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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On the 30 July the Church of England remembered the social reformer, William Wilberforce. Sadly, this man's aim in life to abolish slavery is still a target for a better world today. Former prime minister, and for many years MP for Maidenhead, Theresa May has at the forefront of her mind the desire to tackle 'Hidden Slavery' and human trafficking in the present day.

There has been much written and spoken about concerning the shameful way in which people made financial gain from the slave trade. Anyone that has read a novel describing the way in which people were treated cannot fail to be impacted by the horrors of the slave trade. A contemporary novel by Phillippa Gregory called 'A Respectable Trade' set in Bristol in 1787 is just one of a number that I have read.

Over the last couple of decades, it has come to light the shameful role that the Church of England played. In 2006 a debate at General Synod led to the church making an apology for the role that the church played in the slave trade. On one hand we hold with pride the man William Wilberforce who led the fight for the abolition of the slave trade and on the other hand the profound shame we hold for the individuals and the church itself in making financial gain of using human beings as chattels.

In 2006 the then Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams was quoted as saying 'The Body of Christ is not just a body that exists at any one time, it exists across history and we therefore share the blame and sin of our predecessors.' As you all know I am fascinated by ecclesiology and the communion model of the church. We are all baptised into Christ's body when we are known and loved not as slaves but as children of God. We journey through this life sharing communion with God as father, son and holy spirit and at the same time with each other. We journey as pilgrims to seek salvation with the mystical body of Christ at the heavenly banquet. Rowan Williams is correct that we are bound with the past and the present as we search the future where we will see each other made in the image of God, in a place where we are all loved and flourish.

Wilberforce and John Newton (former slave ship captain who turned minister and composer of the hymn Amazing Grace) were motivated to fight against slavery from the position of their faith. I wonder if 'Amazing Grace' was a personal testimony? Wilberforce brought bills before Parliament for 20 consecutive years until the bill to abolish the trade was passed.

In the modern world the church is working closely with the Clewer Initiative with the aim of removing instances of human trafficking. Some of the people that have brought joy and vitality to our community as asylum seekers may well have been vulnerable to being tricked into believing that they would be offered a home and a job when in reality they were facing hidden slavery. Thankfully those we have formed relationships with have been welcomed into this country and hopefully they will discover a sense belonging in the future.

Wilberforce as John Stott writes in his book 'The Incomparable Christ' about people that have been influenced positively by faith in Christ. Wilberforce was influenced by the Last Judgement. You discover texts like Galatians 3 that claims there are no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female for we are all one in Christ. We are no longer slaves but children, beloved sons and daughters of God.' In Luke ch 4 we read about good news to the poor, release to captives and letting the oppressed go free. The text that many of us are challenged by is Matthew 25.31-46 and the last judgement. Did we see Christ in others?

Wilberforce desired active Christianity. He entered parliament at the age of 21. 7 years later he put down a motion against the slave trade. In 1789 he addressed the House of Commons. 'So enormous, so dreadful, so irremediable did its wickedness appear, that my own mind was completely made up for Abolition.' He was determined that he would not rest until this bill was passed. The slave trade bill was finally passed in 1807. He then sought to end slavery completely. In 1825 ill health meant he stepped down from working but Thomas Buxton took over the campaign and in 1833 the Abolition of slavery bill was passed.

Three days later Wilberforce died. May we give thanks for the example of this man, and may we celebrate the joy and vibrancy of people from other cultures in this country and pray that they may live life in all its fulness and in freedom.

May you all be blessed by God's love this fortnight,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 10 August	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr Chris
Tuesday 12	9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Sustainability Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 13	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette</i> <i>2.30pm Service at Larchfield Care Home Fr Jeremy & Jeanette</i>
Thursday 14	<i>2.30pm Cream Tea at the Vicarage</i>
Friday 15	7.00pm Rehearsal for VJ Service in Church
Saturday 16	2.00pm – 5.00pm AllSorts Summer Party in the Quadrangle
Sunday 17 August	10.00am Eucharist to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VJ Day Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Address: Councillor Neil Knowles (former Mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead)
Tuesday 19	9.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 20	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 24 August from 10.00am 20th Anniversary Interfaith Cricket Tournament at Boyne Hill Cricket Club

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all those in need: Daneille, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Barbara Ann Bourne, Beryl Dorton, David Morgan, Elek Bolygo, Edite Zadinane, Catherine, Alison Deane, Lukas and Tara Seamore. May they know God's healing touch and presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Fr Jeremy's father-in-law Tadeusz Daemon, Norman Hannan, Patricia Skidmore and all our departed brothers and sisters. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for Monika, Teresa her mother, Fr Jeremy and all the family at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 10 AUGUST THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever; we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE Hebrews 11: 1 – 3 & 8 - 16

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

GOSPEL Luke 12: 32 — 40

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

MUSIC

Preludes:	Adagio, Troisième Symphonie, Op.28 <i>Vierne</i> Prelude on Rhosymedre <i>Vaughan Williams</i>
Opening hymn:	650 Great is thy faithfulness
Gradual hymn:	583 Rejoice, O land, in God
Offertory hymn:	683 Jerusalem the golden
Communion Music	Adagio, Sonata in F minor, Op.65, No.1 <i>Mendelssohn</i>
Closing hymn:	587 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
Postlude:	Preludio, Sonata in E flat minor, Op.119 <i>Rheinberger</i>

SUNDAY 17 AUGUST EUCHARIST TO COMMEMORATE THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF VJ DAY

COLLECT

O God our light and our defence, breathe your gentle Spirit over the wastes of our world. Protect our memories from the infection of hate, that we may live free from fear and resentment. May the light of Christ lead us out of the valley of the shadow of death to paths of reconciliation as we hold in mind the places of the world in conflict and peace for the sake of the world your Son came to save. Amen

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11: 29 – 12: 2

By faith the people passed of Israel through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets – who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented – of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12: 49 - 56

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring	<i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	579 I vow to thee, my country	
Gradual hymn:	799 The Lord's my shepherd	
Offertory hymn:	623 Eternal Father, strong to save	
Communion Music:	Melita	<i>R Lloyd & Solemn Melody H Walford Davies</i>
Closing hymn:	576 And did those feet	
National Anthem:	578 God save our gracious King	
Postlude:	March The Dambusters	<i>E Coates</i>

ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN WEEKEND SATURDAY 13 AND SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to be welcoming visitors to the church again this year for English Heritage Open Weekend. We are looking for "Stewards" to help with providing the welcome and some refreshments; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you are able to give some time over the Saturday or Sunday afternoon. Please speak to either of us to find out more about the help that is needed.

Ken will be giving tours of the church on Saturday and Sunday and Relf Clarke will be giving an organ recital on the Sunday afternoon.

This year we will also be offering our visitors the opportunity to visit the Bell Tower for a guided tour. There will be an opportunity for members of the congregation and recipients of the Parish News to take the same tour on Saturday 6 September - more details overleaf.

Ride & Stride - we will not be participating formally in Ride & Stride this year but still hope to welcome any Riders or Striders that visit All Saints on the Saturday.

Ken Smith & Stella Harding



SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER TOWER VIST

The bellringers are kindly inviting you to visit them in the tower in the north porch to see the ringing chamber. This is the first visit of its kind.

See the ropes; see the Peal Boards; see the clock mechanism. Talk to the ringers.

The visits will take place every 30 minutes between 11.00am and 3.00pm, but only six people at a time.

The entrance is via 34 stone steps up a spiral narrow staircase with a rope handrail so ensure that you are able to climb the stairs.

In the interests of safety children under five are not permitted, and children under sixteen must be accompanied by an adult

Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or, if you cannot be there, get someone to do it for you. Failing that, please email me at ken.smith1@btinternet.com to ask for a visit at 11,11.30,12,12.30,1, 1.30,2, 2.30 or 3 and I will get back to you.

Be at the entrance in the north porch at the booked time.

Ken Smith

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Local - summer is here and the temptation is to feel we need to spend it going on journeys to various places to see new things. But how long is it since we just enjoyed Boulders Lock, or a walk along the river at Hurley? How about Bisham woods or the nature reserve at Braywick? If we take time to look at these with fresh eyes we can appreciate their beauty and calm and save burning fossil fuels unnecessarily.

Have a great time exploring!

Your eco-committee



AN EVENING OF WINE TASTING

in aid of



Join us for a lively evening of wine exploration featuring
expert insights from Wine Master Richard Bampffield!
(non alcoholic options will be available)



19:00 SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH 2025

DOORS OPEN FROM 18:30

TVAP, Bath Road,

Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 0EF

Tickets: £25 per person inc booking fee available via

www.ticketsource.co.uk/tvap

TVAP is a charity located in Taplow which offers a range of adventurous, therapeutic and educational play activities in a safe, caring and stimulating environment, for both children and adults with all types of disability. It caters to families from across the South-East, but primarily from Berks, Bucks and Oxon. From its opening in summer 1982 when 12 children visited, it now welcomes over 15,000 visitors a year. Here's what some of our users say: *"A life-saver" "An inclusive, non-judgemental, accessible sanctuary!" "Makes going out possible" "Supportive for all the family"*

The playground is 100% reliant on donations to fund its activities and, with running costs about £500,000 a year, our fundraising is critical to the on-going success of the charity. This wine tasting should be a fun evening. And if you've driven past and wondered what is behind the fence, we'll be showing people the facilities beforehand.



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