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EASTER COMMUNION

For those of you wanting to join the 10.00am, 11.30am and 6.00pm Easter Day Communion services in the Parish Centre it is essential to book before midday on Good Friday. Email jeremy-harris@outlook.com or allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com

Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

At the beginning of 2020 the PCC were debating whether we should try to communicate with people by trying to write a quarterly Newsletter.

This week marks the first anniversary of All Saints Parish News in terms of weekly editions. The parish news is sent electronically to approximately 170 email addresses and Jan and Mike Moss have for the last year delivered by hand the news to 12-16 people who do not have access to devices enabling them to receive by email. I would like to thank Mike and Jan for their outstanding commitment in producing the document, for the excellent presentation and for making all those deliveries mainly on foot.

There are other people to thank for their contributions. Brian Graves for his outstanding, 'Sounds of Worship'. Brian has offered us commentary on hymn writers and the musicians who wrote the tunes. Each week we are offered background information on people and why the words are important when thinking of the theme of the day. Only last week Brian wrote about Bernadette Farrell's 'Unless a grain of Wheat' and we discovered the message of Passion Sunday of Christ marking the point in his journey that would lead to his life being offered for us. What was fascinating though is that the challenge for baptised Christians as we share at the end of each Eucharist at All Saints is that we are his Body who walk in his light, rejoice in his love and reflect his glory. Read Brian's commentary on the life of Farrell to see that she lives the Christian faith as well as writing beautiful hymns and music.

Weekly contributions have arrived from the pen of Greg Hurst. Greg has worshipped at All Saints for many years, but I came to value his contribution to community life through his outstanding contributions to Altwood School Governing Body. Greg has enjoyed a wonderful career in journalism and has written on education and politics for the Times Newspaper. I thought twelve months ago when the idea for the Parish News seemed to be of importance following the onset of the Pandemic that it would be good to have

reflections from Greg. I have lost count of the times that people have said how much they enjoy reading the thoughtful, the reassuring and, at times, challenging words from Greg as he has reflected on the Pandemic from his perspective.

I would like to thank those that have contributed sermons, especially in the early weeks from Revd Judith, Jo Sheppard and on-going Jeanette Lock until the last few months when Jeanette's marvellous ministry through offering the vaccinations has had to take precedence.

Aside from the regular contributors there has been input from a wide number of people on helpful poems, readings, prayers, input for children and families, activities taking place in the church and in the wider community and recently a quiz from Ray Williams of the Royal British Legion.

Thanks too for the input for families from Louise and Jenny particularly during the early part of the Pandemic.

Thank you too for reading the parish news and responding to need. We have supported cancer charities, The Children's Society, Christian Aid, Food Share and helped support Schools with provision of Tablets to help children access education.

More recently we have received updates on the floor restoration project from Ken with photographs to highlight the work taking place.

One of the key parts of the Parish News is offering ways in which we can connect with one another. Yes, through the written word, but also offering the connections for worship on zoom and at times within the church, or in the short-term future, the Parish Centre. It has been helpful to see people use the links to join prayer groups and services. That leads me to the need for prayer. Prayer the belief that we are not alone but in the presence of God who loves us and walks with us in our pilgrim journey through life is precious at any time of life but during the year that we have all experienced even more valuable. Being able to offer names for prayer and themes for prayer has been a vitally important part of the Parish News. Thank you to all of you that have contributed and to all of you who read it to keep connected with the community of All Saints.

The first anniversary of the Parish News marks too the beginning of Holy Week. The rest of what I have to write concerns my invitation to you all to take some part in the week that marks the great Christian drama. You will receive the Holy Week booklet with the Parish News, but I would like to encourage you to share some of your time this week.

We will enter the pilgrim journey that is Holy Week by sharing at 10.00am on Zoom Palm Sunday. We will begin with a recording of the blessing of Palms. I hope to have been able to deliver crosses to you to hold up at this service from your homes. The Open the Book Team will be presenting 'The Great Parade' the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey. Following the story, you will be able to share a prayer activity as we imagine ourselves with the story. This use of Ignatius prayer through the gift of Imagination will replace the sermon this week.

For Sundays@6 on Palm Sunday Jeanette has spent time putting together a wonderful Stations of the Cross to enable us to pray the Passion in the way that Christians have shared at All Saints for many years. Jeanette's choice of prayers, readings and music helps the person participating to reflect on this most powerful of weeks.

During the early part of Holy Week, we will have quiet, reflective Eucharistic services in the Parish Centre. I will be using Rowan Williams short reflections 'Candles in the Dark, Faith Hope and Love in a time of

Pandemic,' Written this time last year. These services will take place at 7.30pm on Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week and 10.00am on the Wednesday.

On Maundy Thursday the clergy and lay ministers will join the Chrism Mass virtually from Christ Church Cathedral at 11.00am. At 7.30pm you will be able to join a zoom service that will take us through the story of Passover, the Last Supper, Christ washing the feet of the disciples before we can spend time in person from 9pm until midnight keeping watch in the parish centre. The watch will conclude as Jeanette will lead us in Night Prayer at 11.50 pm. During the service you can participate by bringing a towel and water to wash your hands or feet as a sign that you are following Christ's example of servant ministry. You can share some bitter and sweet food to remind yourself of the suffering and joy that the Israelite people experienced in Passover. Fr Nicholas Cheeseman, someone I find valuable as a spiritual adviser and who is the Oxford and Berkshire Vocations adviser will preach live for us on Zoom. Thank you to Mike Moss for his excellent work in putting both this service and the vigil together.

On Good Friday at 3.00pm Jeanette has again offered us Stations of the Cross. Many of you will enjoy the visuals of some stations from Walsingham and Koder's excellent stations and meditations. The music will again help us to reflect on the stations before we hear the Passion Narrative from John's Gospel in parts. Familiar Good Friday hymns will be played and Fr Kevin Scully, much loved at All Saints, will provide a powerful sermon. Fr Kevin will be joining us live to worship with us on Good Friday. The zoom link will be found in this Parish News.

The Easter Vigil will begin at 8.00pm on Zoom. We will have Andrew Stafford leading us in the psalms, people reading the creation story, the prophecies of the hope of a Saviour before we watch a video of the lighting of the Paschal Candle. You hopefully can all find a candle at home to light as we proclaim the 'Light of Christ'. You will then hear a recording of the Exultet before we renew our baptismal promises. At the end of the service, we hope that you will share a glass of fizz from home and perhaps some celebration snacks to remind us that Christ's light has overcome darkness, his goodness has overcome evil and his new Life overcomes death.

On Easter Sunday Morning I am taking a quote from Bishop Steven called 'Come and Eat'. The Bishop of Oxford hopes that we will be returning to renew our sacramental life together at Pentecost. Easter may still be too early for some of you to return to the Eucharist and that is why we have offered the Holy Week zoom services.

Each service in the Parish Centre can host between 25-30 people. At the time of writing there are just a few places left for the 10.00am service, but there is still plenty of space at the other two. The services will be short with a little recorded music and lasting only 40 minutes. Booking details are on the front page.

On Easter Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm in the Quadrangle we will share the Easter Story, a prayer time and an Easter egg hunt. All are welcome. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible either on Zoom or in the Parish Centre over Holy Week.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK & NEXT:

Thursday 18 March 10.30am – 11.30am Coffee Morning on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81404382998?pwd=Wkp0SmY3MGxhNFdHSTRJNTRWSDkvdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 0438 2998

Passcode: 466266

All you need is a cup of coffee or tea and perhaps a biscuit or two. Then feel free to share a conversation.

8.00pm Night Prayer The Annunciation of Our Lord to The Blessed Virgin Mary

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75976544021?pwd=Q1pJVtIpTytOdHg0VXhSRGxWRzIzZz09>

Meeting ID: 759 7654 4021

Password: 5rHziv

Readings: Psalm 40, Luke 1: 26-38 Hymn 'For Mary Mother of Our Lord'

Sunday 28 March

10.00am Morning Prayer & Blessing of Palms

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89125977023?pwd=R0FaSjNMK2ExNnoyVGZXNTZ4cHhwdz09>

Meeting ID: 891 2597 7023

Passcode: 369388

For the Diocesan Link for the Eucharist please see the front page of our website. The Diocesan resources can be found without internet on 01865 920930. The Church of England's new resource 'Daily Hope' which includes comforting hymns, daily prayers and reflections can be found on free telephone 0800 804 8044

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX Stations of the Cross led by Jeanette

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83960514349?pwd=YUxYSVZSVjF1cDVTdS85cDRIZm95UT09>

Meeting ID: 839 6051 4349

Passcode: 945101

Monday 29 March 7.30pm Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Tuesday 30 March

3.00pm *Breaking Day – A Lockdown Passion Play* See email for joining instructions.

7.30pm Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 31 10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre

Maundy Thursday 1 April Zoom service at 7.30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87413097088?pwd=Y1IEREk4eEtnNzdSTzdGaGxWS2pHUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 1309 7088

Passcode: 510166

Guest preacher: Fr Nicholas Cheeseman

Good Friday 2 April Zoom Service at 3.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83789516463?pwd=NWZuenhrUVJ3N2ZYXhUb3NsOURCUT09>

Meeting ID: 837 8951 6463

Passcode: 563418

Guest preacher: Fr Kevin Scully

Holy Saturday 3 April Zoom Service at 8.00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83883647103?pwd=SkdwZzUwTko4TXJhTHdzckVBVTNKdz09>

Meeting ID: 838 8364 7103

Passcode: 918251

Easter Sunday 4 April Holy Eucharist at 10.00am, 11.30am & 6.00pm in the Parish Centre

Please see p 1 for booking details.

Easter Sunday 4 April 4.00pm in the Quadrangle

Family Time with Easter Egg Hunt

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we enter Holy Week:

Lord of all, when Jesus entered into Jerusalem, the people welcomed him with praise and gave him the best they could offer. As we prepare for this pilgrim journey through Holy Week, we ask that you will fill our hearts with joy and love. Help us to understand what it means to give freely and extravagantly of our time, our treasure and our talents. Most of all, inspire us to give you our praise. Amen.

We continue to give thanks that people have given freely towards the Floor Restoration project. We give thanks for the skill and love demonstrated by the people of Cliveden Conservation.

We pray for the NHS and give thanks for the vaccinations giving hope to this country and the wider world. We give thanks for Jeanette and Dianne as they play their part in the offering of the vaccinations.

We continue to pray for Food Share as they provide food for all people struggling through the pandemic.

We pray for all those who have lost their lives during this last year of the Pandemic. We remember too those who have served at the frontline. We pray for those living with the impact of the virus physically and mentally. We pray too this Easter for hope for the future.

We pray for Quench Bookshop that strives to offer a Christian presence in the town of Maidenhead.

We continue to give thanks for the recovery of Dianne's family and of Christine Pocock's brother Tony.

We hold in our prayers Mandy Rogers, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Sister Mary Philip, Roger Baldery and Mark. We pray too at this time for Kelly Bellman, her sister Louise and all their family at this time.

We pray for John Bolodeoku and his family as they mourn the loss of John's father Olufemi. We give thanks that Olufemi died singing and praising God alongside Maria his wife at the end of his life. We pray for John as he travels this week for the funeral on 9th April in Nigeria.

Pray the Parish:

The list of streets in our Parish was attached to Issue 41: this week we remember the ones beginning with T & W.

Charlie Mackesy from his dear Fox 'To be honest, I often feel I have nothing interesting to say,' said the fox. 'Being honest is always interesting,' said the horse.

May we be honest in our prayers to God this week, and may you all be blessed by God's love this week.

Fr Jeremy

Worship for SUNDAY 28 MARCH PALM SUNDAY

Sounds of Worship

Brian Graves

The liturgy of the Palms represents Jesus' triumphant journey into Jerusalem on a donkey and the apparent fulfilment of Jesus as the King of Israel. The new leader rides the success of the people's support and expectant hopes. We know how short-lived this sudden rise to celebrity status is but to appreciate the potency of this moment we should ignore our hindsight and celebrate with the people who lined Jesus' road into Jerusalem.

To accompany this journey, I have chosen two hymns from contrasting traditions and which take different approaches to presenting the Palm Sunday theme. The first is "Make way, make way" AM 160 words and music by Graham Kendrick (b1950). At All Saints, this hymn is a reserve to cover the final stages of the procession from the Parish Centre to the Church, just in case we finish "All glory, laud an honour" too soon. However, this so rarely happens that the Kendrick hymn fails to be heard in its most appropriate context. The recording of "Make Way" (see link below) is the opening track to the first ever *March for Jesus* album. Recorded in 1986 as part of *A Carnival of Praise*. As Kendrick himself says about this recording "Make Way for the King of kings" was the very first 'Make Way' album and it pioneered the concept of taking praise and worship into the public arena, emphasising the need to declare God's sovereignty in our land." For me, the opening fanfare and declamation "Make Way! Make Way! on this recording perfectly captures the spirit of Jesus' apparently improvised entry to Jerusalem.

The words express hope and promise represented by the newly recognised Christ the King! of kings. The echo effects in the chorus add to the feeling of this being sung in the open-air by an excited crowd. Kendrick is a prolific Christian singer, songwriter and worship leader. He is the son of Baptist pastor, M. D. Kendrick and grew up in Laindon, Essex and Putney. He now lives in Tunbridge Wells and is a member of Holy Trinity with Christ Church, Tunbridge Wells.

1. Make way, make way, for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates and welcome him
into your lives

Chorus

*Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!) for the King of kings! (for the King of kings!)
Make way! (Make way!) Make way! (Make way!) and let His kingdom in!*

2. He comes the broken hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see.

Chorus

3. And those who mourn with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter, joy and royal crown
he'll beautify.

Chorus

4. We call you now to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no gods before him:
their thrones must fall! *Chorus*

Make way, make way AM 160 k<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3s32mX6zvHg>

"Make way, make way" words and music by Graham Kendrick
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The second hymn is the familiar "Ride on, ride on in majesty!" AM 161 words by Henry Hart Milman (1791 – 1808) set to the tune Winchester New, which is adapted from a Chorale in *Musicalisches Hand-Buch* published in Hamburg in 1690.

Unlike "Make way", "Ride on, ride on in majesty!" anticipates the Passiontide events, in the same way as the gospel reading for the day, which is the Passion narrative, enables us to see the journey to Jerusalem in the context of the ultimate form of kingship which Jesus achieves. The hymn mixes both hope and foreboding. The march-like feel of the opening of the hymn tune suits the way in which "Ride on, ride on in majesty!" is repeated as the first line of each verse. Subsequently the tune has an arch-like shape to it which can reflect the more mixed emotions of the words that follow.

Henry Hart Milman was born in London but had several local connections with Berkshire, not the least of which was that he died at the house that he had taken for the summer in Sunninghill. He was the son of Sir Francis Milman, who became a Baronet for his services as physician to the Royal family. He was educated at Dr Burney's school at Greenwich, at Eton, and then at Brasenose College, Oxford where he was a brilliant undergraduate. He won the Newdigate Prize for English poetry in 1812, following in the footsteps of his friend Reginald Heber. In 1821 he was elected Professor of Poetry at Oxford when he was succeeded by John Keble. Milman was one of the great 19th-century churchmen. He took Holy Orders in 1816 and was appointed to the living of a major town church, St Mary's, Reading, in 1818. He became a Canon of Westminster and rector of St Margaret's, Westminster, in 1835, and Dean of St Paul's in 1849. A major innovation of his time as Dean was the introduction of evening services under the dome in 1858. He was a man of immense industry and a notable historian. His *History of the Jews* (1830) was controversial, because it applied modern methods of historical enquiry to the Bible. His hymns were written for Heber's *Hymns written and adapted to the Weekly Church Service of the Year* (1827), to which he contributed 11 hymns, probably written c1820 which included "Ride on, Ride on in majesty!"

The original version of the tune Winchester New appeared in *Musikalisches Handbuch der geistlichen Melodien*, published in Hamburg, Germany, in 1690 by Georg Wittwe. It was set to the text "Wer nur den lieben Gott". The melody was also used by John and Charles Wesley for some of their hymns and was reworked by William J. Havergal and published in his *Old Church Psalmody* (1864). Havergal's version closely resembled its original 1690 form. The tune is, of course named after the city of Winchester which already had another hymn named after it, so this one is Winchester New to distinguish it from the pre-existing Winchester Old tune.

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry;
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The wingèd squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on his sapphire throne,
Expects his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Ride on, ride on in majesty AM 161 Winchester New

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g-qDQSjnzH8>

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

EPISTLE Philippians 2: 5 — 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL Mark 11: 1 - 11

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

A Review of Breaking Day – a Lockdown Passion Play

Last Sunday I joined 30 other families to watch Breaking Day on Zoom. The play was presented by Riding Lights, a theatre company based in York. They came to Maidenhead several years ago and presented Bible stories in schools and also several productions in St Luke's Church. My memory of their story-telling was a clever use of humour. In looking forward to seeing Breaking Day, I could not see how humour would be relevant.

Instead of humour they brought out pain. They told the story from the perspective of Pilate. The playwright used many lines taken from St John's account of the Passion. It was challenging to watch a familiar story unfold through the totally unfamiliar viewpoint of Pilate. The familiar became a fresh experience.

Synopsis:

'As day begins to break on Good Friday, the occupying Governor's tenuous grip on authority is slipping. It's festival time in Jerusalem but his wife is plagued with disturbing dreams. Amid the demands of the Sanhedrin and the murderous cries of the mob, the lines between personal and political in Pilate's house start to blur. The teacher at the centre of it all remains silent.

Confused by the hopes and fears of her people, a Jewish servant in the Praetorium clearly knows more than she should. Pilate wrestles with a quandary of his own devising, while outside momentum is gathering – the power of the Capitol in tension with the will of the people.

With stark intimacy, *Breaking Day* casts a surprising light on the death of Jesus from inside the Governor's household, immersing us in the decisions that led to crucifixion.'

The story is to be shown again on Tuesday 30 March at 3.00pm. The joining instructions are on the email. Do take the opportunity to see it for yourself.

Mike Moss

FOODSHARE NEWS

Lockdown means an increasing need for Foodshare. Please see www.foodshare.today for places you can donate and what's most needed each week. The needs are also in the Maidenhead Advertiser each week.

Christian Aid Week: 10th - 16th May

Roger Clarke, Acting Chair of Christian Aid, Maidenhead stood down from his role following a move with his wife to Somerset. Roger observed that with COVID-19, and the retirement of several other Committee members, we appear to have arrived at a natural crossroads as far as Christian Aid's work in Maidenhead is concerned. There is a question now as how that work should be taken forward in the future.

The Revd David Downing of the URC Church in Maidenhead & Marlow has offered assurance that Christian Aid's work will continue through 'Churches Together in Maidenhead', albeit perhaps in a new format in the future. For this year, as a 'house to house' collection will not be possible, it is very likely that a 'Just Giving' page will be set up again, and Revd David is already thinking about an online 'Zoom' service to mark Christian Aid Week.

We will let you have more details of the arrangements as soon as they are confirmed. Please do let me have any thoughts you may have about continuing Christian Aid's work in the future. *Stella Harding*

REFLECTION by Greg Hurst

“The roads are VERY busy,” my mother-in-law exclaimed as she arrived for lunch on Mother’s Day. On a morning walk around local streets I noticed something similar. A few families were engaging in arms’ length chats and exchanging presents on doorsteps. But lots more houses had multiple cars on driveways or parked outside and appeared to be hosting visitors. My mother-in-law, who is widowed, is part of our household “bubble”.

I have no idea, of course, if all those extra cars clogging roads or parked on driveways on Mothering Sunday were also transporting grateful mothers or dutiful children from one family “bubble” to another. I suspect not all. This is one small example, a straw in the wind, of how the collective endeavour to obey coronavirus restrictions appears to be fraying.

We see large groups of young people gathering in town or walking beside busy roads. We have seen big family gatherings, comprising several households, meeting at garden centres or nature reserves for communal walks. Such behaviour may not be dangerous. Experts say the virus is rarely transmitted outdoors. But it is breaking the rules. Individuals cannot base their behaviour on their own understanding of epidemiology. Rules apply to everyone.

We have heard of more glaring breaches: a child having a sleepover at a friend’s house; a student who tested positive for the virus hosting a drinks party (really!).

News that vaccine supplies for under-50s will be delayed next month reminds us that our national recovery is not yet assured. It’s too early to drop our guard.