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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

The comedy sitcom 'The Royal Family' written by Caroline Aherne and Criag Cash in the late 1990's and early 2000's was not everyone's cup of tea, but I must admit to finding the simple conversations largely based in the living room whilst watching the television very amusing. In an early scene from series one the family are all together for Sunday afternoon tea. The family's attention is drawn to the program 'Antiques Roadshow' and they all bet on who can get the closest valuation on the items brought by members of the public. I enjoyed the scene and found the excitement of the family trying to estimate the value of the items on display. On 10 August 2025 Antiques Roadshow had no valuations and no humour as the program marked VJ 80.

Antiques Roadshow has been running for 47 series starting in 1979. Last weekend the series went to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire for the 80th anniversary of VJ Day. Fiona Bruce explored the stories of those who served in the Far East and the horrors endured by those who were interned in Japanese prisoner camps. The program told the viewers of the significance and importance of remembering all those who sacrificed and served during the Second World War. The historical artefacts that were brought and the family stories behind them were incredibly moving. This was the complete opposite of the humour of the Royal Family program and of course there were no valuations of items such as a baby's shoe that was a good luck charm to the father of the child as he went through the jungles of South East Asia as the items had so much emotional and historical value beyond financial worth.

Other items I witnessed as I watched were a chess set made on the death railway of Burma and Thailand, a food bowl (movingly held) by the antiques expert who did not take his eyes off the bowl carved out of a coconut. Another guest told us of his father making a badge to sew onto his prisoner's shirt that made it more comfortable and gave his full name enabling a semblance of dignity.

We heard interviews with Joseph Hammond, a private who travelled from Ghana to join the Fourteenth Army who were involved in terrible conflict and 96-year-old Michiko Hattori, who survived the atomic bomb detonated over Hiroshima on 6 August 1945.

On the 6 August 1945 the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima killing 120,000 people and then another on Nagasaki which killed 73,000. Many thousands would die from radiation following the dropping of these bombs that changed warfare forever. King Charles during his speech for VJ 80 said 'On this landmark anniversary, we should also pause to acknowledge that in the war's final act, an immense price was paid by the citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki – a price we pray no nation need ever pay again.'

The King reminded too of the four words his grandfather King George VI shared to the Nation on VJ Day 80 years ago. 'The War is Over.' Four words after six long years of bloodshed, fear and suffering. That suffering was emphasized during the Antiques Roadshow as we heard about those who fought in Asia and Pacific. We

were reminded of the 5,000 British, Indian and other nationalities who died in the fall of Singapore. We heard of the horrors of the 'Hell Ships', the prisoner of war camps, and the forced labor on the Thai/Burma railway and the less known Sumatra railway in Indonesia. It is said that there was a life for each sleeper of these railways. The program shared with us the story of the 14th Army (Forgotten Army) that had people of 40 different languages, people from such countries in Africa and India and who prevented the Japanese Army entering India. From these times we have the Kohima Prayer marking the horrendous battle, the prayer we will have shared at our VJ 80 service at All Saints on Sunday 17 August.

'When you go home, tell them of us and say,
For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

I will conclude with the thoughts and words of the real Royal Family. King Charles said, 'The heroes of VJ gave more than freedom but left an example of how it must be protected.' Reflecting on the way countries and communities that had never before fought together learned to co-ordinate their efforts across distances, faith and cultural divides King Charles said; 'In times of War and in times of peace, the greatest weapons of all are not arms you bear, but the arms you link.' 'That remains a vital lesson for today.

Let us pray for friendship and trust among all nations, for an appreciation of our interdependence, for new partnerships between nations and for a world that is in harmony with itself.'

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 24 August	10.00am Parish Eucharist for S Bartholomew the Apostle Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy <i>from 10.00am 20th Anniversary Interfaith Cricket Tournament at Boyne Hill Cricket Club</i> 6.00pm Requiem Mass for Tadeusz Daemon in Church
Tuesday 26	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>7.30pm Young Saints Leaders meet at the Windsor Castle</i>
Wednesday 27	10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 7.30pm Safeguarding Group meet in the Birinus Room
Thursday 28	7.30pm Welcome Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
Saturday 30	10.00am Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room
Sunday 31	10.00am Eucharist for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity The beginning of Creationtide Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 4.00pm Sundays@4 Messy Church goes Wild
Tuesday 2 September	7.30pm Standing Committee in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 3	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This weekend we will remember the Apostle Bartholomew.

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word: grant that your church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 forever. Amen.

We pray for our various groups that strive to share the Christian mission of the church. In the coming weeks we pray for the Safeguarding group as it seeks ways to make the All Saints community a place of safety, trust and love. We remember too the welcome group as it plans for more activities to help people find a sense of belonging here.

We pray as we look forward to the month of September for the time of Creationtide. We look forward to the activities planned as we continue to seek to be an Eco church.

We pray for peace throughout our troubled world. We pray for innocent victims of war between Russia and Ukraine, in Gaza and Israel and other parts of the Middle East, and Sudan and South Sudan. We continue to pray for security for people in Nigeria and other places of unrest.

We pray for all Asylum seekers and refugees. We give thanks for those that have come to All Saints seeking help and welcome. We pray for the new baptism/confirmation course that has started this August. We pray too for those that have received refugee status that they may find homes and jobs to enable them to find self-worth in this country.

Please pray for Lana Cogger, Poppy Simmonds, Tyler & Paige Mungal, Reginold & Oliver Curtis, Natasha Shepherd, Alexander Dillon, Edward Brophy, Theodore Taylor-Webb, Lowan Clarke-Compagno and Camden Mutyaba-Everett as it is around the anniversaries of their baptisms.

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, Alice Norris and Lyudmila. May they know God's healing touch and presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Brian Williams, Tara Seamore, Patricia Skidmore and Terry Freshwater. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24 AUGUST THE FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, THE APOSTLE COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and preach your word: grant that your Church may love the word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same; 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 forever. Amen

EPISTLE: Acts 5: 12 — 16

Many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

GOSPEL Luke 22: 24— 30

A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

MUSIC

Preludes:	Vater unser im Himmelreich, BuxWV 219 <i>Buxtehude</i> Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737 <i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	295 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth
Gradual hymn:	602 Blest are the pure in heart
Offertory hymn:	712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us
Communion Music:	Voluntary <i>Thomas Tomkins</i>
Closing hymn:	648 God of grace and God of glory
Postlude:	Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537 <i>J S Bach</i>

SUNDAY 31 AUGUST EUCHARIST FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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: Hebrews 13: 1 – 8 & 15 – 16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 14: 7 - 14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

MUSIC

Preludes:	Adagio <i>Frank Bridge</i> & <i>Regina coeli</i> , Op.64 <i>Dupré</i>
Opening hymn:	507 We have a gospel to proclaim
Gradual hymn:	287 Praise and thanksgiving
Offertory hymn:	532 omit v 5 & 6 All creatures of our God and king
Communion music:	Adagio e dolce, <i>Sonata in D minor</i> , BWV 527 <i>J S Bach</i>
Closing hymn:	739 Now thank we all our God
Postlude:	Carillon, Op.31, No.21 <i>Vierne</i>

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE ORGAN?

In late June the organ started producing, what can be best described as, sonic fireworks without any help from the organist. These multiple note ciphers became more frequent and noisy. So, in July we called in the organ tuner to find-out what was wrong.

It has taken rather longer than expected to diagnose the problem. Without getting too technical, the organ contains an electronic system for connecting the keys played by the organist to the electric motors which activate the valves that release air to the pipes. There is a myriad of electronic parts in the system and identifying which one is faulty has required sending a major component to the original manufacturer as well as undertaking on-site investigations.

This activity has become more intense in the last couple of weeks and we are getting close to pin-pointing the offending part. It is to be hoped that the organ will be back in action again very soon.

Brian Graves

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 Peel 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

QUIET DAY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, PRESTWOOD, near HIGH WYCOMBE, ON SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

We are holding a Quiet Day for the parish at Prestwood, about a 30 minute drive from All Saints. The day will consist of talks interspersed with periods of quiet reflection, when you will be able to sit or walk around the grounds as you wish, and the day will include a eucharist service.

Coffee or tea and biscuits will be available throughout the day and you are invited to bring a packed lunch with you.

Holy Trinity is a beautiful church which some of us have already visited and its grounds are extensive, including a prayer labyrinth. The sessions will be held in the church itself but the grounds can be used for individual reflection. Seating is flexible and a modern kitchen is available within the church. It has its own large car park.

The programme will be:-

9.30 to 10 Coffee and biscuits

10 to 10.30 Introduction and orientation

10.30 to 12 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection

12 to 12.30 Eucharist

12.30 to 1.30 self-catering lunch

1.30 to 2.30 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection

2.30 to 3.30 Talk followed by collective and individual reflection

3.30 to 4 reflecting on the day together

The cost will be subject to numbers but will not be more than £10 each for the venue.

The address of the church is 134 Wycombe Road, Prestwood, HP16 0HJ.

If you would like to attend please add your name to the list at the back of church and indicate whether you will require a lift.

Fr Jeremy & Fr David

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

REDUCE You may not realise it (I certainly didn't!) but keeping old emails can worsen drought conditions. Weird but true according to the Environment Agency's Director of Water and National Drought Group Chair, Helen Wakeham. It turns out that all the things we thoughtlessly store in 'the cloud' are actually stored in data centres needing vast amounts of water to keep them cool. Her argument is that less 'junk' in the cloud means fewer data centre operations so less water needed (and, my comment, less fossil fuels used to supply their energy needs). So it's worth taking a look at what you have stored in the cloud - not just emails, but all those funny little videos friends send you for a laugh, hundreds of duplicate photos or the ones taken accidentally of your shoe, large information files on topics that no longer interest you the list goes on. It's an impossible task to do all at a sitting, but maybe a little every day over a 10 min coffee break will help bring it down. As they say.. 'every little helps'.

Your eco-committee