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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

The Diocese of Oxford this year in the 'Come and See' programme is asking what it means to be baptised? It is a powerful subject as Lent was traditionally a time for catechumens to follow a course towards baptism and confirmation towards being asked questions of faith by the bishop (testing). At the Easter Vigil they would receive the joy of the living water at baptism and receive the sacrament of Holy communion at Easter. As we begin Lent this year may we all find a way of renewal by following Jesus into the 40 days of the wilderness experience before discovering the joy of living waters at Easter. The question is are we thirsty? If we do not thirst, we are not drawn to the water that sustains life. The purpose of Lent then is that we awaken our thirst again for the love of God in our lives that we may at Easter see the hope of being a resurrection people and a Pentecost people filled the hope of the Holy Spirit. It is with joy that I can report that another eleven people from Iran are sharing two courses towards baptism and confirmation and we prayer that a small number of children will begin confirmation classes in the Spring.

Lent begins with ashes on our brows. The dust of the ashes reminds us that death is faced by each one of us. The ashes speak of our need to repent and convert our lives to Christ. The words at the ashing are 'remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.' The ashes speak of a fire that has grown cold, a fire/faith that needs to be rekindled within us by the time we gather at the new fire at the Easter Vigil. From that fire we light the Easter candle, and that candle proclaims victory of goodness over evil, light coming out of darkness and New Life overcoming death. This is the Good News of Christianity.

During the period of Lent, we are trying to provide opportunities for perhaps giving up a luxury, giving some support to a charity, sharing a devotional service, reading a devotional book or watching a film that asks questions of the practical living of the Christian faith. You can if you chose to follow Bishop Steven's daily reflections on baptism and explore what it means to be human and what it means to be baptised as a Christian.

Please take the opportunity **to** make time for one or two of the Lenten activities below:

1. WEDNESDAY FILM NIGHTS IN LENT

12 March 7.00pm at Woodstock, Boyne Hill Avenue 'Loving Vincent' – The hope that Van Gogh's art brings.

19 March 7.00pm at Woodstock, Boyne Hill Avenue 'Babette's Feast' – A refugee highlights humanities ability to create and love.

26 March 7.00pm 'Me Before You' - A film that questions the issues around assisted suicide. (This is sad but also has moments of humour and love)

2 April 7.00pm 'The Old Oak' – Originally shown at Norden Farm and recommended by some of our congregation this film looks at community and the reception of asylum seekers. (it was referenced at Durham University on the conference I attended last Easter)

9 April 7.00pm 'Les Misérables' – This wonderful film sets the question of grace v law and the hope of redemption.

2. **WEDNESDAY LENT LUNCHEAS** 12/19/26 March and 2/9 April at 12.15 in the Parish Centre – A soup lunch with fresh bread and cheese. All the soups will be vegetarian, and all proceeds will go to the Ripple Effect Charity supporting sustainable farming in Zambia, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya.

3. **THURSDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

6 March 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross and journeying with refugees written by young people

13 March 7.00pm – The Walsingham Stations

20 March 7.00pm – Walking the Way of the Cross with the Bishop of Blackburn, Philip North

27 March 7.00pm – Stations of the Cross – Praying the Stations of Mercy with Pope Francis

3 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – Mary's Way of the Cross

10 April 7.00pm Stations of the Cross – A Missionary Way of the Cross with Sean Kealy

Wednesday 16 April 7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

4. **CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

Sunday 23 March 4.00pm Sundays @4 – Children's Stations of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns and crumpets.

Friday 28 March 6.00pm Film Club The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – the film night for children includes Pizza and soft drinks.

5. **SERVICES**

SUNDAYS@6

16 March Iona service at the Church of the Good Shepherd

6 April Stations of the Cross at All Saints

13 April Taizé service at The Church of the Good Shepherd

ASH WEDNESDAY 5 March – 10.00am Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm Sung Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 13 April 10.00am Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and procession

Monday in Holy Week 14 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Tuesday in Holy Week 15 April 7.30pm Eucharist and meditation

Wednesday in Holy Week 16 April 10.00am Eucharist and meditation

7.30pm Stations of the Cross – Walking the Way of the Cross with Archbishop Stephen Cottrell

Maundy Thursday 17 April 11.00am *Chrism Mass at Christchurch Cathedral*

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper, foot washing and watch until midnight.

11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 18 April 10.00am Morning Prayer and Litany

11.00am Walk of Witness starting from the piazza outside Sainsbury's

3.00pm Liturgy and Veneration of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns

Holy Saturday 19 April 9.00am Church decorating, cleaning and flowers

8.00pm Easter Vigil followed by celebratory hospitality

EASTER DAY 20 APRIL 10.00am Eucharist and Worship for All and blessing of the Easter Garden and Easter eggs.

Come and See 'Earth, Wind and Fire: Understanding Baptism – oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see

There are leaflets for Come and See at the back of Church.

May you be blessed by God's love this Lent, Holy Week and Easter,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Thursday 27 February** Please pray for Mary Gregory as she is consecrated the eleventh Bishop of Reading by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell at Canterbury Cathedral.
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
6.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 28** *9.00am Lent Assembly at Boyne Hill Infant School*
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
6.00pm Young Peoples' Film Club in the Birinus Room Over The Hedge. During the showing of the film we will enjoy pizza and soft drinks.
- Saturday 1 March** *10.30am* Baptism preparation in the Birinus Room
12 noon Refresher lunchtime for Sidespeople in church and the Birinus Room
- Sunday 2** **10.00am Parish Eucharist for The Sunday Next Before Lent**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy. Young Saints meet in the Birinus Room
- 12 noon Holy Baptism**
Please pray for Paul Mansel John Williams, his parents and godparents
- 3.00pm Service at Reading Minster to welcome the Rt Revd Mary Gregory, the new Bishop of Reading*
- 6.00pm Sundays@Six Eucharist for St David's Day** with hymns and voluntaries with a Welsh flavour, and readings and prayers for St David. Following the service we will enjoy some Welsh cakes.
- Monday 3** *8.50am Assembly at All Saints School for Shrove Tuesday & Lent*
7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Birinus Room
- Tuesday 4** *8.50am Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Assembly at Altwood School*
2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre see p 7
7.30pm Welcome Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
- Wednesday 5**
ASH WEDNESDAY *8.50am Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Assembly at Altwood School*
10.00am Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
7.30pm Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
- Thursday 6** *8.50am Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Assembly at Altwood School.*
1.30pm Alpha Course for Students at Altwood School with the Revd Jo Ellington
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

Thursday 6	7.00pm Stations of the Cross and journeying with refugees written by young people 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 7	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Sunday 9	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the First Sunday of Lent Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Sabrina Elizabeth Lungu, her parents, godparents and her grandmother, Sally Deal.
Monday 10	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 11	9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Sustainability Meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 12	10.00am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Service at Clara Court Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock</i> 12 noon Soup lunch in the Parish Centre <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> <i>7.00pm Lent Film at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue see p1 for details.</i>

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we journey towards Lent, we are reminded that the Lord invites us to be renewed in mind, purified in spirit, and more responsive to the needs of others. Let us ask God to be present with us on our journey to conversion and to draw all the human family to the waters of life and the paschal feast.

We pray this Lent for the Ripple Effect Charity and for families living on the frontline of the climate crisis. We give thanks that the charity has reached 846,000 people in rural Africa helping them to grow food sustainably, to learn business skills and to make profit from their labours to send children to school.

We pray this weekend for The Right Reverend Mary Gregory as she becomes the 11th Bishop of Reading. We pray for her ministry and desire to reach out to the person in need within our midst. We pray that her ministry will lead to unity and encouragement of each other as we journey as the pilgrim people of God.

We pray as the PCC and Standing Committee seek to plan for succession of people to take on roles to build the Body of Christ that we might continue in the Holy Spirit to share the vision of Christ of a better world loving God and neighbour.

We give thanks for those people seeking refugee status and the right to remain in this country as some begin to receive good news. We give thanks for those that are finding employment and the opportunities to flourish.

We 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.

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 Jenson & Amelie Kendall on the anniversary 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, Massouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Helen Brickley, and Edite Zadinane.

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 Alan Wells and all our departed loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2 MARCH THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

O T READING: Exodus 34: 29 - 35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

GOSPEL: Luke 9: 28 - 36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Preludio "Sine Nomine"	<i>H Howells</i>
Opening hymn:	766 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	
Anthem:	My Eyes for Beauty Pine	<i>H Howells</i>
Offertory:	42 Longing for light, we wait in darkness	
Communion hymn 1:	676 Immortal, invisible	
Communion hymn 2:	840 Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us	
Closing hymn:	279 Jesus, on the Mountain peak	
Postlude:	Master Tallis's Testament	<i>H Howells</i>

EUCCHARIST FOR ST DAVID'S DAY 6.00PM

Organ Preludes: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 J S Bach & Preliwd ar Rhosymedre *R Vaughan Williams*
Opening Hymn: 16 God, that madest earth and heaven
Gradual Hymn: 792 The God of Love my shepherd is
Offertory Hymn: 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise
Music during Communion: Offrymddarn *Thomas Tomkins*
Closing Hymn: 656 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer
Postlude: Preliwd ar Croft's 136th *H Parry*

ASH WEDNESDAY EUCCHARIST 5 MARCH 7.30pm

Prelude:	Aberystwyth	<i>G Thalben-Ball</i>
Opening hymn:	121 Forty days and forty nights	Aus der Tiefe
Anthem:	Hide not thou thy face	<i>R Farrant</i>
Offertory hymn:	135 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said	
Communion hymn:	128 Jesu, Lover of My Soul	
Closing hymn:	131 O for a closer walk with God	Caithness
Postlude:	Chorale Prelude, Aus teifer Noth, BWV 686	<i>J S Bach</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 9 MARCH THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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: Romans 10: 8b - 13

What does scripture say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 1— 13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Chorale Prelude 'Aus tiefer Noth' BWV 687 (manualiter)	
Opening hymn:	121 Forty days and forty nights	
Gradual hymn:	775 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God	
Offertory hymn:	134 Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour	
Communion hymn:	330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you	
Closing hymn:	107 The sinless one to Jordan came	
Postlude:	Solothurn	<i>C Hand</i>

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

We are preparing a new All Saints Church Electoral Roll for the APCM to be held on Monday 28 April. 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 on the cross aisle table at the back of church. If you have any questions or would like an application form to be delivered, please contact me by email on sastannett@gmail.com.

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer

EASTER LILIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. We are hopeful that that the lilies will cost about the same as last year, around **£6.00 per stem**. However, we need to place our order by **Monday 24 March** at the latest; so, it would be a great help if you could put your name on the list by that date. If it's of help, payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes on the table at the back of the church, which should then be handed to Stella Harding

or left in the Church Office for her to collect.

The Flower Team

TUESDAY CLUB 4 MARCH 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

It's always lovely to welcome an old friend, isn't it? This time it's Graham Horn who's delighted us with his adventures on Mount Kilimanjaro, tales of heirs apparent who apparently didn't get to be King and grateful villages who lost no-one in either world war. Whatever next? I hear you ask. Well, it's anniversaries in 2025 so why not come along and find out more.

Jan Moss, Group Leader

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reduce your costs and wastage by taking part in the annual seed share in town. Bring seeds to swap with others and start your growing journey at the free Maidenhead seed swap from 11.00am to 2.00pm on Saturday 8 March at the ECO Action Hub at Nicholsons Walk, Maidenhead
Happy growing!

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

QUENCH POP-UP SHOP THURSDAY 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.