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Dear parishioners and friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

We are in the midst of terrible times and following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday The Archbishops of the Church of England have said that it is imperative that, for the health of the nation, the church advises people to stay at home and only make journeys that are necessary such as shopping and daily exercise. With this in mind, churches are closed.

Bishop Steven has suggested that regular patterns of worship for clergy and all disciples of Christ are vital.

As you can see from this newsletter great efforts have been made to offer on-line prayer and services as well as the prayers at home. It would be fantastic if we could say morning prayer together at 9.00am and the night prayer perhaps with a little more flexibility although many are praying this at 5.00pm. The praying together is important as it gives us that shared way of being in communion.

As you can see too from this letter, we are offering sermons, blogs, our own service from All Saints plus live streaming from The Church of England and the Oxford Diocese.

During Holy Week you will have a sermon a day written by Jo Sheppard, Jeanette Lock and myself. Alongside this there will be a live streaming of Holy Week services from Oxford from our Bishops for the key services. I am going to try to write a simple liturgy for the week so that you can follow using symbols for the different services.

I would like to say a huge thankyou to all the Pastoral Care team which is continuing to expand in number offering telephone and practical support. Many new people have joined this team and I know from emails and telephone calls that people are feeling cared for.

Special thanks should go to the many people who are helping us offer the latest news from the Church of England and the Diocese as well as our own resources.

Finally, it is important during this time of isolation that you try to form a regular pattern for the day. Use prayer but also perhaps reading time, listening to music, those that can, find some exercise to do even if it is gentle, and watch the occasional film.

Please pray in the coming weeks for the NHS as they try to help us through this terrible crisis. Pray too for this parish by praying for your streets and the people who live in them.

With my love and prayers,

Fr Jeremy

Holy Week

We have attached a resource that will enable you to participate in Holy Week from home. You will find the text of addresses from Jeanette Lock, Jo Sheppard and Fr Jeremy that take us through the week. On page 2 are symbols that you are encouraged to use on certain days. At the end of each day, a selection of music chosen by Andrew Stafford. On some days you are invited to sing to yourself, or just read the words, or play a very familiar hymn on You Tube.

All Saints Website

We should be truly proud of our website. New material has been added at a rapid pace including video and voice recordings.

Music from the church is now available at <https://www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk/welcome-about-all-saints/what-we-believe/music-all-saints-maidenhead/>

The site can be reached by clicking <https://www.allsaintsboynehill.org.uk/>

Many of the resources are now directly accessible from one-click links on the front page:

- The Church of England on-line Church
- Video Recordings by Fr Jeremy in All Saints (Eucharist and Prayers)
- Prayer and service Audio recordings
- The weekly Parish News
- The Church of England newsfeed which will keep you up to date
- There is also a link to Fr Jeremy's regular blog – please do keep in touch via this

From this welcome page there are also one-click links to:-

- Information
- Worship and Prayer Resources
- Sermons
- Video Recordings
- Contact Information

And also a link to Fr Jeremy's regular blog at <https://frjeremysjourney.wordpress.com/>

All Saints also has a facebook page with regular posts – please visit (and follow if you are able) at <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsBoyneHill/>

Covid-19 Advice from Frimley Heath NHS Foundation Trust

Please see attached document.

Reflection by Greg Hurst

I detected a mood change last weekend. Many more people at the shops wore masks. Shoppers queued in gaps bigger than two metres, eyeing one another with suspicion.

When I paid for some vegetables the woman at the till, wearing a scarf over a face mark, leaned away from me and handed me change in a cat litter scoop to avoid touching the coins.

Away from the shops daily exercise became the subject of heated debate, with ministers and police trying to direct where and for how long we should walk the dog, take a stroll, or go for a run or bike ride.

And yet, when we passed other walkers in Ockwells Park or streets near our home, more people exchanged greetings than ever before. We are getting to know the roads near where we live much better, and seeing more of neighbours. The Clap for Carers cheered us all. Perhaps bonds of community are being strengthened.

I cycled along the Bath Road through Maidenhead to find it almost empty of traffic, bar the odd delivery lorry. It felt liberating.

In our garden, and in hedges and verges while taking a daily walk, I found it consoling – encouraging, even – to see birds and other wildlife carrying on, oblivious: maybe the natural world is enjoying the dip in air pollution.

And several friends from the distant past have sent texts to re-establish contact and ask how we are managing. These daily restrictions are onerous – but they remind us what we most value, too.

Rosie Bragg

Some of you will remember the Revd Rosie Bragg who played a prominent role during the interregnum between Fr Norman retiring and Fr Jeremy arriving in the parish. Rosie retired to Lyme Regis with her husband Jim and is still an active member of the local ministry team.

Another former parishioner Diana Tuck and her husband Colin have a holiday home in the Lyme Regis area. They met up and Diana was able to tell Rosie the sad news of Elaine's death.

This prompted Rosie to telephone and she asked to be remembered to you all. Curious how news travels!