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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It was wonderful to see so many different people attending the Holy Week services last week. The week for me is as much about actions and the visual alongside the words of the most important week of the Christian year. I have in my mind us holding up our Palm Crosses to begin the week and processing to the church, the breaking of the bread and the washing of feet on Maundy Thursday, the starkness of the church with the large wooden cross on Good Friday, the fire, the passing of light from the Paschal candle, the plunging of the candle into the waters of baptism and the stunning array of Easter lilies at the vigil before the Easter garden and hot cross buns on the morning.

Following the Easter Day service, I am always exhausted but equally with a feeling of joy that we have celebrated the hope of being an Easter people. A people that proclaims confidently Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! As we journey through Eastertide, we will celebrate the great resurrection stories before arriving at Ascension and the prayers for the Holy Spirit to empower the people (The Body of Christ) at Pentecost. It is humbling to share the story of Christ's resurrection and his offering of transformed life with a community of people that support passionately the services and the living of the Christian faith.

Of course, none of the sharing of Holy Week would be possible without the support of the community. I take this opportunity to thank the flower arrangers for the time and love they give on Holy Saturday (and in the days leading up) to making sure the church on the night of the vigil and Easter morning looks stunning with the Easter lilies. On Maundy Thursday a number of the flower arrangers have helped prepare the beautiful altar of repose as we keep watch until midnight.

The services themselves run smoothly and with, I hope, deep meaning because our sacristan and servers make thorough preparations getting palms



ready, towels, water and chairs ready, the chalices, thurible and floors being made to shine and all servers willing to give hours of their time at what are long services. Each service in Holy Week is unique and requires the servers to attend rehearsals at least an hour before worship begins. On Holy Saturday and the vigil, we gather at 6.00pm for an 8.00pm start. At that service people have prepared the music, the readings, the fire, filled the font with water, prepared the nails for the candle, made sure tapers are in position to light the candles and cut rosemary to sprinkle the holy water as we renew our baptismal promises.

Another side to Holy Week is the hospitality and welcome that takes place. The Sundays @4 team served hot cross buns and crumpets following the family Stations of the Cross on Palm Sunday. People provided the hot cross buns on Good Friday with coffee and tea and this was repeated on Easter morning. People provide the joyful celebratory drinks and delicious food following the vigil. Of course, part of welcome is the role of our sidepeople offering a friendly and warm welcome on arrival, the various books needed and help tidying the church at the end of each service.

An important element to Holy Week and Easter is, of course, the music. Our director of music and choir rehearse the variety of hymns that reflect the different emotions of Holy Week and alongside this anthems are learned to provide music and words that enhance the theme of service and sacrament at Maundy Thursday and the love of God on the cross on Good Friday.

Preparation for Holy Week begins weeks before though with the ordering of items needed from the office, the advertising of services through the Advertiser and the Parish News and the detail behind the services in the newsletter before Holy Week.

I have reflected on Holy Week but of course we have had the six weeks build-up of Lent. I would like to thank those who led Stations of the Cross, those who made soups for our Lent lunches (£500 has been sent to the Ripple Effect) and those that chose sustainability films and provided their homes and hospitality for those films to be watched in comfort.

Thank you to all of you that have helped make this Lent, Holy Week and Easter Day such a rewarding and hope filled experience for me.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May God bless you this Eastertide.

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Saturday 6** 12 noon Marriage of Irad & Avreet conducted by the Revd Joan Hicks
- Sunday 7** **10.00m The Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday of Easter with Holy Baptism**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
- 12 noon Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Amelia Elizabeth Marie Curtis, her parents and godparents
- 6.00pm Sundays@Six Stations of the Resurrection on Zoom*
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2050342877?pwd=-9xhNbvMjJdUTp-6oyViaHMquASm>
Meeting ID: 205 034 2877 Passcode: 86420
- Wednesday 10** **10.00am Eucharist**
Celebrant: The Revd Joan Hicks
2.30pm Senior Saints meet at Wendy Channon's house see p 6
- Thursday 11** 8.00pm Choir Practice
- Sunday 14** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Easter**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
12 noon Holy Baptism
Please pray for Pippa Rose Ryley Hart, her parents and godparents
- Monday 15** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
7.30pm Social Meeting of Young Saints & Sundays@4 teams at the Windsor Castle
- Tuesday 16** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
10.30am Planning meeting with the RBL for the 80th anniversary of the Normandy Landings
- Wednesday 17** **10.00am Eucharist**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home: Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock
2.00pm Service at Larchfield Care Home: Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock
3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks this week for the Easter resurrection hope that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ brings to us through his death upon the cross. We pray that each one of us responds to our Baptismal call to go forth to channel God's love to the world.

We pray for our Nursing Homes within the Parish. We pray for the residents and staff of Clara Court and for the communion service that we will share this week.

We continue to give thanks for people learning about the Christian faith and continuing towards confirmation. We pray for those getting Baptised this weekend and next, and we remember by name Amelia Elizabeth Marie Curtis, Pippa Rose Ryley Hart, Mohammad, Shadan, Leila and Behnood. May they continue to grow within the Christian faith.

We pray for our broken world. We pray for the healing of the nations, for food where there is hunger, for freedom where there is oppression, for joy where there is pain and that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray for the people of Gaza and Ukraine and for all Asylum Seekers and refugees seeking support in this country.

We pray for those in need at this time. We pray for Caleb Curtis-Smith as he recovers from surgery, and we pray for a speedy recovery to full health. We continue to pray for 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 Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Doris Winn, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Tajeddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, Abulfazl and Ali and Parang. May they all know God's loving and healing presence in their lives.

We pray for the recently departed and all our departed loved ones and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 7 APRIL THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

N T READING Acts 4: 32 - 35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31

It was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Savannah	<i>D Blackwell</i>
Opening hymn:	209	Love's redeeming work is done
Gradual hymn:	653	Happy are they, they that love God
Offertory hymn:	510	Will you come and follow me
Communion hymn:	211	Now is eternal life
Closing hymn:	678	In Christ alone
Postlude:	Toccata	<i>J Pachelbel</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 14 APRIL THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

N T READING Acts 3: 12 - 19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

GOSPEL Luke 24: 36b – 48

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Christ ist erstanden BWV 627	<i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	507	We have a gospel to proclaim
Gradual hymn:	489	From heaven you came
Offertory hymn:	587	Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
Communion hymn:	219	This joyful Eastertide
Closing hymn:	483	We are marching in the light of God
Postlude:	Vruechten	<i>A Bullard</i>

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB, HIGHWAY ROAD, MAIDENHEAD SL6 SAE ON MONDAY 22 APRIL

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

PARISH ELECTIONS

On Monday 22 April at All Saints Meeting of Parishioners and at 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 2 years, and**
- **4 members of the PCC to serve for 3 years**

If you want to stand for any of these elections please find a proposer and seconder, register as a candidate by signing the Candidates List on the cross aisle table toward the back of the church and collect a Nomination Form from the folder next to the Candidate List.

You should then contact Stella Harding, Parish Safeguarding Officer, who will provide you with an additional form to complete for Safeguarding purposes. Stella can also help you with more information on the various safeguarding requirements as they relate to each of these appointments.

Email: drmorgan46@gmail.com hardingstella25@gmail.com

David Morgan, PCC Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on Monday 22 April. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, or have moved house, then please let me know by **Sunday 7 April**. On that date the Roll closes until after the APCM. My email address is sastannett@gmail.com

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Secretary

SENIOR SAINTS 2.30pm WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL

Senior Saints are looking forward to their first meeting of 2024 at Wendy Channon's home.

Margaret Hill



2024 CHRIST CHILD MARKET SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

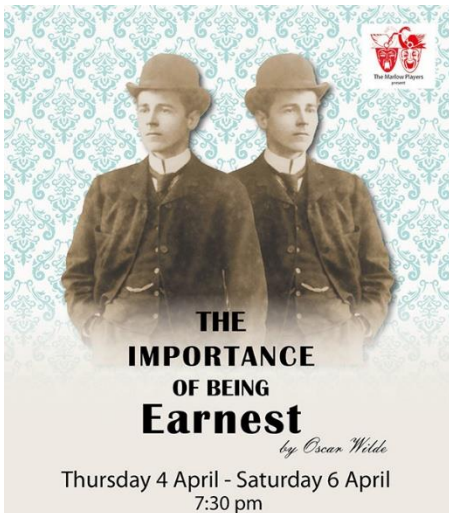
We are delighted to tell you that we will be holding the Christ Child Market on Saturday 30 November this year – a change from the previous Sunday event.

Please put the date in your diaries or calendars and look out for more information later in the year on how you can get involved in, or contribute to, this wonderful community event which also helps raise valuable funds for the church.

And do speak to either of us if you would like to find out more about joining the Organising Group.

Fr Jeremy & Stella Harding

THE MARLOW PLAYERS PRESENT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



Thursday 4 – 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

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

Andrew Stafford

PARISH VISIT TO KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD ON SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024



Following the successful parish visit to Keble College, Oxford last year we would like to offer another opportunity for members of the congregation to visit the College, which was founded by John Keble, a leading member of the Oxford Movement which revived the Anglo-Catholic tradition within the Church of England in the 19th century.

We hope to arrange a minibus to leave early in the afternoon of Sunday 12 May. Following feedback from the last visit we will stay within the College for the tour and historical and architectural talk, followed by afternoon tea and evensong in the College chapel. We

anticipate the cost of the minibus to be between £12 and £15 per person, depending on interest. There will be an additional cost for afternoon tea.

To register your interest in joining the visit, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or contact me greghurst@btinternet.com

Greg Hurst

YOGA COMING SOON TO THE PARISH CENTRE ON TUESDAYS



10.00am – 11.00am STARTING 7 MAY

Hatha Yoga suitable for all levels. Beginners welcome.

Traditional and authentic yoga taught by a senior level Yoga Alliance accredited teacher Karen Harvey, who is also a new member of our congregation.

Posture by posture you will be guided into the correct alignment and depth for your body, adaptations are available for all postures with regards to injuries or constraints which might affect your ability in postures. Suggested amount £10 but if this leaves you without, please put in your own amount.

For more details please contact Karen 07717 748 927 or karenharveyyoga@hotmail.com



AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS IF YOU CAN.