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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Monday evening, 60 people gathered for our APCM at Boyne Hill Cricket Club. The evening began with us welcoming 26 of our friends from Iran and together we shared fish and chips and a drink from the bar. Following the meal, we listened to an excellent talk given by Sam Jonkers, the regional lead for Thames Valley Care4Calais, an organisation that supports Asylum Seekers in this country and indeed in Calais. Sam gave the background to the charity and indeed to her motivation to support people trying to seek the opportunity to live and work in this country having escaped challenging situations in, for example, Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, or Iran.

For anyone desiring to see a copy of the slides that made up the talk from Sam please let either David Morgan or me know, and we will send them. Some of the key challenges for us as a community are to provide some meals to supplement the poor-quality offering at the hotel and to support Care4Calais with providing toiletries. The items they are requesting are;
Deodorants, Moisturising cream, shampoo, conditioner, shaving foam, toothpaste.

We discovered some of the amazing work that has been taking place. A wonderful example is that of Sue Wright who following a meeting with myself, and Ken Smith joined Care4Calais and has since accessed education for 100 young people in local schools and colleges.

Later in the evening we discovered some good news from our treasurer, Rod Broad, that we had seen a 9% increase in planned giving during the year. We are still challenged by the need to maintain George Street's wonderful grade one building and at the same time fund ministry within the parish but the upturn in giving is heartening. If anyone would like to help build the mission at Boyne Hill perhaps the best way of giving is through the Parish Giving Scheme. (PGS)

To conclude the evening, I tried to share my feelings following what was an exciting year at All Saints Church. I began by sharing the Parish Vision statement 'To encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament' through the story of the Supper at Emmaus and the early church community that is described in Acts 2: 42-47.

I began by saying that this year marks 30 years since I was ordained deacon at Monmouth Cathedral in Newport, South Wales. I shared with the people that this year has been the most inspiring year I have experienced in ministry. This is in no small measure due to the Easter experience of 2022 when I asked the congregation to respond to saying goodbye in their home language. Those present that amazing morning heard languages from all over the world but right at the back we heard a joyful sharing of Goodbye in Farsi.

Since that day we have built wonderful relationships with our friends from Iran. Other exciting expressions of the Holy Spirit being at work have been present during the year.

1. Safeguarding – This needs to be a starting point for any community. Safeguarding is missionary. Every community should provide a safe, caring environment for all people to flourish but particularly children and vulnerable adults. We desire communities of faith that enable people to live in an environment that they can trust and live life in all its fullness. Thanks to Stella Harding and Louise O’Dwyer Barnard for leading this ministry at All Saints.
2. Welcome – Thanks to Fr John and the welcome group the church community provided many more opportunities for activities and events to take place. Some of the highlights were the wonderful trip to visit Peter Blee’s parishes on the South Downs, the welcome cream teas to newcomers, the pilgrimage to Walsingham, the notice boards inviting people into church and Paul Lion’s chairs and tables from Maidenhead Boat Club that have provided a wonderful welcome area at the back of church where people gather on Wednesdays and Sundays to share hospitality and friendship. There are more good plans set for this year and we will shortly visit Keble College, Oxford to retrace the steps of the Oxford Movement that All Saints vision came out of.
3. Worship – We try to provide worship that is vibrant and Holy Week this year and last provided wonderful experiences that are at the heart of the Christian faith. Recently Doreen and Don Young asked me to share the Annual South Bucks and East Berks Bell Ringers meeting which was at All Saints. This organisation began in 1879 and was formed here in Boyne Hill. Doreen shared with me the 100th anniversary memories of roast turkey, baked potatoes and apple pie and ice cream being served to 100+ bell Ringers all those years ago. Doreen provides another example of growth at All Saints. Just over a year ago Doreen found herself following lockdown ringing a bell in our Church Tower. From that single tolling of the bell, we now have 10 new ringers! People who enjoy ringing had moved into our area and on hearing the bell made their gifts known! Brian Graves is challenging the choir to learn George Herbert’s poem ‘The Call’ set to the music of Vaughan Williams. Within this beautiful piece of music, we discover the life of a man who felt God calling him to ministry but who at the same time never felt worthy to respond. Finally, he did respond to the God of love by offering his life back to God. Within his country parish, Herbert would ring daily the church bell to bring people to worship. Perhaps the bells have helped All Saints as we have an increase in choir, an increase in servers, who provided wonderful support during our Holy Week liturgies and an increase in numbers attending the Eucharist.
4. Schools and Children and Families – We have tried to follow the Diocesan Common Vision and sought engagement between children, young people and families within the church, wider community, and schools. Through assemblies, Open the Book, school visits to church and governorships we are trying to support our schools. Alongside this we are through Tiny Saints, Young Saints and Sundays@4 trying to support young families.
5. Sustainability – Led by Jenny Wilks the group has succeeded in gaining the Eco-Church Bronze award. We were able to support new toilets in South Sudan, clean water in Kenya and more recently shared our Lenten lunches and in so doing provided funds to ‘Ripple Effect’ a charity that helps families in Africa to be sustainable. Ripple Effect has invited us to be prayer partners with them in their future ministry. For the Sustainability group to progress we need more people at All Saints to take on the challenge to protect the planet.
6. Buildings – Thanks to the wonderful restoration work that restored Street’s floor we now have a building that enhances worship and provides a place for mission to take place.

7. Other major events/services

- i. Celebration of All Saints Day and meal at the Gandhi Restaurant – It was wonderful to celebrate our Patronal Festival and share an excellent Indian meal together.
- ii. The Baptism/Confirmation service with Bishop Olivia – a confirmation with 32 candidates including 9 children. This was a marvellous occasion and at the service, children being confirmed, shared their knowledge of issues around Sustainability as we were awarded our bronze award from Bishop Olivia.
- iii. Our second Christ Child Market took place in November 2022 and large numbers from the wider community came to the quadrangle to share fun and fellowship. The Salvation Army brought the joy and hope of the Christmas message through their band.

Thank you to all of you present at the APCM and all those who were unable to attend but who provide support to the community and to Monika and me. Thank you to all of you that play your part as members of the Body of Christ at All Saints, Boyne Hill. As our vision for 2023 may the Holy Spirit bless us with the joys of last year.

May you be blessed by God's love this week,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 27 April

9.30am – 12.30pm Quench pop-up shop at the Salvation Army, see p 6
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
4.00pm Baptism/confirmation classes in the Birinus Room
7.00pm WAMCF Meeting at Maidenhead Synagogue see p
6.00pm AllSorts at St Mary's Church
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 28

10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Saturday 29

8.00pm St John's Chamber Orchestra Concert at Norden Farm See p 6

Sunday 30

10.00am Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: Fr John with an Easter Presentation by the young people of Young Saints and Sundays @4

11.30am Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles in the Birinus Room

Monday 1 May

9.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 2

9.30am Morning Prayer
2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre see p 6
7.30pm Young Saints meeting at the Vicarage

Wednesday 3

10.00am Requiem Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles in the Birinus Room

11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

7.30pm *Sustainability Group meeting in the Birinus Room*

ADVANCE NOTICES



Sunday 7 May 10.00am Eucharist for the Fifth Sunday of Easter celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III. Following the service, you are all invited to share in celebration hospitality. There will be a Coronation Treasure Hunt for the children and Young Saints will have a Coronation theme for the children.

Saturday 20 May Church trip to Keble College, Oxford See p 6 for full details.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this Easter season that we may follow the Disciples and answer the call to live lives that are dedicated, devoted and rich in modelling Jesus' life. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and nurture us to use our gifts to build the Body of Christ.

We give thanks this week for the joy and enthusiasm at the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting. Thank you for the good news that was shared and that you have blessed us with this year. We give thanks for those who have given their time and talents last year, we remember Sue Stannett and Diane Farmiloe and we pray that your Holy Spirit will guide and nurture our new members Marellie, Stephen, Laura and Cameron this coming year.

We give thanks for the challenging presentation given by Sam Jonkers of Care4Calais and the wonderful work of this organisation which supports Asylum Seekers in this country and in France. May we meet the challenge to offer welcome, provide food and collect toiletries for our friends at the hotel.

We give thanks for our schools within our parish. We pray for the ministry of Sue Wright and for her commitment to provide educational opportunities for over 100 students from families of Asylum Seekers this past year. May these students use the education provided to offer them the opportunity to live lives that provide a sense of self-worth in their working lives.

We give thanks for those who are preparing for Baptism this Eastertide. We look forward to Pentecost and the opportunity to share the baptisms at this time of the Holy Spirit being present with us, and we remember Isabelle Damagnez, Kayson Compagno, Lily Veevers and Lily James on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for the troubled parts of the world. We pray for Sudan and Ukraine and all areas of the world where there is unrest.

We pray for those who have asked for prayer in time of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten, and Maddy, for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell,

Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Bruce Padfield, Jeremy Nordberg, Natalie Darmon and Sylvia Telford. May they all know the healing presence of Christ.

We pray for the recently departed, Joan Tiley, and Pauline Dobbs. We pray for all our departed loved ones and may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray during this Eastertide that we may feel our hearts burn within us as we hear the gospel message through scripture and that our eyes may be opened to the resurrection hope through the breaking of the bread.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 30 APRIL THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen.

N T READING Acts 2: 42 - 47

Many were baptized and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

GOSPEL John 10: 1 – 10

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Sheep May Safely Graze *J S Bach*

Opening Hymn: AM 806 There's a wideness in God's mercy

Gradual: AM 800 The Lord's my shepherd

Offertory: AM 671 I will sing the wondrous story

Communion: AM 464 Sweet sacrament divine

Closing Hymn: AM 799 The Lord's my shepherd

Postlude: Psalm Prelude Set 1 No 3 *H Howells*

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT NEEDED

We are looking for more admin support in the Parish Office for up to 10 hours a week. This doesn't have to be covered by the same person, but we would ask for regular support each week. There are a wide range of activities that are covered in the office, and we will try to match the tasks with the skill sets of those who are

interested. If you would like to support this important part of parish ministry please contact Sue Wright or Tanya Fullarton in the office. (01628 621933)

THURSDAY 27 APRIL QUENCH POP-UP SHOP 9.30am – 12.30pm SALVATION ARMY

Those of you who remember Quench, the Christian book-shop in Queen Street, might like to pop into the Salvation Army to stock up on cards and books.

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 8.00PM AT NORDEN FARM ST JOHN'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

A celebration concert for the life of Renée Wilson who was a great supporter of the orchestra. The programme includes her favourite Beethoven symphony and an overture by her beloved Mozart. Tickets £20 (FREE for under 18s) from Norden Farm box office: 01628 788997 or boxoffice@nordenfarm.org

TUESDAY 2 MAY 2.30pm TUESDAY CLUB IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Our speaker will be Richard Davenport from the Maidenhead Waterways Regeneration Project; lots of you will be familiar with the finished article; do come along and find out how they got there.

Jan Moss

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 7.00pm THURSDAY 27 APRIL

What is the role of faith in creating a more peaceful world?

at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX. WAMCF's full programme is attached with this newsletter.

PARISH VISIT TO KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD SATURDAY 20 MAY

The Welcome Group has arranged a visit to **Keble College** followed by Choral Evensong at **New College**. **Keble College** was founded in 1870 in memory of John Keble, a key member of the Oxford Movement which sought to recover the medieval Christian heritage of the Church of England. Its extensive gothic architecture is absolutely breath-taking and of course has a strong resonance for All Saints, also sprung from the Oxford Movement. In the chapel you will see Holman Hunt's famous painting 'The Light of the World'. **New College** is close to Keble College and Jacob Epstein's moving statue of Lazarus can be seen in the Ante-Chapel as you go in.

DETAILS OF THE VISIT

We are exploring the possibility of a coach (the preferred option) whose price could range between £15 and £20 depending on numbers. Alternatively, travel by car (park and ride) or train to Oxford at your own convenience and arrive at the entrance to Keble College but everyone needs to be at the college entrance by 2.00pm sharp.

The tour will take about one and a half hours.

Following the tour afternoon tea has been tentatively arranged at the Grand Café, 84 High Street, - an institution in Oxford and its décor is worth seeing - about 12 minutes' walk from Keble College. Order and pay for your own but as an example a Cream Tea is £13.95 – 2 scones, jam and cream, tea or coffee. When we know numbers we hope to book a table.

New College is about 7 minutes walk from the Café and we need to be there by 5.30 for Choral Evensong at 5.45.

After the service make your way back to your cars or train for the journey home.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church but please sign as soon as you can so that we can book the coach in good time