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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Firstly, thank you for all the support given during Holy Week to help the church celebrate the most important week in the Christian calendar. Special thanks to Jo Towers and the team of ladies who worked so hard to make the church so beautiful for the Easter Vigil and Easter morning. So many people commented that the church looked spectacular on Easter morning.

This was the first time since 2019 that we had as a church community been able to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Day at All Saints. It was wonderful on Easter morning to see so many people present again following the struggles, that not just All Saints, but many church communities have encountered through the Pandemic. It was an absolute joy to see the church with the George Street floor returned to its former splendour, the flowers looking beautiful and the church pretty full.

It was a joy as well to celebrate Easter morning with a genuine All Age service with a good number of families present. It was lovely for me to have children sat at the front of the church to share an interactive talk for the first time in years unless you count our outdoor BBQ's and services last year.

During the talk I asked people to tell me the words for saying goodbye in their native language. It was amazing to hear languages from Tonga, Iran, Japan, France, Spain, Poland, India and of course English. Following the service, we discovered that there were people from South Africa, Cyprus, Belgium, Caribbean Islands, Zimbabwe, Ghana and even a lady who had left her home at 5.00am that morning to be with her family having travelled from the Mumbles in Swansea! It will not have escaped your notice that we had prayers led by Tanya from Russia. One lady by the name of Mei who has been sharing a 16 week confirmation course comes from Japan and she reminded me that her sister lives in Israel and so the word Shalom has special significance for her. Thank you to everyone who is welcoming the people joining us from Iran at this time. We hope to continue supporting them with hospitality and helping them learn more of the English language.

In a week where some of the services had small congregations it was amazing to share the Easter Resurrection with people from all round God's world.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Friday 22** **7.30pm *Calamity in the Cloisters*** performed in Church by Marlow Players
- Saturday 23** **12 noon Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Isabelle Claudie Julia Damagnez, her parents, godparents and grandparents, Paul & Laura Lion.
- Sunday 24** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist The Second Sunday of Easter**
No Sundays at 4 this week as we shared Palm Sunday Stations of the Cross with families.
6.00pm Sundays@Six at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green
- Monday 25** 11.00am Funeral of Daisy Florence Keysell in Church
7.00pm (Food at 6.30pm) Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Boyn Hill Cricket Club
- Tuesday 26** *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*
- Wednesday 27** **10.00am Eucharist**

PRAYER INTENTIONS

United and whole, show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, Every child and every adult.
We long for the time when weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares, when nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace; Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of loved ones, be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression and fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love for our neighbour, and a passion for justice to prevail
And a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer and bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen.

We pray and give thanks for the mission and ministry opportunities for our parish of All Saints. As we look forward to the APCM in April may we give thanks for those who have given their time and talents this year as members of the PCC and other mission groups and all areas of our life within the Boyne Hill community. We pray that more people may discern gifts to share the Christian message in God's world.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Dave Hill, Eliza, Dave's parents and Anne and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, and Florence Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence. We pray for any in our parish who need God's loving grace and healing touch at this time.

We remember the recently departed including Richard Coxwell, Daisy Florence Keysell, Anna Beadman and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*Enjoy a blessed Eastertide,
Fr Jeremy*

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24 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.

NT READING Acts 5: 27 - 32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

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: *Andante*, K.616 *W A Mozart*

Opening Hymn: AM 221 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem

Gradual: AM 209 Love's redeeming work is done

Offertory: AM 194 Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Communion: AM 358 Be still

Closing Hymn: AM 217 The strife is o'er, the battle done

Postlude: Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565 *J S Bach*

EASTER FLOWERS - THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored the Easter Lilies and flowers, provided foliage, and all those who helped arrange the beautiful floral displays on Saturday, making our Church look even more beautiful for the Easter period. We do hope you felt they added that little extra something to this very important festival. Special thanks also to Alan & Pauline for the splendid Easter Garden. We so appreciate your continued help and support.

The Flower Team

MARLOW PLAYERS MURDER MYSTERY FRIDAY 22 APRIL 7.30pm IN CHURCH!!

Please see poster attached to the email. All proceeds in support of Ukraine. And in case you're still making up your mind – here is an unsolicited testimonial:

Calamity in the Cloisters. I have seen it and am therefore able to say that it is very entertaining and the mystery as to who has carried out the murder is well maintained. At the same time it is very funny. To perform a play in church is a first for All Saints and is part of our desire to become more open to the community. Please support this venture and satisfy your curiosity as to how it will be done, particularly as the Marlow Players are giving the performance for free and all proceeds will be given to the Ukrainian Appeal. As it says in the poster, buy your tickets from Ann Rawlings annrawlings@icloud.com or tel 01628 290538

Who could the mystery reviewer be? Will you agree with her/him when you have seen it?

APCM MONDAY 25 APRIL AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB AT 7.00pm (FOOD AT 6.30pm)

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on Monday 25 April starting at 7.00pm, at Boyne Hill Cricket Club, Boyn Grove, Maidenhead SL6 5AE.

It is now too late to order food if you haven't already done so, but you will be very welcome at the meeting.

PCC ELECTIONS

The following elections will take place during the APCM

- Annual elections of two Churchwardens
- Elections to the PCC. There are four vacancies.
- Election to Deanery Synod as Lay Rep. There is one vacancy

There are nomination forms at the back of the church, if you wish to nominate someone as a candidate in any of these elections. You need to be on the Electoral Roll to take part in these elections.

David Morgan (PCC Secretary)

AUTHOR, AUTHOR!

A former Churchwarden has written a play, our current Churchwarden has written two books, Dr Relf Clark has written a book about the All Saints organs, and now hot off the press comes Elizabeth Bryson, formerly of this Parish and known to many, with a book entitled, *Mary's Titles, Biblical Reflections on the titles of Mary in the Litany of Loreto*. Available to order via www.amazon.co.uk £15.95 for the soft-cover edition on Amazon Prime. The Kindle version from Amazon is £2.49.