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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

The week from 17 June to the 23 June marks Refugee week. We will be marking this on Refugee Sunday the 23 June. On 22 June we mark annual Windrush Day when we are called to encourage communities across the country to celebrate the contribution of the Windrush Generation. This day was called for by Patrick Vernon and the Government gave backing for the day in 2018.

To remind ourselves; on the 22 June 1948, 492 Caribbean people were brought to Tilbury Docks in Essex on the Empire Windrush. Following WWII the United Kingdom's economy needed to be repaired. To do so the British Government recruited Afro-Caribbean migrants and offered them jobs. These jobs would include production of steel, iron, food and service sector roles in public transport and staffing the new National Health service.

Sadly, the first African-Caribbean migrants were faced with extreme intolerance. It is said that many of the early migrants were denied access to private employment and accommodation. Black people were banned from many pubs, clubs and according to google 'in some cases churches.'

As some of you are aware I am reading Theresa May's book, 'The Abuse of Power', and one chapter is given to covering the 'Windrush scandal' which focussed on successive governments failing to make sure that people coming legally to this country (The Windrush people had been invited) had the necessary documentation to be in this country. As Theresa writes 'We had on the one hand a group of people who had made their lives here, contributed to our economy and society, brought up families here, who were British... but successive governments of all parties tightened the rules without realising the impact on those who were here legally.'

Of course, the reason for tightening rules is the increase in migration due to an unsettled world we live in. We have for the last two years experienced in our own town an influx of Asylum seekers searching a new life having left challenging situations in their home countries of perhaps Iran, Eritrea, Afghanistan as well as refugees from war torn Ukraine.

Pope Francis has responded powerfully to the crisis of migration. He describes the church as 'Mother' and the church should offer 'special tenderness and closeness to those who are obliged to flee their own country.' The Pope asks communities to obtain knowledge of why people leave their homelands. I am not sure 2 and half years ago that I could have started a conversation about the situation faced by women in Iran for example. Many of these people that have been part of our community will perhaps have been scarred by violence, abuse, the distance from family love, traumatic events (as Mahdi described movingly to Radio Berkshire in January 2024) and the worry of camps or as in this case hotels. This should spur all Christians and indeed the wider community (Thank you CARE4CALAIS) to provide compassion and practical care.

I will quote in full the Pope; ‘Dear Friends, I would like to ask you all to see a ray of hope as well in the eyes and hearts of refugees and of those who have been forcibly displaced. A hope that is expressed in expectations for the future, in the desire for friendship, in the wish to participate in the host society also through learning the language, access to employment and the education of children. I admire the courage of those who hope to be able gradually to resume a normal life, waiting for joy and love to return to brighten their existence. We can and must all nourish this hope!’

Thanks to Care4Calais and their wonderful compassion to people in hotels and their ability to help people with their applications for acceptance to stay, and their work in finding young people education opportunities the people in Maidenhead have been supported. As a church we have tried to help with English classes, bible studies, baptism and confirmation classes for those that seek them and a sense of welcome and belonging. Consequently, we have, as a congregation, been revitalised by the people we gave belonging to. Those people are offering themselves as sidespeople, supporting charities like Ripple Effect, working off their own initiative in the hospice and local arts centres to name just a few examples.

Having had the privilege to share with people from around Europe working with Asylum seekers and refugees the story we share is replicated in Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Czech Republic, and the Netherlands. Some refugees from Ukraine have been empowered to help other refugees and Asylum seekers from other counties. Let us give thanks for refugees and asylum seekers for enriching our society with their contributions in so many ways.

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

Fr Jeremy

80th Anniversary of D Day Service

The Right Honourable Theresa May read the lesson at this moving commemoration on Sunday 9 June organised by the Royal British Legion.



RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 20 June	<i>8.50am Assembly at Altwood School on the Theme of Justice 2.00pm All Saints School Service for SS Peter & Paul in Church 4.00pm Confirmation Class on Zoom 6.00pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre 8.00pm Choir Practice</i>
Friday 21	<i>10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre 2.00pm Funeral Service for Doris Winn in Church 7.45pm RBL Meeting in town</i>
Saturday 22	<i>Berks & Bucks Ordinations to the Priesthood at Reading Minster & Amersham</i>
Sunday 23	<i>10.00am Eucharist for Refugee Sunday Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy 3.00pm Street Angels AGM at St Peter's 4.00pm Sundays@4in the Quadrangle Service on justice and fairness followed by BBQ. All welcome.</i>
Tuesday 25	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer 1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School 7.00pm WAMCF Dialogue at Maidenhead Synagogue Poster with email</i>
Wednesday 26	<i>8.50am Assembly at All Saints School on Responsibility 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School 4.00pm Confirmation Class on Zoom 7.30pm Visitation at High Wycombe</i>
Thursday 27	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School 6.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's 8.00pm Choir Practice</i>
Friday 28	<i>10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre</i>
Saturday 29	<i>12 noon Sidespersons' Training in Church</i>
Sunday 30	<i>10.00am The Parish Eucharist for SS Peter & Paul Worship for All Celebrant: Fr Jeremy</i>
Tuesday 2 July	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer 1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School 7.30pm Sustainability Group Meeting in the Birinus Room</i>
Wednesday 3	<i>10.00am Eucharist for Thomas the Apostle Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.30am Communion Service at Clara Court Nursing Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock 5.00pm Meeting of Almshouse Trustees in the Birinus Room 7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre</i>

ADVANCE NOTICES

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

I will relive the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela I made in September 2013 as part of my Sabbatical. If you would like to share an evening with me retelling the journey with Mike providing the pictures please join us at the Parish Centre at 7pm on Saturday 5 October. During the evening there will be a meal in the style of pilgrimage. The cost will be £20 with all profit going to The Ripple Effect Charity. Numbers will be limited to 30 so please email mike.moss@btinternet.com to register your interest. If over-subscribed a second session will be held.

Fr Jeremy



SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 14 September

WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event! All Saints will also be taking part in the "English Heritage Open Weekend.

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in the congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10.00am and 6.00pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

All Saints will benefit hugely as we will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need; All Saints has benefitted from this in the past.

More details of the participating churches, together with sponsorship forms will be available soon, or can be found on the BHCT Ride & Stride website - <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like information on how you can participate in this event. We will be asking in the next few weeks, for volunteers to act as welcomers and Stewards for the hours during which the church will be open over the weekend of 14th / 15th September.

Stella Harding All Saints Boyne Hill Ride & Stride Co-ordinator

PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

We pray for all people who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, oppression, or persecution. We pray within our community for the people of Iran.

We pray for all people who are encountering danger on their journeys to seek a new and safe home, that they may find safety and peace.

We pray for all people who are recovering from trauma experienced in their homes of origin and in their journeys to safety and peace.

We pray for family, friends and colleagues who have remained at home when others have fled, that they may find comfort at this time, and that peace and justice may transform their situations.

We give thanks for the vision of shared humanity embedded in the UN Convention on Refugees and pray that all countries and peoples may act in accordance with its provisions.

We pray that our churches may be welcoming places for all who seek sanctuary, so that God's love may be made visible and together with all our neighbours, we may find love, joy and peace in our common home.

We pray for peace in this world of unrest. We continue to hold before you the people of Gaza, Isarel, Ukraine and the surrounding areas. We continue to pray for the people of Lebanon and South Sudan and we pray for a time when weapons of war may be turned into ploughshares and where nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found.

We pray for Christopher Hall, Rachel Jeremiah, Amy Sykes, Adam Wingrove and Sydney Quartey. They are curates who will be priested at Petertide. We pray that God will bless them all in their priestly ministry.

We continue to pray for those in need of God's healing; Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Kristina Baloch, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Paul Latham, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi and Karen Harvey. May these people all know God's loving and healing presence.

We remember the recently departed including Jim Goff, Doris Winn, Geoffrey and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WHY WE SHOULD PRAY FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

During his Presidential Address for Diocesan Synod, Bishop Steven reflected on why Christians have a duty to pray for the General Election. He described the call to pray for our own nation and for the world as being deeply embedded in the scriptures.

Bishop Steven concluded: "prayer is powerful and we have a responsibility, as citizens, to participate in the General Election by engaging in the themes of the campaign, by turning out to vote and by raising the issues of justice and peace and the environment through hustings."

The full address can be read on Bishop Steven's blog<<https://anglican.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290&id=38083f91a1&e=2606fa3eab>>. A variety of General Election resources<<https://anglican.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290&id=3f31d0a7ed&e=2606fa3eab>>, including information on how to host a hustings event at your church, can be found on the website. There is also a litany<<https://anglican.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290&id=12a901d432&e=2606fa3eab>>, produced by the Church of England as part of their Pray your Part campaign<<https://anglican.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=14501d5eebc3e98fa3015a290&id=cea1d9e388&e=2606fa3eab>>, which can be used during services in the run-up to polling day.

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 6: 1 - 13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.' See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see – we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return – I speak as to children – open wide your hearts also.

GOSPEL Mark 4: 35 — 41

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Caprice	<i>C Harris</i>
Opening hymn:	324	Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult
Gradual hymn:	702	Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
Offertory hymn:	541	Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Communion hymn:	592	As the deer pants for the water
Closing hymn:	739	Now Thank We All Our God
Postlude:	Nun danket alle Gott <i>S Karg-Elert</i>	

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 30 JUNE SS PETER & PAUL

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, 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.

NT READING **Acts 12: 1 -11**

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

GOSPEL **Matthew 16: 13 — 19**

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Amazing Grace	<i>A Gant</i>
Opening hymn:	296	For all the saints who from their labour's rest
Gradual hymn:	297	For all the saints who showed your love
Offertory hymn:	510	Will you come and follow me
Communion hymn:	334	In the Lord I'll be ever thankful
Closing hymn:	587	Amazing grace
Postlude:	Postlude in C	<i>H Smart</i>

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Jeremy Nordberg



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