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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I thought I would reflect back within this article on Creationtide from September through to 6 October. It has been a busy but hopefully rewarding and enjoyable time for those that have taken part in the activities and services. Here are some of the highlights of the month.

1. Visit to Waltham Place

Jenny Wilks kindly organised a visit on a lovely Thursday afternoon to Waltham Place. 20 of us experienced a 220-acre organic and biodynamic farm and garden which offers a wonderful chance to explore areas of natural beauty and at the same time learn a little about sustainability and biodiversity. Having enjoyed the walk around the farm and gardens with an excellent guide we were treated to a superb cream tea with scones, fruit cakes, sponges and delicious biscuits. If you haven't visited Waltham Place it is worth taking the time to enjoy all that it has to offer. There is a very good website to browse.

2. Fairtrade Fortnight

During September the Young Saints learned a little about Fairtrade products. The following week in church we shared a themed service on Fairtrade. As you all know we have as our message on our service booklets the 'Ripple Effect' where small actions can make positive differences. In the early part of my time at Bracknell we shared the theme of Fairtrade with young people at our youth club. Two young girls visited a local supermarket and could not find Fairtrade products to purchase. They wrote to the supermarket to complain, and the management team responded to their request to bring products to the store to sell. We discovered through looking at some examples of Fairtrade goods like bananas, chocolate, tea and coffee that we can make a difference by purchasing these goods.

We learned together that Fairtrade has helped people to seek sustainable farming techniques. It has helped through the Fairtrade minimum price to create a safety net by defining the lowest possible price a buyer must pay. The Fairtrade premium is an additional amount of money that goes to a communal fund for producers to use to improve the social, economic and environmental conditions of their businesses and communities. This money can improve education, medicine, and transport to improve peoples' lives. The Chinese proverb 'Give a person a fish and you will feed them for a day. Teach a person to fish and you will feed them for life' is borne out in the Fairtrade idea. Every time you drink a Kingdom coffee at church you are playing a small part in supporting this wonderful work that has been taking place for 30 years.

3. Creationtide Prayers

Throughout the month we hope that you will have noticed the Creationtide themed prayers in church and through Parish news. In worship we are praying to God through our intercessory prayer that we might give thanks for the joys of creation and be mindful that we should protect and work in partnership with God's creation.

4. Trip to Holy Trinity Church, Prestwood

Thank you to Ken Smith for introducing a carload of our sustainability team ,plus my mother, to this incredible church and its energetic priest, Fr Deniel Heywood. We experienced a wonderful churchyard where space has been created for people to enjoy nature, a prayer labyrinth has been designed, and rewilding has taken place.

The Victorian grade two listed church has been turned into a remarkable place to worship with a visual screen and kitchen that can only be seen when being used and the worship area is one of simple but stunning beauty. If you are in the area, it is worth visiting this church as it has become the centre for Prestwood community action both locally and overseas. Another website to view when you have the opportunity.

5. Harvest Weekend

On the Saturday of Harvest weekend, the early part of the churchyard project began. Jo McMullen write, 'The sustainability group are looking at how we can create a churchyard that is more biodiverse, with increased wildlife and native flora, as well as one that is more welcoming to human visitors while remaining respectful of the purposes of the churchyard. Jo continues, 'We plan to reach beyond the church to involve the wider community. This could begin with occasional talks by experts on biodiversity or history in relation to the churchyard. Or perhaps a picnic afternoon to celebrate progress and spot insects.'

That Saturday morning, I took note of the remarkable work of members of the sustainability team, members of the wider church community and from the wider community, Good Gym make tremendous progress as we begin this long-term plan to rejuvenate the churchyard. I would like to thank those people who are weekly making a huge difference to the maintenance of the churchyard.

In the evening about a dozen people gathered at Jan and Mike Moss's house to listen to me share my experiences of the Santiago pilgrimage through Northern Spain. I thank God that every time I share the journey, I am reminded of that time I slowed down and noticed God in my life and in the world around me. Jan and Mike's wonderful food based on Spanish and Portuguese themes made for a special evening. £380 was raised for the Ripple Effect charity.

On Harvest we welcomed Sara to share more information on the work of Ripple Effect. Sara, who originates from Uganda, spoke about the importance of enabling people to learn sustainability skills in farming to help families to feed themselves, learn business skills to set up businesses and raise funding to send children to school. We were reminded again that this is not charitable work but rather enabling people to grow skills for life. (The Chinese proverb resurfaces!)

Following the service the auction took place and thanks to the generosity of the gifts and the overwhelming generosity of the bids we raised somewhere in the region of £650. I know Heinz Baked beans are good on toast with cheese but £10 a can is very generous! I am slightly concerned that for the second year running the guest speaker from Ripple Effect has commented that the vicar has missed his true vocation!

Finally, thanks to Paul Lion, Lorraine Ansell and Jo Sheppard for providing the food and drink for the excellent community Ploughman's lunch. There was a lovely atmosphere as 52 people shared hospitality and brought an appropriate conclusion to an amazing Creationtide period at All Saints.

May we all be blessed by God's love this fortnight.

Fr Jeremy

GOOD NEWS! Congratulations to Charlie & Jess Harding on the arrival of their daughter, Madeleine Joy, a granddaughter for Stella & Dave Harding.

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Thursday 17 October** 11.30am Confirmation Class Weeks 11 & 12 on Zoom
1.30pm *Bible Study for students at Altwood School with Revd Jo & Fr Jeremy*
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 18** 9.05am *Assembly at Boyn Hill School on the theme of All Saints*
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
12 noon Desborough School students visit the Church
7.30pm *at St Luke's A Time to Mourn*
This should be a wonderful evening of dance and a chance if people would like to share one to one personal experience of loss of a loved one.
Tickets can be purchased on the door for £5 each.
- Saturday 19** 9.45pm *Street Angels are out on Patrol.*
I will be out supporting the team and if anyone would like to discover more about this town centre ministry please speak with me at church
- Sunday 20** **10.00am Parish Eucharist for the 21st Sunday after Trinity**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Then Jenny Wilks will introduce the 2024 Operation Christmas Child Appeal see p 8 & Attachment

6.00pm *Choral Evensong at St Luke's for their Patronal Festival*
- Monday 21** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
- Tuesday 22** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
7.30pm Welcome Group meeting in the Birinus Room
- Wednesday 23** **10.00am Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am *Service at Normanhurst Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette*
2.30pm *Service at Larchfield Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette*
- Thursday 24** *Trip to Christchurch Cathedral, Oxford with our friends from Iran*
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 25** **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**
2.15pm Interment of Ashes of Stanley Brown
- Sunday 27** **10.00am Eucharist for Bible Sunday**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy.

4.00pm *Sundays@4 Saints and Sausages* We begin the period celebrating our Patronal Festival with a service looking at the lives of the Saints in church followed by hotdogs served in the Parish Centre.
- Monday 28** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
- Tuesday 29** **9.30am Morning Prayer**

Wednesday 30 October

10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David

12noon Soup Lunch (made by Arash) in the Parish Centre in aid of Ripple Effect

1.00pm in Church Dryads Duo Lunchtime Recital See p 6

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 3 November 10.00am All Saints Day Patronal Festival – Preacher Fr Chris Mann

Following the Eucharist, we will once again share a parish meal at the Ghandi Restaurant. Chicken and Lamb dishes, and a vegetarian option. The cost of the meal will be £25 per person. Please sign the list at the back of the church and give the money to Sue Stannett.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Within our community we have families concerned about loved ones in the centre of the conflict in the Middle East. We pray for all people impacted by the tensions in this region of the World.

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the countries across the Middle East. We pray from within our own community for people from Lebanon, Israel, Gaza and Iran and we pray for people from other areas impacted by this war. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths, Jews, Muslims and Christians, for all people of the land.

We pray for the coming of your Kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children.

We pray too for people caught up in the conflict in Ukraine. We pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia in this time of tension.

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed; Kindle we pray in every heart the true love of peace; and guide with thy pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity thy kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Book of Common Prayer)

We pray this week for our mission with St Luke's and the Church of the Good Shepherd as we offer an evening at St Luke's of 'A Time to Mourn.' We pray that people will find the evening helpful and that those feeling the loss of a loved one may be encouraged to share their feelings with a pastoral person who cares.

We pray for the ministry of Street Angels who provide support to vulnerable people on the streets of Maidenhead and around the country. We pray for more people to listen to the cries for help, to provide support to those homeless and to make sure people return home safely.

As Jenny shares once again the need to support young people across the world with gifts to look forward to at Christmas we pray for the Operation Christmas Child Project. May we once again look to support young people through the gift of Christmas boxes.

We pray for our friends here who are going for interviews with the Home Office. May they receive a fair listening and be given the opportunity to build lives in this country.

We remember Kallie Rampton, Maxwell & Charlotte Ferguson, River Hales, Bailey Rawlings, Gracie-Rose Crussel, Amelie Sanders, Ava & Ellie Hathaway, Aiden Irvine, Holly Brown, Joshua Buckley and Albie Ricketts on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those in need of God's healing. Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul Quadir Taj-eddin, Mahmood Tabkhi, Patricia Butcher, Diana Monari, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Barbara

Ann-Bourne, Elham Nekunam, Beryl Dorton and the families of Pearl and Marian. May they all know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for Christine Stopp, Margaret Darkwah, and Kristina Baloch and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE Hebrews 5: 1 - 10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.' In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL Mark 10: 35 - 45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Voluntary in A on "The Old Hundredth" <i>H Purcell</i>
Gathering hymn:	357 All people that on earth do dwell
Gradual anthem:	To be a Pilgrim <i>N Burt</i>
Offertory hymn:	612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Communion hymns:	775 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God & 358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Closing hymn:	644 God is love, let heaven adore him
Postlude:	O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort Op. 65 No 42 <i>S Karg-Elert</i>

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WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER BIBLE SUNDAY COLLECT

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that through patience, and the comfort of your holy word we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5

Continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. The presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL John 5: 36b – 47

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I have a testimony greater than John's. The works that the Father has given me to complete, the very works that I am doing, testify on my behalf that the Father has sent me. And the Father who sent me has himself testified on my behalf. You have never heard his voice or seen his form, and you do not have his word abiding in you, because you do not believe him whom he has sent. You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf. Yet you refuse to come to me to have life. I do not accept glory from human beings. But I know that you do not have the love of God in you. I have come in my Father's name, and you do not accept me; if another comes in his own name, you will accept him. How can you believe when you accept glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the one who alone is God? Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; your accuser is Moses, on whom you have set your hope. If you believed Moses, you would believe me, for he wrote about me. But if you do not believe what he wrote, how will you believe what I say?'

MUSIC

Prelude: Preludio "Sine Nomine" *H Howells*
Opening hymn: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim
Gradual hymn: 379 God has spoken, by his prophets
Offertory hymn: 494 I, the Lord of sea and sky
Communion hymns: 389 Spirit of God, unseen as the wind & 381 God in his wisdom, for our learning
Closing hymn: 810 Thou whose almighty word
Postlude: Lobe den Herren, o meine Seele *S Karg-Elert*

DRYADS DUO LUNCHTIME RECITAL WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 1.00pm IN CHURCH

We welcome back violinist Carla Santos and pianist Saul Picado, the Dryads Duo, to perform Sonata No. 5, in F major Opus 24, by Beethoven and Respighi's Sonata in B minor.

In 2011 the Dryads Duo was awarded the 1st prize at the "Prémio Jovens Músicos" competition in Portugal. This win gave them the opportunity to record their first CD (GDA) with Sonatas by Janáček, Ravel and Enescu.

In 2016 they released their second CD (KNS), entitled Intimate Colours. It is an important mark in the Duo's career as it includes the piece that inspired the name for the Duo: "Dryads et Pan". This is the name of Szymanowski's third Myth, Op.30. Alongside these beautiful three Myths, the CD also includes Sonatas by Elgar and Respighi. Copies of the CD will be available for sale after the Recital.

We also invite you to join us in the Parish Centre for a Soup lunch at 12 noon in aid of the Ripple Effect Charity

*Wishing you
a joyful and
blessed
Christmas*



Nativity Window, All Saints Church

ALL SAINTS CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS CARD

We all enjoy receiving Christmas cards each year, and not least we enjoy sending cards to our friends in the congregation, even if we see them every week. Each person who joins in will receive just one card. The card has a picture of the centre panel of the nativity window on the front cover and will include the names of everyone who takes part. (See the sample card at the back of church.)

Donations will go to the Operation Christmas Child charitable appeal.

How it works

1. You decide you want to take part, make your donation (suggested £10) and sign your name on the sheet. (See sign up sheet and donation envelope at back of church). Please ensure you have done this by **4 December**.
2. Your name will be entered in the card under one of the symbols. Cards will be printed during week commencing 9th December and will be **ready to pick up from 15 December**.
3. Your card will contain everyone's name who has contributed.

We hope that you will be keen to reduce waste and try out this new idea. If you have any questions, please ask
Jenny Wilks or Ken Smith.

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reduce: Many of us are aiming to reduce the amount of paper we use at Christmas through using the communal Church Card for our church friends and electronic or social media greetings for family and non-church friends. This is very helpful for the environment, but not so helpful for the charities that make a good bit of their money via Christmas cards each year! So this is just a small plea to think about how much money you have saved by not having to buy and post actual paper cards and send some of the savings to your favourite charity. It's a small 'Christmas present' they will very much appreciate.

Your Eco-committee

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Children's Society Box Holders: It is time to collect in the boxes for counting.

I can offer you a variety of options, so please choose whichever is most suitable for you.

- Send a cheque (made out to 'The Children's Society') to me at the address below
- Bring your box when you attend church service on Sunday or Wednesday. If I am not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house.
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house.

You all have my phone number on your box so please call if you need further clarification, assistance or want to discuss anything with me.

My address: 46, Boyn Hill Road SL64HJ

Many thanks for your continued support. It makes a real difference to hundreds of children and enables the Society to continue their work.

Anne Clark

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 12th time this year. In each of the last 3 years, we have donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. (Last year, it was 71). Over 11 years, we've sent over 720 shoebox gifts, which is amazing!

One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online/goal-page/MzlxMA%3D%3D>. It costs £25.

See the leaflet attached to the email for more information and other ways to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk or speak to me in church.

Jenny Wilks



ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET: SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 12 noon to 3.30pm

It's just over 6 weeks away and time to ask for your help, please, with the preparations. As in previous years, there will be plenty of opportunity to help on the day too – more about that to follow.

The market will be organised along the same lines as in the past three years with a number of external, local makers and producers having stalls, as well as our own All Saints stalls:

Handicrafts, tombola, raffle, children's activities, spin-for-a-bottle, BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies,...and Father Christmas will be joining us again!

We are also looking to welcome members of the local community to have a stall this year.

To start things off.....

Donations: We would be grateful now for **prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA.**

We hope to have a separate tombola for children and would be grateful for donations for that too.

Please remember, in both cases, new items only.

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

We will also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS** for our stall holders; there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church later this month if anyone can help with one of those.

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, John Gay, Stella Harding, Mei Bolygo, Bence Bolygo



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.

THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley