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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I hold the privilege during the next three years of representing as one of three clergy from Maidenhead and Windsor Deanery the Diocesan Synod. At the most recent Synod, Bishop Steven in his Presidential Address spoke of the war that is unfolding in Ukraine. Steven spoke of the devastation caused by the invasion with homes, lives and cities destroyed. He spoke about the courage of the Ukrainian people and the President Zelensky, who addressed the House of Commons last week.

Bishop Steven asks that we 'Cry to God for Peace' but acknowledges that these events that are unfolding will reshape Europe and the World in the future. Every indication suggests that this conflict will get worse. Bishop Steven then went on to speak about the huge number of refugees that are now fleeing Ukraine. Two million people including 1 million children have fled their homes. Neighbouring countries like Poland, Moldova and Romania have responded with incredible generosity. Bishop Steven alongside a growing number of British people feel that our own government has 'seemed slow and inflexible' compared to many other countries. He gave special credit to Poland as setting an example of humanity and welcome to those whose lives have been destroyed.

The terrible situation we are watching unfold follows a devastating Pandemic, an energy crisis, and rise in food prices. The economy will cause stress on lower income families and the churches will need to rise to the crisis. This leads those of us as Christians to reflect on fewer volunteers, smaller congregations, and reduced finances. Steven asked us to reflect upon John 15:1-5 and suggests that God's pruning is for a purpose. We need to rebuild through deep spiritual renewal.

In my sermon on Sunday, I spoke about Paul's call to the Philippians to imitate him and observe those that live according to his example. Paul asks us to live our Baptismal call to die to self and live sacrificially for Christ and fellow humans. The way we offer Baptism has been influenced by the Pandemic. We have been offering individual baptisms to keep people safe. However, the true emphasis on Baptism is that we are born into Jesus' family as adopted sons and daughters ready and willing to offer our time and talent and dare I say our finance to build the Body of Christ. As St Paul said to the Philippians, we are called to be a 'colony of heaven.' As the Lord's prayer states we are to play our part in bringing 'thy Kingdom on earth as well as in heaven.'

Paul asked the Philippians to live by their 'core values'. Our Sundays @4 services for families are intended to reinforce the values taught in schools. Boyne Hill Infants, for example, has thankfulness, friendship,

endurance, justice, and compassion as their core values. All Saints School has a similar aim as does Altwood. I have been invited to share assemblies on these subjects in schools and it is our hope that we can encourage more people to support the Sundays @4.

The Diocese too has core values. They are to be contemplative, courageous, and compassionate. Last Lent we used 'The Jesuit Guide to Almost Everything' by James Martin, to be contemplative and notice 'God in all things'. Noticing God in the world, in people and the opportunities to do the small things well. We need to be courageous in standing up for justice, which can be challenging at times. Being alongside people in real need can challenge us too. Finally, if we are to be there for people in the challenges mentioned by our Bishop, we will need to be compassionate by trying to imagine what another person or group of people are experiencing. Can we follow the example of Jesus' compassion towards people in need in the coming weeks and months ahead?

CONGRATULATIONS to Stella & Dave Harding on the safe arrival of their first grandchild, an 8lb 6oz boy on Monday 14 March, and to the proud parents too, of course.

MASK OR NO MASK

With the relaxing of rules and protocols for Covid we suggest that one half of the Church building (Lady Chapel) be kept for those who prefer masks and the other side for those feeling confident enough to worship without masks.

RESOURCES FOR LENT

COME AND SEE The Diocesan course which is offering daily meditations based upon the Lord's Prayer. Go to www.oxford.anglican.org/come-and-see/ to sign up. Bishop Steven is offering some valuable thoughts on the Lord's prayer.

Please join us for the first of our films looking at Sustainability. The film will be shown from 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house on Wednesday (Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue) and Thursday afternoon at 2.00pm at the Vicarage, Westmorland Road. Julia Roberts stars as one woman's struggle for justice when a cover-up involving contaminated water in a local community causes devastating illness amongst its residents.

Thursday Evening Stations of the Cross – each Thursday at 7.00pm we are following Jesus' journey to the cross. Different people are leading us in meditations from a range of resources. The biblical readings and reflections frequently speak to the challenges we face in life.

Wednesday 23 March – Following the 10.00am Eucharist there will be a coffee morning in the Parish Centre. All proceeds will go towards the support for the people of Ukraine. The organisers are people from the wider community of the parish, and it would be good to support this morning event.

Saturday 2 April QUIET DAY led by Fr John Ainslie in Church. More information in next week's Parish News.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 17 March **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome**
 2.45pm & 3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Jeanette Lock
 8.00pm Choir Practice in the Parish Centre

Friday 18 **9.15am Morning Prayer in Church. All welcome**
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre. *Jesus rides into Jerusalem*
11.30am Funeral of Jamie Neil Ferguson in Church

Saturday 19 **9.00am – 2.30pm Marriage Preparation at St Luke’s**

Sunday 20 **10.00am Eucharist for The Third Sunday in Lent**
 Celebrant: Fr Jeremy. Preacher: Fr John

12 noon Holy Baptism
 Please pray for Arabella Wells & Freddie Dixon, their parents and godparents

6.00pm Sundays@Six at St Luke’s

Tuesday 22 **9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School**

Wednesday 23 **10.00am Eucharist**
 Celebrant: Fr John

Followed by a Coffee Morning
 in the Parish Centre to raise
 funds for Ukraine



7.30pm Lent Film and discussion at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue (see p5.)

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for Ukraine

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that we would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. *(Prayer of Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell)*

We continue to pray for the wounded and the captive, the grieving and the homeless and all those fleeing war-torn areas of the world. We pray that in the suffering, people may know your love and support. We pray for the one million children that have been displaced. We give thanks for countries showing generosity and

compassion and for those seeking ways to help in the future to enable children to grow, still able to trust in humanity.

We pray for all of us this Lent that we might discover ways of simple living that will help reduce our carbon footprint and live in harmony with God's World.

We pray for Arabella Wells and Freddie Dixon as they are baptised into Jesus' family. We pray for their parents and godparents as they take on the responsibility of guiding and helping these children in their early years. We pray for Jenson & Amelie Kendall on the anniversary of their baptisms.

We pray that we may all live lives that reflect Christ's light to the World. May we be contemplative, courageous, and compassionate in our daily living.

For our parish and congregation in any kind of need; for the lonely, the anxious and depressed; for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, for those who at home or in care homes and hospital: We pray for Suzette, Danielle, Nick, Fr John, Dave Hill, his wife Eliza, Dave's parents and Ann and Chris, his in-laws, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb and Florrie Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

For the recently departed: Paddy Fox, John Herbert and Jamie Neil Ferguson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

May we all be blessed by God's love this week
Fr Jeremy

Worship for Sunday 20 March The Third Sunday of Lent

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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.

OT READING Isaiah 55: 1 - 9

The LORD says this: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL Luke 13: 1 - 9

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

MUSIC

Prelude: Durch Adams fall ist ganz verderbt *F W Zachau*

Opening Hymn: AM 812 Through all the changing scenes of life

Gradual: AM 330 Do not be afraid

Offertory: AM 510 Will you come and follow me

Communion Anthem: O Lamb of God

Closing Hymn: AM 493 Hope of our calling

Postlude: Voluntary in G minor *J Stanley*

LENT FILMS WITH A SUSTAINABILITY THEME

These films will be shown on the following Wednesdays at 7.30pm at Mike and Jan Moss's house, Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue, and at 2.30pm on Thursdays at the Vicarage. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you'd like to attend, so we can estimate numbers.

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 March: **A Life on our Planet**

David Attenborough documentary where he reflects on the devastating changes he's witnessed during his lifetime and reveals how together we can address the biggest challenges facing life on our planet.

Wednesday 30 & Thursday 31 March: **The Day After Tomorrow**

Jack Hall, climatologist, struggles to be heard as a series of extreme weather events usher in a new ice age. His son is stuck in New York and as it becomes enveloped in ice, Jack makes a daring attempt to rescue him.

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 April: **The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind**

Against all odds, a 13 year old boy in Malawi invents an unconventional way to save his family and village from famine.

EASTER LILIES & MOTHERING SUNDAY POSIES



If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of your loved ones, please put your name on the list on the cross-aisle table. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. It is anticipated the lilies will cost around **£4.00 per stem** this year. Our order must be placed by Monday 28 March at the latest; so make sure you sign up before then. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes supplied on the cross-aisle table: This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Parish Office.

Mothering Sunday Posies – SATURDAY 26 MARCH

We shall be making the posies for Mothering Sunday at 10.00am on Saturday morning in the Parish Centre. We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. Small pieces of greenery are required, such as heather, and perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) are particularly welcome, so if you or any of your neighbours have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on the Friday morning.

The Flower Team

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2022

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 25 April 2022. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be or have moved house, then please let me know. sastannett@gmail.com

BERKSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

I think you will all be delighted to see the prominent position that All Saints floor project has in this first Newsletter from the Berkshire Churches Trust which is attached to this edition. *Ken Smith*

CENTENARY ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

30 March 2022 will be the 100th edition of Parish News: the first one was on 20 March 2020. If anyone has anything to add to make this a special edition then please email contributions to me: jan.moss@btinternet.com by Monday 28 March.

AN INVITATION TO MEET ANNE ATKINS 8.00pm Thursday 7 April at Maidenhead Synagogue

Come and argue (probably not compulsory!) with Anne Atkins about her novels, BBC broadcasts and controversial views. Her talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews and will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to her in person. There is no charge, but it is important you let us know if you are coming, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office: admin@maidshul.org