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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have noticed that the Church Times newspaper has over the last few years asked clergy and indeed lay people to write 'NOTEBOOK' or 'PARISH DIARY'. Yours truly will not claim to write with the quality of reporting that the gifted authors of such pieces that the Church Times is blessed with, but I do think occasionally it is worthwhile sharing ministry within the parish.

I begin with the joyful ministry of sharing baptism and wedding services at All Saints. It is true that we are not officiating at the number of weddings a parish like All Saints once would have hosted. This year we will have only had four wedding services as people choose other venues, sometimes abroad. I recall in 2019 enjoying the beautiful beaches of Mexico with a cold beer and the latest Robert Harris novel in hand as in the background a couple from South Wales got married in the background!

The two weddings we had this week were beautiful occasions to celebrate. The first provided an opportunity for a curate from Windsor to lead his first wedding. Adam led the service thoughtfully, calmly leading the couple through their vows and exchange of rings. Adam's first wedding was in stark contrast to my first wedding in SS Julius & Aaron church, Newport where my first attempt rivalled the 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' classic. Rowan Atkinson's part would have possibly increased in hilarity had the script writers witnessed my efforts whereby through my nervous energy the man answered the vows in the female name and vice versa! Fortunately, we did get everything correct in the end although the brides father did have to remind me (in a tone that suggested he had had quite enough of the bloke in the clerical collar, and he now needed a stiff drink) that I had forgotten the second hymn.

The second wedding on Saturday began with a baptism. The couple's son was baptised into the Body of Christ, and we reflected that he might be brought up within the family of God knowing that he is loved and valued by God. Following the baptism, we heard the couple share vows, and exchange rings and receive God's blessing and we prayed that they might bring out the best in each other and provide a loving family home for their child. Reflecting on Paul's letter to the Galatians as I prepared my sermon on Saturday, I noted just how far we still struggle to live believing that through our baptism we are all one in Christ. No Jew no Gentile, No male and female, no slave or free but we are all one in Christ Jesus. Sadly, we struggle to reflect this belief within the church never mind within the world. This was brought home to me as I listened to the Revd Jo Ellington lead a bible study on the parable of the Good Samaritan with about a dozen students at Altwood School. It was upsetting to hear that at least half of the students had experienced racial abuse.

Returning to a theme of joy I shared last week three confirmation classes with Iranians on zoom, four teenagers and a parent on Wednesday evening and a group of younger students watching 'Super book' a collection of DVD stories based on bible events on Sunday. This week we were looking at baptism and the story of Passover. The children seem to love the biblical presentations, and many have a good grasp of the bible stories. The only problem was that the vicar had promised chocolate cake and promptly forgot the trip to Tesco's!

Continuing the theme of bible stories two teams at Larchfield School and All Saints School shared the resurrection story and the hope of new life. All Saints congregation alongside other churches have provided wonderful bible presentations for fifteen years and they are received with joy. Perhaps the creative storytelling has contributed to the knowledge of God's love for His people through this wonderful ministry.

One of the gifts of ministry is sharing communion with people at home. The opportunity to share the breaking of bread and pouring of wine, the gift of new and transformed life is a humbling experience. One of the couples Jeanette and I have shared with over the years are Reg and Silvia Denison. These two people married for 67 years having met at a youth club in South Africa, always hand in hand, loving one another and blessed with an equally loving family died within a week of each other. In the case of Reg, he died peacefully and entered the joy of the Kingdom as I in the company of members of his family prayed the last rites. May this loving couple who contributed so much to the church community over the years rest in peace and rise in glory.

On Thursday morning I shared morning prayer and bacon sandwiches with curates from the Reading Archdeaconry. They are a gifted group of men and women who have reached the point in their ministry where they desire to use their talents to share their calling with others. The professional dancer and lecturer who was married on Saturday provided an example to these curates. By learning the basic steps of dance, you can be confident to use your creativity and flair, but this only happens when we have the basics of life embedded.

Some of our friends who have received the right to stay in this country have been finding jobs and homes to live in. Within our parish I was delighted to bless the flat of one of our couples. Alongside the joy of their new home though we prayed for their families in Iran who they are worried about and who they are unable to make contact with as the internet is down in their country. As we reflect upon Iran we think too of people in our church community from Lebanon, Israel, Russia, Ukraine, South Sudan and Nigeria where war and conflict are found and loved ones made vulnerable.

Finally, I share with you my meeting with my spiritual director. He is a wise man and as I shared my hope of taking a sabbatical in the summer of 2027, he asked me to reflect on T.S Eliot's 'Coming back to the beginning and finding afresh.' He suggested too the search for the inner journey and the outward pilgrim journey of the Celtic tradition as a place to look back over my life. Most importantly Nicholas advised to have a little fun, be playful rather than seeing the sabbatical as a time of effort.

To conclude this week and reflect I thank God for the diversity of our congregation. We are truly blessed to know people as neighbours and not strangers.

May you all be blessed by God's love this Ascensiontide and Pentecost,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 26 June	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School 7.00pm All Sorts at St Mary's Church Hall 8.00pm Choir Practice</i>
Friday 27	<i>10.00 am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre 3.00pm Funeral of Marie-Therese Lock</i>
Sunday 29	<i>10.00am Parish Eucharist for St Peter & St Paul – Fr Jeremy 3.00pm Confirmation class for children in the Birinus room – week 5</i>
Monday 30	<i>9.30am Morning Prayer</i>

Tuesday 1 July	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>1.30pm Chapel & Chats at Altwood School</i>
Wednesday 2	10.00am Requiem Eucharist Fr Jeremy 6.30pm – 7.30pm Young adults confirmation - Week 5 8.00pm Confirmation Course on Zoom – Week 19
Thursday 3	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 4	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre 12.00 noon Funeral Service for Reg and Sylvia Denison at All Saints Church <i>1.45 pm Community Day at All Saints School</i>
Saturday 5	10.00am Morning looking at Stewardship and Safeguarding at All Saints Church. The meeting will take place in the Parish Centre and is open to all.
Sunday 6	10.00am Parish Eucharist – Fr Jeremy celebrating and Anne Dellar Preaching 3pm Confirmation Class for children – Week 6 6.00 pm Sundays @6 <i>Please note change of venue for Sundays@6 this week.</i> Evensong at St Luke's Church
Monday 7	7.30pm Standing Committee meeting in the Birinus Room
Tuesday 8	9.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Deanery Chapter at Bray 7.00pm Boyne Hill School Governors Meeting
Wednesday 9	10am Eucharist – Fr Jeremy 6.30pm – 7.30pm Young Adults confirmation class – Week 4

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 5 July 9.30am – 12.30pm Saturday Morning Get-together in the Parish Centre See p 7 for more details
Saturday 12 July 6.30pm - Renaissance Voices Concert in church See p 8 and attached flier for more details
Sunday 13 July 4.00pm – Deanery Confirmation at Bray Church with Bishop Mary

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we remember this week SS Peter & Paul we pray;
 Father in Heaven, you have gathered in your keeping and celebration the saints of the Church through the ages and from every nation. Not one is lost, and every one of them lights up the halls of heaven with their beauty and faithfulness. Thank you for the brightness of their witness to you and their inspiration to us.

We give thanks for SS Peter and Paul. Peter, upon whom the church is founded; Paul who took the faith to the known world. Keep the church ever in awe of these men and may we always be ready to learn from them. (Prayers from the former Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard.)

We pray for innocent victims of war between Iran, Israel and USA and all those suffering in the Middle East. We remember the people of Gaza. We pray too for the people suffering as a result of the war between Russia and Ukraine, Sudan and South Sudan and we pray for security for people in Nigeria and other places of unrest. May dialogue prevail and peace be found in these troubled parts of the world.

We give thanks for churches across the UK that have welcomed and loved Asylum seekers and refugees in their communities and helped enable them to flourish and belong. We pray for the people we know from Iran and give thanks for all they have contributed to our church community. We pray for them as they seek homes to live in and jobs to fulfil them.

We pray for our baptism and confirmation candidates at All Saints as they prepare for the service at Bray with Bishop Mary on the 13 July. We give thanks for the wide range of ages of people that are seeking to be blessed by the Holy Spirit and anointed to carry out their vocation as members of the Body of Christ.

We pray for the morning at our Parish Centre on the 5th July as we seek to broaden the awareness of the needs of our Safeguarding and Stewardship ministry. May there be a greater awareness of safeguarding leading to a community of trust where people love God and neighbour. We pray for our Stewardship that people will seek to support areas of ministry by use of time, talents and financial giving.

We pray for Georgia Hathaway, Reggie Craythorne-Lee, Hannah Bellman, Robyn Little, Albert Aquillina, Coraline Barnard, Emelia Bolygo. Harper and Bryonie Woolford, Eleanor & Arthur Kinsley, Theodore & Jacob Fretz, Sophie Higgins, Annabel Cod, Elsie Roberts, Joseph West, James Tudor, Skylark Knight, Riley Howard, Chloe Edwards and Lucan Jonty Barnes on the anniversaries of their baptisms.

We pray for those in need; Daneille, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Massouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabki, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, David Morgan, Elek Bolygo, Edite Zadinane, Catherine, Tadeusz, Julie Deane-Williams, Amelie, and Emilia Bolygo. We pray that they may know God's healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed including Reg and Silvia Denison, Marie Therese Lock, Erika and all our departed brothers and sisters. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29 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.

N T 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 church prayed fervently to God for him. 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	Folk Tune from Five Short Pieces	<i>P Whitlock</i>
Opening hymn:	297 For all the saints who showed your love	
Gradual hymn:	321 Thou art the Christ, O Lord	
Offertory hymn:	707 Lift high the cross	
Communion hymn :	464 Sweet sacrament divine	
Closing hymn:	493 Hope of our calling	
Postlude	Paen from Five Short Pieces	<i>P Whitlock</i>

SUNDAY 6 JULY THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Galatians 6: 7 – 16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised – only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule – peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

GOSPEL Luke 10: 1 – 11, 16 - 20

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.' The seventy returned with joy,

saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

MUSIC

Prelude	Dialogue 1	<i>P Hurford</i>	
Opening hymn:	663 How shall I sing that majesty		<i>Coe Fen</i>
Anthem:	The Peace of God	<i>A Billard</i>	
Offertory hymn:	510 Will you come and follow me		<i>Kelvingrove</i>
Communion hymn:	144 How deep the Father's love		Townend
Closing hymn:	477 Go forth and tell		
Postlude:	Toccata	<i>G Mushel</i>	

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

A small change. I read something that rather shocked me in the 10th May New Scientist. Researchers have discovered that tiny bits of plastic in the food chain are now to be found in the brains of mice and they are changing their natural behaviours. Received wisdom is that the blood-brain barrier keeps our brains safe from contaminants, but this research is raising the question of how much is getting into the brains of our children as they develop, and what the long term effect will be.

These tiny bits of plastic are sadly unavoidably eaten and drunk by all of us, but we can minimise our exposure by avoiding plastic water bottles, cling film or re-heating food in plastic containers. So a small change to metal water bottles, glass lemonade bottles, ceramic or clay containers to reheat things etc could make a significant difference over time, both to us and to our children and grandchildren.

I can see me now buying a metal water bottle for my grandson's birthday- maybe even one from moonbottles that will engrave his name on it! (www.moonbottles.co.uk)

Your eco-committee

SATURDAY MORNING GET-TOGETHER IN THE PARISH CENTRE - 5 JULY 9.30AM - 12.30pm

Do join us for this Saturday Morning get-together – it's a great opportunity to input into the running of the Church and find out more about our Stewardship Group and our Safeguarding at All Saints. There will be light refreshments and also an opportunity to win a prize.....

The topics for this occasion will be **Stewardship and Safeguarding**.

Stewardship - we will be revisiting and sharing the results of the survey we ran in 2024 on how people view our Church; some of you contributed to this, and your views and contributions on how things are now will help with moving ahead. We are also keen to get the views from newer members of the congregation.

Safeguarding - I think we all feel All Saints is a safe place and that we are following God's command to protect and support the weak and the vulnerable - children and adults, in our community. We will be sharing exactly how safeguarding works in our church and the Diocese and helping make sure you are comfortable with what you can do if you do come across any behaviour or situation that worries you. Please come and share your thoughts about this and how we can make it our church's mission to make sure everyone feels safe, and that we have safeguarding at the heart of our way of life at All Saints.

Each session will last approximately one hour with light refreshments in between.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; please add your name if you are able to join us, for catering purposes

Jeremy Nordberg, Stewardship Group and Stella Harding, Parish Safeguarding Officer

RENAISSANCE VOICES CONCERT 6.30pm SATURDAY 12 JULY [Flyer attached](#)

Featuring the choir, instrumentalists and soloists in the ever-popular Gloria by Vivaldi, Concerto for two violins by J S Bach, Beatus Vir by Monteverdi and other choral works. The musicians are directed by Paul Leddington Wright.

Tickets are £18, £16 in advance (renaissancevoices.co.uk or 01628 624429) under 18s are free. The ticket also includes a light supper after the concert. The concert starts at 6.30pm.

Brian Graves