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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,**

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Last Sunday I had the great pleasure and privilege of baptising two young children, Atlas and Ren. They have been coming to church at All Saints for a few weeks now, with their parents Thomas and Sultan, and Atlas has been introduced to Young Saints.

As often happens at services of baptism, weddings and funerals in church, many people attending the baptism service commented on the beauty of All Saints church. It gave me an opportunity to speak about the Oxford Movement vision of making the glory of God visible to people who, for the large

part, couldn't read and interpret the written word. They set out to make the glory of God visible in practical acts of love and service, and in making their churches a 'picture book' of the Christian Gospel. Hence the symbols and images of our faith in the beautiful stained glass (the Resurrection window in the corner is my favourite), the sculpted Stations of the Cross, and the statues of Mary and St Paul. The font speaks of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism as the place where we are received into the Christian community of faith, the mystical Body of Christ; and the High Altar with its candles and gleaming crucifix speak of the place where we bring the offering of our worship before God, joining in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and the worship of heaven. The altar rails speak of the place where, traditionally, we kneel to receive the life and love of Jesus Christ into our very being, in the form of his Body and Blood. The whole speaks of encounter with God, throughout history and in the present day, and this building is a Holy Place wherein we are formed as the Body of Christ as we meet with our Risen Lord in Holy Scripture and in the Sacraments. A place hallowed by years and years of prayer.

Not to be forgotten are the doors of the church building. It is the open doors through which we enter and are welcomed into community with our fellow Christians; and it is through the doors that we are sent to be the Body of Christ, the people of God in the world. We are sent as ambassadors of Christ, to take his love, grace, compassion and forgiveness to all those who we will meet; to live out day by day the twin commandments of love of God and love of neighbour. And we do this in the grace, strength and wisdom that God gives us in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit, received in Word and Sacrament as we meet in this holy place week by week for the Eucharist. And we pray for the needs of our Parish, and all who live and work here, and for those who we know are going through difficult times, perhaps through sickness,

loneliness, anxiety or relationship difficulties. This too is the work that goes on week by week in our Church building, and if you live or work in our Parish then please be assured that you are prayed for regularly.

With all that our church building means, and all that goes on within its walls, it is entirely appropriate for us to be held in awe and wonder at its beauty, and not just for its artistry or pictorial beauty. The beauty of the Christian message of love and compassion; the beauty of Christ, Risen from the dead and interceding for us in heaven; the beauty of the lives of the saints, giving us encouragement and inspiration; the beauty of the Christian hope of resurrection life; the beauty of the invitation to become a beloved Child of God; the beauty of simple prayer being offered day by day for the needs of the world; the beauty of knowing Christ in Word and Sacrament.

Who would not want to be here, week by week, to share in this beautiful world of faith, and to be sent out in God's strength to bring God's beauty and glory to those around us through acts of love and service?

*Fr John*

### RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

**Thursday 23 – Friday 24**      *Assemblies at Desborough School on the theme of World Religions*

**Thursday 23 November**      *3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
*8.00pm Choir Practice*

The Thursday confirmation class has concluded. We look forward to the confirmation service on Tuesday 19 December when 12 adult candidates will be confirmed at Reading Minster by Bishop Olivia.

**Friday 24**      **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**  
Please pray for Street Angels this evening as they continue to serve the pastoral needs of those in Maidenhead.

**Sunday 26**      **10.00am Parish Eucharist for Christ the King with Holy Baptism**  
Celebrant: Fr John      Preacher: Fr Jeremy  
Please pray for Arash Moradi who is being baptised  
  
*6.00pm Sundays@Six Taizé at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green*

**Monday 27**      **9.30am Morning Prayer in Church**

**Tuesday 28**      *8.50am Advent Assembly at Altwood School*  
*1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School with the Revd Jo Ellington*

**Wednesday 29**      *8.50am Advent Assembly at Altwood School*  
**10.00am Eucharist (BCP)**  
Celebrant: Fr John  
*11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre*  
*11.30am Bible Study in the Birinus Room*  
*11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home Fr John & Jeanette Lock*  
*2.00pm Services at Larchfield Care Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock*  
*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3 December 12 noon to 3.30pm See p 5.**



### CHRISTINGLE ADVANCE NOTICE

Helpers are needed to make the Christingles between 10.00am and 11.30am on Saturday 9 December in the Birinus Room. Please sign the list at the back of the church and add your contact details if you can help, even for a short time.

New volunteers are always welcome, and the job is quickly completed with lots of help.

There will be a collection for the Children's Society at the Christingle service on Sunday 10 December. (Suggested donations of £1).

*Anne Clark*

### Saturday 16 December 6:30pm in Church *Christmas Joy*

A Christmas Concert by Renaissance Voices conducted by Paul Leddington Wright.

Renaissance Voices are regular visitors to All Saints and their Christmas Concert will be a welcome return.

Consisting of well-known carols for audience participation, interspersed with carols sung by the choir ranging from the Renaissance to the present-day including arrangements by Paul Leddington Wright and seasonal readings this will be a musical treat.

Tickets bought in advance £14.00 from [renaissancevoices.co.uk](http://renaissancevoices.co.uk) or £15.00 on the door. Under 18s are free.

The ticket price includes a light supper in the church after the concert.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for the joys and beauty of the Christian faith, and we pray that we would be people of joy and beauty in the ways in which we live our lives, nourished by Christ in Word and Sacrament.

We give thanks for those who serve as sidespeople and welcomers in our church, and those who serve refreshments. We pray that we would be a truly welcoming church, a place of smiles and joy, and a place of compassion and mutual love as we support one another in the highs and lows of daily life. We pray for those who are new to our church community, that they would find here an encounter with God in worship and in fellowship.

We pray for those parts of our world where there is warfare or oppression, and especially for Israel-Gaza and the Ukraine. We pray for innocent civilians caught up in the violence, for those who have been killed or maimed, and for those who have lost loved ones, especially orphaned children. We pray for a speedy release of those held hostage, and we pray that those bent on acts of terrorism would be defeated. We pray for the upholding of international conventions on the conduct of war.

We pray for the wellbeing of all who live or work in our parish. We pray for those of our parish and congregation in any kind of need or distress at this time, and especially for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Joseph White,

Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane-Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw and Suzanne Brown.

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

We pray for the recently departed, amongst them Gerald Groffman, and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING**

### **COLLECT**

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

### **EPISTLE Ephesians 1: 15 - 23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31 – 46**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

## MUSIC

Prelude:	Processional	<i>P Hurford</i>
Opening hymn: 769	Rejoice, the Lord is King	
Gradual hymn: 569	The kingdom of God is justice and joy	
Offertory hymn: 211	Now is eternal life	
Communion Anthem:	Let All Mortal Flesh	<i>Arr S Cleobury</i>
Closing hymn: 612	Christ triumphant, ever reigning	
Postlude:	Guiting Power	<i>P Leddington Wright</i>

## ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3 December 12 noon to 3.30pm

Our Christ Child Market is under 2 weeks away now, and we need to ask for everyone's help with the following please:

### Volunteers to help on the All Saints stalls:

To help man and provide cover on the following stalls; there is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the Church:

- ✚ Entrance to the Market
- ✚ Handicrafts
- ✚ tombola
- ✚ raffle
- ✚ children's activities and tattoos
- ✚ cake stall
- ✚ chocolate stall
- ✚ BBQ
- ✚ mulled wine & hot chocolate
- ✚ teas and coffee and mince pies.



Please sign-up for the stall you would like to help on; there is also space on the sheet to sign up if you don't have any preference.

### Donations:

Keep those **prizes coming for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA**

**There will be a separate tombola for children and so we'll be grateful for donations for that too.**

***PLEASE REMEMBER NEW ITEMS ONLY.***

The collection box for your donations is at the back of the Church.

**Gazebos and Cakes:** Sign-up sheets for these are at the back of the church .

We also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS for our stall holders** and – from our bakers - **CAKES for the All Saints' cake stall.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please speak to any member of the team:

*Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibo Veira,  
Darren Pimm, John Gay and Stella Harding*

## DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL IN ADVENT

**Recycle** is more than just popping things in the recycle bin. Did you know Filling Good on the High St sells lovely hats and gloves made from recycled cashmere? Perfect for that special gift for someone. Or how about buying a charity gift, such as a recycled carpenters' kit via Tools With A Mission for someone who you want to give to, but who really doesn't need any more 'things' in their small flat? ([www.twam.uk](http://www.twam.uk)). And of course the local charity shops are brimming with Christmas presents right now, many of them brand new 'recycled' unwanted gifts. Happy shopping!

## JIGSAW AND BOARD GAMES SWAP

As the nights draw in, many of us like to spend time making jigsaws or playing games. Do you have jigsaws that you've completed or games that you no longer play, which are gathering dust at home? Why don't you bring them along and swap for something different? We'll set up a table near the coffee servery to display the games from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you'd like to bring anything before then, please leave in the office. Here's a chance to recycle and give pleasure to others!



*Your Sustainability Team*

## 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.

Thank you!

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