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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

During the recent week within the parish, we shared the story of the miraculous catch of fish through Open the Book at Larchfield and All Saints Schools and at Tiny Saints using the Toddlers Bible. The Open the Book team of Jan, Mike, Sue and Anne along with Fr David then provided the story of the 'Calling of Disciples' which is the Open the Book version of the catching of fish in our Sunday Eucharist.

The story itself has Jesus at the shore of the lake where there are inlets and a zigzagging shoreline with each inlet an amphitheatre. Jesus uses a boat and the natural geography to teach the many people who have gathered to hear him. From the boat he can be seen and clearly heard. As the story unfolds, we find the experienced fishermen, Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John having finished their fishing at night. Wisdom and experience told them that they were likely to catch fish for their livelihood at night. Sadly, for them they do not catch a single fish.

Jesus arrives and tells them to try again, but against all wisdom, in the daytime. A huge catch of fish arrives causing an almighty scramble for other boats with fishermen helping to make the catch. Jesus tells the disciples that in future they will be 'Fishers of men and women.' As I said at the Sunday service following the Open the Book presentation of the story imagine being asked by Jesus to help him with his ministry. In terms of the fish, it might seem pointless and a waste of effort. However, the catch of a large number in the unfavourable day light hours perhaps tells us something about God's kingdom. Out of small beginnings and what seems like unlikely circumstances good things can happen. I am reminded of Easter 2022 when a handful of Iranians turned up at church as Asylum Seekers and they asked us to support them. Most spoke in Farsi and at first it seemed like any help we could provide would be limited.

Then a community of people acting in faith realise like the early Apostles that by working together and following Christ's example there may be a way forward. At our baptism we are joined with Jesus in becoming members of his family and we share our gifts in community to reach out evangelistically and pastorally.

At the heart of Christian community is anamnesis a recalling of the past which gives meaning to the present and hope for the future. We find this at the Eucharist when we are drawn into relationship with God as Trinity, each other and those who have gone before us to the Kingdom. (The communion of Saints). The problem is in modern day society in Europe some sociologists of religion believe that the chain of religious memory and tradition that brought meaning and hope to the present and future has gone. In her book 'Religion as a Chain of Memory' Daniele Hervieu-Leger writes that 'we have become more rational and individualistic and have a collective amnesia which leads us to lose the value of religion and community'. She would describe this as a 'Break in the chain of religious memory.' An example of this would be grandparents and parents no longer sharing the stories of faith with the young telling us how Jesus taught how to live life in community with hope.

Open the Book which began with one church in Bedford now has approximately 3,500 teams with over 9,500 storytellers and over 3,500 schools reached. In context we have just two schools of Larchfield and All Saints where our teams share the stories of the Old Testament people and the stories of Jesus enabling young people to see the value in their lives and their connectedness with others within community. If we believe the church is both local and worldwide then we can celebrate that Open the Book now extends to Uganda, Kenya and Ghana, as well as to children in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. It has been more recently introduced in Argentina and Guatemala and there are hopes to expand further into Ecuador and Honduras.

Catherine Pepinster went to view Open the Book in Guatemala. 'I will never forget our first visit to a school.... With poverty and violent crime involving dangerous, gun-toting gangs, you can imagine the challenges in Guatemala. But as we pulled up in our minibus, outside the Mixco public school in the Terra Nueva neighbourhood of Guatemala City, all you could hear was the sound of excited children, eager for an experience they knew would be fun, captivating and memorable.' Later Catherine would describe the children 'squealing with delight and talking animatedly which gave way to applause as the story unfolded'.

There are many ways we can answer God's call, like pastoral roles following James and John (mending their nets) or larger projects like Andrew and Simon Peter evangelising men and women. Just look at some of the ministry at our own church; Care Homes, home visits, hospital visiting, schools, Street Angels, AllSorts, Maidenhead Care, sides people and welcomers, people offering hospitality, those involved in music, flowers and altar serving and maybe playing a small part in sustaining God's world.

Let's give thanks for Open the Book renewing the chain of religious memory and all those other ministries that start small but by God's grace grow and multiply as we renew the religious memory of faith communities.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 13 February 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 14 10.00am *Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre*

Sunday 16 10.00am *Parish Eucharist for The Third Sunday Before Lent*
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

6.00pm *Sundays@Six Evensong & Benediction*

Tuesday 18 8.00 pm Confirmation class group one week 8 (on zoom)

Wednesday 19 10.00am *Eucharist* Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
8.00 pm Confirmation class group two week 2 (on zoom)

Thursday 20 9.30am – 12.30pm *QUEENCH pop-up shop at the Salvation Army, East Road*
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 21 NO TINY SAINTS (HALF TERM)

Saturday 22 9.00am – 2.30pm *Marriage preparation at St Luke's Church*

Sunday 23 February	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday before Lent Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
	4.00pm Sundays@4 for families. Theme: Lent
Monday 24	7.30pm Safeguarding meeting in the Birinus Room
Tuesday 25	1.30pm Funeral of Alan Wells in Church
Wednesday 26	10.00am Holy Communio (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock</i> <i>2.30pm Service at Larchfield Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock</i> <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we contemplate the words of St Luke and the beatitudes, we pray that communities of faith will continue his desire to seek justice for the poor and marginalised. We pray too for the future where all people may be fulfilled, having an abundance of life and finding contentedness.

Loving God, we praise and thank you for opportunities to follow you, to do your will, to love our neighbours and to grow in faith and we thank you for places and times that help enlarge our vision, our love and concern for the World. (Roots)

We give thanks for all those who support the ministry of Open the Book in Schools helping students to reconnect with the faith stories that give us life in abundance. We rejoice that Open the Book is bringing joy to students not just in this country but across the world.

We pray and give thanks for all those who take the opportunities God provides to answer his call in areas within the life of the church and in the wider community and in places of employment.

We continue to give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza and for the release of hostages. We pray for a permanent ceasefire and a search for ongoing peace and a hope that we might see each other made in God's image.

We pray for the PCC and Standing committee as we seek to plan for succession of people to take on roles to build the Body of Christ at All Saints to serve the communities within our parish.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan and all areas of the world where there is unrest.

We ask for your continued blessing on Theodore Cross, Ethan and Phil Markey, Kaitlyn Malkin, Jake Doyle, Luke Follett and Clara Pang on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those in need of God's healing, Daneille, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Ella , Emelie, Helen Brickley, Edite Zadinane, and Fr John Chadwick. May they all know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for all the recently departed and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Carl Dyer whose funeral rites take place this week and Christopher. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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: 1 Corinthians 15 : 12 - 20

If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

GOSPEL: Luke 6: 17 - 26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Franconia *M Archer*

Opening hymn: 584 All my hope on God is founded

Gradual hymn: 602 Blest are the pure in heart

Offertory hymn: 621 Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Communion hymns 432 Bread of the world in mercy broken &
236 Breathe on me, Breath of God

Closing hymn: 211 Now is eternal life

Postlude: Handel in the Strand *P Grainger*

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Preludes: Adagio Symphonie III Op 28 *Vierne*
Te lucis ante terminum Op 38, No 5 *Dupré*

Opening Hymn: 16 God, that madest earth and heaven

Psalm: 84

First Reading tbc

Office Hymn: 12 Before the ending of the day

Second Reading: Matthew 5:21 - 27

Benediction Hymn: 452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Postlude; Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671 *J S Bach*

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

OT READING Genesis 2: 4b—9 & 15—25

In the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, ‘You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.’ Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.’ So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.’ Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

GOSPEL: Luke 8: 22—25

One day Jesus got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, ‘Let us go across to the other side of the lake.’ So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, ‘Master, Master, we are perishing!’ And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, ‘Where is your faith?’ They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?’

MUSIC

Prelude:	Melita	<i>R Lloyd</i>
Opening hymn:	721 Love divine, all loves excelling	
Gradual hymn:	702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	
Offertory hymn:	623 Eternal Father, strong to save	
Communion hymn:	725 Make me a channel of your peace	
Closing hymn:	763 Praise to the holiest in the height	
Postlude:	The Great Gate of Kiev	<i>M Mussorgsky</i>

QUENCH POP-UP SHOP THURSDAYS 20 FEBRUARY & 20 MARCH 9.30am – 12.30pm

If you miss the Quench card and book shop on Queen Street you can catch up with them at the Salvation Army in East Road at the times above.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

We are preparing a new Church Electoral Roll for the APCM to be held on Monday 28 April 2025. Every six years we ask every member of our congregation to complete a form in order that our records are kept up to date. Please will you therefore ensure that you complete an application form along with a consent form and return it to church as soon as possible. Forms are available in church and attached to this notice. But the easiest way is to complete the forms online and send them to my email address. sastannett@gmail.com. If you have any questions or would like an application form to be delivered, please contact me by email.

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer

FLOWERS FOR 2025



There may not be many weeks left on the Flower Sponsors' Board for 2025 at the back of the Church so don't miss out. If you are successful then please give your Sponsor donation, prior to your chosen week, to Stella Harding and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate. If Stella is not available, please feel free to use one of the envelopes with the board and hand it into the Church Office.

The Flower Team

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reduce your air miles by buying locally produced food! How? There are several outlets selling to the public locally, but we'd like to know about more. So if you have any local producers that you personally use please let us know. We'll put a list up at the back of the church.

Meanwhile here's a few to get you going: eggs from Challen's Chicks, <https://challenschicks.com/> ; Town Farm in Marlow for meat sue@townfarmshop.co.uk ; Copas Farm seasonally for vegetables and all year round at their farm shop <https://www.thefruitfields.co.uk/> ; local honey is on sale at Stubbings garden centre. Happy eating!

People often wonder what is flowering or fruiting in the Churchyard and Church Gardens. Therefore the Eco-committee has decided to take photographs of what we find month by month, and the photos are attached to this newsletter. Please do have a stroll yourself and look out for what we came across towards the end of January.

Your eco-committee



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.

THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley