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

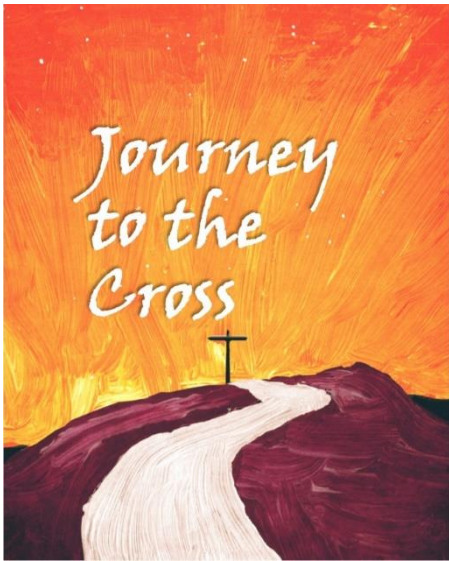
This coming Sunday is traditionally kept as 'Mothering Sunday' – not to be confused with the more secular 'Mothers Day'. In fact its origins have more to do with the idea of the Church as our 'spiritual Mother' than with our physical birth mothers: In 16<sup>th</sup> century England, Mothering Sunday was a time when people would make a journey to their 'Mother Church' in thanksgiving for the blessings they received

through membership of the Church. By 'Mother Church' they would have meant the Parish Church in which they had been baptised – usually the Parish Church of their parents; hence this gave origin to the tradition of those working away from the parental home travelling back to their parents' home on Mothering Sunday. So daughters in domestic service, and sons working away in agriculture, would have a day off to travel home to be with their parents and make their visit to the church of their baptism. Anyone who did this was said to have gone 'mothering'.

And for us, many will be spending time with, or zooming and telephoning, family members and especially Mums and Dads; many will make a visit to a church or place flowers on a grave this weekend to remember with love and gratitude parents who have died; but you might also want to make a visit to Church to remember and give thanks to God for your own baptism and all that the Christian faith means to you.

Mothering Sunday rightly has something to say about the value and richness of family life, especially in the nurture of children. It also has something to say about recognising the blessings we (and our society) receive through membership of, and the pastoral work undertaken by, the local Parish Church. Whether we recognise it or not, both family life and church life are rooted in the life of God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit abiding in perfect self-giving to each other, and overflowing in creative love.

*Fr John*



**All Saints Church Quiet Day: Journey to the Cross.**

**Saturday 2 April 10.00am – 1.00pm**

This will take place in church beginning at 10.00am with a Eucharist, and ending with a simple lunch at 1.00pm. There is a sign-up sheet in church – do please add your name if you intend coming so we can gauge numbers.

*Fr John*

**RESOURCES FOR LENT**

**COME AND SEE** The Diocesan course which is offering daily meditations based upon the Lord's Prayer. Go to [www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/](http://www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/) to sign up. Bishop Steven is offering some valuable thoughts on the Lord's prayer.

Please join us for our films looking at Sustainability at 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house on Wednesdays, (Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Stella & Dave Harding on the safe arrival of their first grandchild, Rory James Harding on Monday 14 March, and to the proud parents, Charlie & Jess, too, of course.

**RESOURCES THIS WEEK**

- Thursday 24 March** *Please note no 9.15am Morning Prayer this morning*  
 9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey Celebrant: Fr John  
 2.45pm & 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School  
**7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr John**  
 8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre
- Friday 25** **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome**  
**10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre.**
- Saturday 26** 9.30am Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room  
 10.00am Posy making in the Parish Centre
- Sunday 27** **10.00am Eucharist with Holy Baptism**  
**Mothers' Sunday** Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy  
 Please pray for Abraham Albert, his parents and godparents
- No Sundays@4 Service today**
- Monday 28** 7.30pm Young Saints Leaders' Meeting at the Vicarage
- Tuesday 29** 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre
- Wednesday 30** **10.00am Eucharist (BCP)**  
 Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
- 7.30pm Lent Film and discussion at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue (see p 4)

*The week of Monday 28 March until Friday 1 April Altwood School will be hosting Prayer Spaces. Thanks to The Revd Jo Ellington, the chaplain at Altwood, students will have the opportunity to share a variety of prayer activities.*

### **MASK OR NO MASK**

With the relaxing of rules and protocols for Covid we suggest that one half of the Church building (Lady Chapel) be kept for those who prefer masks and the other side for those feeling confident enough to worship without masks.

### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

We continue to pray for peace, justice and freedom from oppression in all places of strife, particularly Ukraine and Afghanistan. We pray for a successful outcome to the negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, and for the efforts of world leaders to bring pressure on Russia to cease its aggression. We pray for those made homeless in Ukraine, for refugees, and for those trapped in places of warfare and without the basics of food, water and medicines. We pray especially for children, the elderly and the vulnerable.

We pray for families everywhere, giving thanks for those who love and care for us. We pray for those unable to have children, for those who have lost a child, and for children who have an unhappy home life for whatever reason. We pray for all who support families in difficult times, for social services and for The Children's Society.

We pray for the mission and ministry of our Parish Church of All Saints, and especially for Fr Jeremy, the Churchwardens and PCC, and all who serve God through their ministry in this place. We remember the schools and care homes of our Parish, our Tiny Saints and Young Saints groups and their leaders, and those who serve as School Governors.

We give thanks for our own baptism, and we pray that we would continue to grow in our love for God, and in faith and discipleship. We pray for Abraham who will be baptised on Sunday, and for Logan Le Roux on the anniversary of his baptism.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray by name for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, 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 especial grace and healing touch this week.

We remember the recently departed, among them Jamie Neil Ferguson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

*May we all be blessed by God's love this week*  
*Fr John*

## Worship for Sunday 27 March The Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

### COLLECT

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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.

### OT READING 1 Samuel 1: 20 - end

Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the LORD.' The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the LORD, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the LORD establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD.' She left him there for the LORD.

### GOSPEL John 19: 25b - 27

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### MUSIC

Prelude: Kommst du nun, Jesu *J S Bach*  
Opening Hymn: AM 739 Now thank we all our God  
Gradual: AM 313 For Mary, Mother of our Lord  
Offertory Hymn: AM 318 Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
Communion: AM 395 With Mary let my soul rejoice  
Closing Hymn: AM 732 My Jesus, my Saviour  
Postlude: Nun Danket alle Gott *S Karg Elert*

### LENT FILMS WITH A SUSTAINABILITY THEME

These films will be shown on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house, Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you'd like to attend, so we can estimate numbers.

#### Wednesday 30: **The Day After Tomorrow**

Jack Hall, climatologist, struggles to be heard as a series of extreme weather events usher in a new ice age. His son is stuck in New York and as it becomes enveloped in ice, Jack makes a daring attempt to rescue him.

#### Wednesday 6 April: **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

Against all odds, a 13 year old boy in Malawi invents an unconventional way to save his family and village from famine.

## EASTER LILIES & MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of your loved ones, please put your name on the list on the cross-aisle table. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. It is anticipated the lilies will cost around **£4.00 per stem** this year. Our order must be placed by Monday 28 March at the latest; so make sure you sign up before then. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes supplied on the cross-aisle table: This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Parish Office.

### **Mothering Sunday Posies – SATURDAY 26 MARCH**

We shall be making the posies for Mothering Sunday at 10.00am on Saturday morning in the Parish Centre. We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. Small pieces of greenery are required, such as heather, and perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) are particularly welcome, so if you or any of your neighbours have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on the Friday morning.

*The Flower Team*

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 25 April 2022. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be or have moved house, then please let me know. [sastannett@gmail.com](mailto:sastannett@gmail.com)

## CENTENARY ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

30 March 2022 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> edition of Parish News: the first one was on 20 March 2020. If anyone has anything to add to make this a special edition then please email contributions to me: [jan.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.moss@btinternet.com) by Monday 28 March.

## APRIL SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER IS ATTACHED.

## AN INVITATION TO MEET ANNE ATKINS 8.00pm Thursday 7 April at Maidenhead Synagogue

Come and argue (probably not compulsory!) with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: [admin@maidshul.org](mailto:admin@maidshul.org)





## **Sustainability newsletter – April 2022**

*“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)*

### **3. Plants and gardens**

Welcome to our April hints and tips. This time we focus on ideas to be more eco-friendly in our gardens with a particular focus on small gardens. Anne Sweeney gives us the benefit of her experience.

We hope this will give you some ideas to help you be more sustainable. Maybe there is something here that you could think about trying this spring and summer and enjoy the fruits of your labour!

Like many people living in estate housing I have a small garden, my daughter just has a tiny back courtyard and my mother-in-law lives in a sheltered housing flat. Sadly I found that most of the articles in magazines and newspapers on sustainable growing seem to assume you have acres of land with space to store tons of compost and leave vast areas to 'wild' themselves! So for many people the whole idea seems either irrelevant or an impossible aspiration for when they are wealthier, healthier, or have a lot more time on their hands.

But even for folks in our positions, it's possible to make tiny changes that can have a big impact and simultaneously give a lot of pleasure. I want to start with some of the things we three have actually done ourselves and know will work with minimal effort!

#### **Gardening gifts**

'What can I give you for Christmas/birthday?' Is a question easily answered in this context - a bee or insect hotel or a bird box. These are small, pretty and hang on the outside wall taking up very little space. Right now, I'm looking at a pair of blue-tits starting to build a nest in my bird box. The insect/bee hotels house many helpful pollinators so don't worry that you'll end up with a garden full of 'pests' if you put one up!



#### **Living herbs**

The next very simple change is to buy 'living lettuce/herbs' when these are available in the supermarket. These are the ones with their roots still on, not pre-cut and washed. They tend to be very thickly sown and actually contain a large number of young plants. If you use them one whole plant at a time by cutting it off at soil level the ones left continue to grow so you don't end up throwing out half a pack of salad every week as they don't go 'off' in the same way. When you end up with just one plant left you can let it grow quite big and then use just a couple of leaves at a time for sandwiches & salads. This saves a lot of money too!

#### **Pots and hanging baskets**

It's possible to grow herbs and vegetables from seed in pots. Some examples are tomatoes, radishes, salad onions, rocket and salad leaves. You can find 'cut and come again' salad seeds where you pick the outside leaves and the plants continue to grow. Although a garden centre will have a wider range, seeds can be found in Wilko. For some tips, see [www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables/containers](http://www.rhs.org.uk/vegetables/containers)

### Edible planting

If you do have a garden/yard consider replacing some of the hedging and plants with edible ones. This won't make it look like an allotment! I suspect that very few people will actually notice and you get the benefits. So here are some obvious ones to start with.

Many people have climbers like clematis, but how about trying an edible climber instead/as well? I suggest green beans, especially the ones with the pretty red & white flowers, cucumber, peas or nasturtium (the leaves are like peppery lettuce). If you want something permanent I suggest thornless bramble, which you tie in like clematis, but which is a mass of beautiful pink flowers in late Spring and dripping with sweet berries ready to top your ice-cream and Eton Mess in summer.



### Edible edging

If are looking for little edging plants for your borders my suggestion is that you don't waste your money, time & effort on bedding like lobelias which have probably been grown in peat in commercial heated greenhouses and certainly will be sold in plastic pots. Instead how about trying chives with their purple Pom-poms, strawberries, thyme and marjoram. If you get the little 'wild' strawberries you won't even need to cut off the runners every year and the flowers and fruits are so pretty and sweet! Thyme & marjoram are a mass of flowers in early summer, smell gorgeous when you rub a couple of leaves and just need a light clipping each spring, as well as being delicious to eat. No effort needed for those of you rushed off your feet as they don't need watering in hot weather and they come up year after year all by themselves!

### Hedging

Finally, if you have a box hedge or one in a plant pot it may well sadly be affected by the current box blight and be dying. I suggest that you replace it with an edible hedge instead that is both more interesting to look at and supports far more wildlife. How about bay, sage, rosemary, lavender and gooseberry? Bay can be trained like topiary or trimmed so it grows bushy like box. Sage has the most gorgeous flowers as well as being edible. Rosemary can act as a backing for cut flowers as well as being edible and feeding the first honey-bees to emerge with its pretty mauve flowers.

Lavender will attract flocks of finches after the seeds to eat in autumn & spring as well as having that heady scent that reminds me of summer holidays in France. You can even get pretty red Gooseberries and thornless ones, so don't be put off by being shredded as a child! Best of all is a hedge made of all of these turn about so you get lovely flowers from early spring onwards as well as food for yourself and so much pleasure from watching the myriad of birds, butterflies and insects that land on them. An autumn clip is all that's needed to keep them in check.



So I hope this has given you a few ideas to get started. As I said, they are tiny changes that can make a big change for the better both for you and for the wildlife around.

We will be providing tips on a variety of topics over the coming months, so if you have any you'd like to share, please let us know by emailing them to [jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk](mailto:jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk).