'.

Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani challenges parishes to 'bring people together within parishes to enter into partnership with others to identify solutions to challenges.' Sue Wright and a few members of our church have attempted to do this. Perhaps most significantly through education of the young. The Bishop is also the lead for the Church of England for housing and is asking churches to seek good practice through the website (church-housingfoundation.org).

Please find time to come along to the APCM to see how we might be that 'Compassionate' community Pope Francis describes and at the same time enjoy fish and chips and a pint of Rebellion! The notice of the meeting and the agenda are on the website [HERE](#). If you would like the supper beforehand please sign up at the back of church and pay Sue Stannett by 9.00am Thursday 20 April.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 30 March

2.00pm All Saints School Easter Service in Church

6.00pm All Sorts Easter Celebration at St Mary's

8.00pm Choir practice

Friday 31

10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Good Friday & Easter Day

6.00pm – 7.00am Saturday The Big Sleep at Altwood School see p 6

Sunday 2 April

10.00am Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday Meet in Parish Centre for the Procession of Palms

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John

4.00pm Family Stations of the Cross followed by hot cross buns at the back of church. Also a rehearsal for the Easter presentation on 30 April.

6.00pm Sundays@6 Taizé at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green

Monday 3

9.30am Morning Prayer

7.30pm Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John Address: Jo Sheppard *Simon of Cyrene*

Tuesday 4

9.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre (see p 6)

7.30pm Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr John Address: Fr Jeremy *Barabbas*

1.30pm *Christian Union at Altwood School*

7.45pm *Young Saints Leaders meet at Norden Farm*

Wednesday 5

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Address: Fr John *Longinus*

12.15-1.15pm Final Lenten Lunch – All are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre to enjoy homemade soup and bread. All donations will go to support the 'Ripple Effect Charity'.

7.30m **Stations of the Cross** Fr John

The three days that compose the Triduum are the central days of the whole liturgical year. You have received a Holy Week booklet giving the times of the services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. It would be wonderful to see as many people as are able to be present to experience the liturgy at the heart of our faith.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we pray for those we will share the Easter Story with. We pray for All Saints Junior School as they gather at church on Thursday to celebrate the Easter hope. We give thanks for the children that will be reading, leading prayers and singing hymns. We pray for the school that it may be a place where children can learn to use their gifts and learn new skills for the benefit of the students and their neighbours.

We pray for Tiny Saints, for Tanya, Ursula and Carole who give so much time and energy to welcoming young families to the Parish Centre each week. We rejoice at the parents and children who enjoy hospitality, games, activities and the nursery rhyme service. This week we pray that we may share in an engaging way the message of Good Friday and Easter.

We give thanks for our Young Saints leaders and Sundays@4 leaders who will meet this week. We give thanks for our Sunday morning activities based on the stories of the Bible and for our Sundays@4 services that this week will share children's stations of the cross.

We pray for the Open the Book Team at Larchfield this week as they share *A Soldier's Story*. May we share this story with enthusiasm and lead more young people to hearing about the Easter message of hope.

We pray too as we share with the people of All Sorts on Thursday evening the resurrection story. We give thanks for volunteers and participants at All Sorts as we explore the belief that God loves all of us.

As we move towards the anniversary of our friends from Iran sharing the Christian journey with us we pray that they and all asylum seekers in this country will be treated with respect and be helped to find friendships, the opportunities to learn the language, to access employment, to find education for their children and gradually to lead normal lives.

We remember Jenson & Amelie Kendall, Arabella Wells, Freddie Haden, Logan Le Roux and Abraham Albert on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those of 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, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence

Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins, Bruce Padfield, Jeremy Nordberg, Natalie Darmon and Sarah.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ.

We pray for the recently departed Behrooz Heidari, Yanika an 11 month old child who died in Russia last week and Bob Brian Karuhije.. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

We praise you, Lord, that you travelled the road that led to your death, not with armies but gently, riding on a donkey. We thank you that wherever you call us to travel, into whatever situation, we too can go gently surrounded by your love.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2 APRIL PALM SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 2: 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL Matthew 27: 11 - 54

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!' So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail,

King of the Jews!' They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

MUSIC

Gathering Hymn: AM 160 Make way, make way
Opening Hymn: AM 159 All glory, laud and honour
Gradual: AM 153 There is a green hill far away
Offertory: AM 147 My song is love unknown
Communion: AM 156 We sing the praise of him who died
Closing Hymn: AM 161 Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Postlude: Crown Imperial *W Walton*

TUESDAY CLUB 4 APRIL 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

No speaker this month just an afternoon of making our own fun. There'll probably be a game or two; maybe some poems, and a chance for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. Why not come along and see?

Jan Moss, Group Leader

SENIOR SAINTS MEETING WEDNESDAY 12 APRIL 2.30pm AT WENDY CHANNON'S HOUSE

Hope to see you all at our first get-together of 2023. Happy Easter to you all!

Margaret Hill

ROUGH SLEEP AT ALTWOOD SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH

A group of Year 13 students and Altwood staff will attempt a charity rough sleep to raise money to support The Guatemala City, Street Kids Direct charity. The aim is to raise awareness of the young people who have no alternative but to sleep rough in Guatemala.

There is a form at the back of the church for people to sponsor the students. All money raised will go to the Street Kids Direct charity in Guatemala.

The Marlow Players present

A Bunch of Amateurs

By Ian Hislop, & Nick Newman

13th – 15th April

New venue:

Great Marlow School

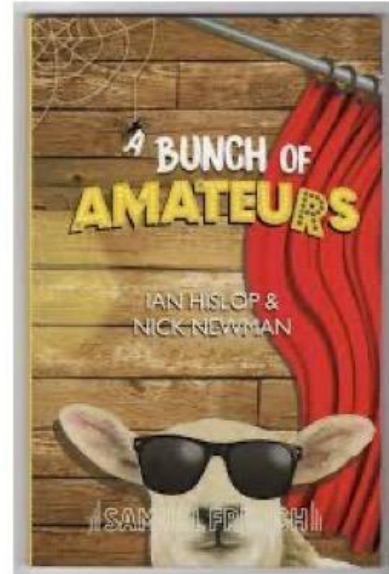
Bobmore Lane, Marlow

Curtain up 7.30 pm

Tickets £15

MarlowPlayers.org.uk

Marlow Information Centre, Library



Remember last year when the Marlow Players performed a thriller in the Church in support of the Ukraine Appeal?

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.