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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

All Saints and All Souls

I write this on the Feast Day of All Saints, and next Sunday evening we have our Requiem Eucharist for All Souls as we remember departed members of our own families and friends, and those from our parish and congregation whose funerals have taken place in recent years. This season of All Saints and All Souls is a time which makes us very aware of our own mortality and, followed as it is by Remembrance Sunday, aware too of the sins and imperfections of life. We mourn the loss of loved ones, and we perhaps mourn also the passing of our own years and the frailty which often accompanies that inevitable process.

So it is good that we start this season with the festival of All Saints, because that sets our thoughts in the bigger context of God's immeasurable love for us and the destiny which God in Christ holds out to us. The Saints which the church commemorates were a decidedly mixed bunch, and certainly not all a perfect example of holiness during their earthly lives. They, too, were inclined to suffer from all the character faults that we see around us and within ourselves.

But their hallmark, the thing that, if anything, sets them apart is their faith and trust in God and their desire to share that with those around them. It is in that sense that the New Testament writers refer to all Christians as 'Saints'. It is the calling of each one of us.

As we reflect on All Saints, we also know that the heavenly destiny of life with God where there will be no more mourning and crying but only light and love and bliss is the destiny that God holds out for each and every person, and that is the key to celebrating All Souls. It simply is God's will for all. So we don't judge, we don't draw boundaries – heaven is a place where all will be welcome. In order to enter heaven we must allow ourselves to be clothed with a new perfection and holiness by God (which is the origin of the doctrine of purgatory, being cleansed). Just as a fish cannot survive outside of water, nor can anything sinful exist in the heavenly realm (or it wouldn't be heaven!).

We can begin this process of renewal in this life, though we won't complete it until after death. We can allow God to change and mould us so that we can begin now to share something of the values and the love and the beauty of heavenly life. This is God's work in us. We just have to say 'Yes' to it.

There is no perfection for us this side of death. But there is always the hope of glory to come, and the joy of journeying together towards it.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 3 November 11.15am *Funeral of Pat Tointon at Caversham Crematorium*
 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
 7.00pm Adult Confirmation Course in the Birinus Room
 8.00pm *Choir Practice*

Friday 4 10.00am *Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre*

Sunday 6 10.00am *The Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday before Advent*
 Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Mrs Maggie Garton
 We are delighted to welcome our friend Maggie this morning.

4.00pm *Children's Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room (Final Class)*

6.00pm *Requiem Eucharist for All Souls Day*
 Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

Monday 7 9.30am *Morning Prayer in Church*

From Tuesday to Thursday Assemblies at Altwood School on the Theme of Remembrance

Tuesday 8 9.30am *Morning Prayer in Church*
 1.30pm *Christian Union at Altwood School*
 7.30pm *Christ Child Market planning meeting in the Birinus Room*

Wednesday 9 10.00am *Eucharist*
 Celebrant: Fr John
 11.00am *Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre*
 2.30pm *Senior Saints meet at Brenda Ilott's home / (See p 6)*
 7.00pm *Bible Study with Fr John in the Birinus Room*

Sunday 6 November

The Eco-Church committee will be sponsoring the after-service refreshments with the addition of some fair-trade goodies. They will also give you a quick update on what is happening and be around to answer any questions you may have.

6.00pm Requiem Eucharist for All Souls Day

There is a list at the back of Church for people to add the names of those to be remembered at this service.

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 19 November 10.30am Confirmation Rehearsal for young people and adults in church
12 noon Servers' rehearsal at the church

Sunday 20 November 10.00am Confirmation here with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls. See p 5 to see exactly how you can help.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks for those faithful servants of Christ who have passed down the light of faith through 2,000 years, and especially those of our own church of All Saints. As we thank God for them, so we pray for strength and discernment that we may play our part in witnessing to the love of God in Jesus Christ in our own day.

We remember our own departed loved ones and give thanks for all that we have received from them, and especially for those who first showed us the way of faith.

We pray for our confirmation service on 20th November. For Bishop Olivia as she prepares to come and administer the sacrament of confirmation. For Fr Jeremy and others who have been meeting with our confirmation candidates and leading them in discerning fresh insights into the Christian faith which they will profess. We pray that as Christ walks with them on the path of faith so they will be aware of his presence with them and be open to the promptings of his Holy Spirit.

We pray for those whose anniversary of Baptism falls around now: Amelie Saunders, Ava & Ellie Hathaway, Sebastian Barnes, Sophia Barnes & Alicia Stockbridge.

We pray for all places around the world of violence and suffering, praying especially for the people of Iran in this time of tension and praying for a peaceful outcome that honours human rights and promotes flourishing of all the people of that country. We pray for peace with justice in Ukraine, and we remember the civilian population suffering renewed attacks on supplies of water, food, power and health care. We pray for a return to standards of truth, justice and tolerance in political life the United States of America.

We pray for those of our own parish and community in any kind of need at this time, praying by name for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birma Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Silvia Dennison, and Cheryl Brookes. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Maria Bolodeoku and Pat Tointon. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May we all be blessed by God's love this week,

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 6 NOVEMBER THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

10.00am EUCHARIST

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OT READING Job 19: 23 – 27a

Job said to his companions: ‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.’

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 5 & 13 - 17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

GOSPEL Luke 20: 27 – 38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, ‘Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.’

MUSIC

Prelude: Chanson de Nuit *E Elgar*

Opening Hymn: AM 584 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual: AM 116 Be thou my guardian and my guide

Offertory: AM 128 Jesu, lover of my soul

Communion: AM 678 In God alone

Closing Hymn: AM 763 Praise to the holiest in the height

Postlude: Imperial March *E Elgar*

6.00pm REQUIEM MASS

Prelude: O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op.122, No.3 *J Brahms*

Opening Hymn: 357 All people that on earth do dwell

O T Reading: Lamentations 3: 17-26 & 31-33

Gradual: 794 The King of love my shepherd is

Gospel: John 6: 37-40

Offertory: 460 O thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray

During Communion: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 –*J S Bach*

Closing Hymn: 205 Jesus Christ is risen today

Postlude: Voluntary (Musica Britannica, v, 28) - *Thomas Tomkins*

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 10th time this year. In both 2020 and 2021 we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! A shoebox full of gifts from donations of £20 will bring a smile to children who don't have much. This year OCC's goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. One way you can donate is via the OCC website and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/27c33974>. For other ways to donate and more about the appeal, please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 12 noon – 3.00pm

Thank you very much everyone who has contributed to the market so far. There is still plenty of opportunity to help, particularly as a **VOLUNTEER** on the day – please see below.

We would be grateful for more prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA (new items only please). The collection box for your donations is beside the South Porch.

And we also need to ask for help with providing GAZEBOS for our stall holders and – from the bakers amongst you – CAKES & MINCE PIES for the All Saints cake stall.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can help with either / both of these of these things

VOLUNTEERS:

To help make this year's market another great success, we are still looking for volunteers to help with:

- providing cover for the main stall holders (so they can enjoy the Market too!),
- providing hot drinks to the stall holders during the afternoon
- setting up Father Christmas' grotto in the Vestry on the Saturday
- helping direct the external stall holders to their various pitches around the Quadrangle when they arrive

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; it would be very helpful to get as many volunteers as possible.

List of All Saints Stalls:

Entrance to the Market
Cakes
Raffle
Tombola,
Handicrafts
Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies
Mulled Wine
BBQ
Spin the Wheel
Children's Activity Table

Please note: *My husband and I leave on 5th November for a long delayed, post-retirement holiday in Australia and New Zealand. So, I will be handing over management of the Christmas Market arrangements to Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibo Veira and John Gay, the members of the organising group. Please speak to Dianne in the first instance of you have any questions.*

Stella Harding

SENIOR SAINTS WEDNESDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2.30pm

Senior Saints Afternoon tea @ Brenda Illott's house, 35 Altwood Road. Any queries please contact Margaret on 07460966797

FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.