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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



As I shared with the people at church on Sunday, Monika and I have enjoyed a wonderful holiday to the South of France and enjoyed staying in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, and visiting places such as Monaco, Monte Carlo, Cannes, and Nice. I think a good holiday is one where we enjoy the delights of relaxing on a beach, reading a book with a cold drink but also learning a little about the area that you are staying in. The Cote D'Azur seems to have been an area of France that has inspired many great artists, authors, film stars and settings for films.

A large part of my sermon on Sunday spoke about one of my favourite authors Graham Greene. Greene lived for a time in Antibes. By chance I had taken with me on holiday Green's first novel 'The Man Within'. He wrote this book at the age of 21. By the age of 22 Greene was received into the Roman Catholic Church and many of his books reflect the inner journey of faith and the struggles of humanity. The novel 'The Man Within' speaks of the inner battle within a young man who fears he is a coward who finds a glimmer of self-respect through the love he finds for a young woman. At one point near the climax of the novel the young woman having listened to Andrews (The Young Man) speak of his failings, she says 'Why do you always make little of the good you do and make much of the bad?' She loves him despite his failings, and she provides him with grace.

In Paul's inner battle within Romans (set texts at this time of year) Paul in chapter 7.24 'The good I want to do, I don't do, the evil I don't want is what I do.' St Paul came to know that 'there is no condemnation for those in the Messiah, Jesus! (Romans 8.1) Through his death and resurrection all suffering, all sin will be overcome including death. (Romans 8.31-39).

Moving on to Nice we find the stunningly beautiful Old Town and the Promenade Anglaise. Nice provides the setting for some of the work of Matisse and Marc Chagall. Picasso who also found home in Antibes once stated, 'that when Matisse died Chagall would be the only one who really understood what colour was.' Chagall was a Russian-French artist. I was introduced to his work by Fr Kevin Scully during the Holy Land Pilgrimage that the congregation of St Matthew's Bethnal Green took alongside All Saints, Boyne Hill in 2009. On the Sunday following the Eucharist at St George's Anglican Cathedral we visited the Hadassah Hospital Synagogue to view the famous Chagall Windows that depict the twelve tribes of Israel.

Chagall is quoted as saying 'In the South (Of France), for the first time in my life I saw that rich greenness the like of which I had never seen in my country.' Chagall formed a business relationship with the French art dealer Ambroise Vollard. Vollard commissioned him to illustrate the Old Testament. Chagall travelled to Israel for two months and was said to be inspired by the people of the Kibbutz and moved by the Wailing Wall. He worked obsessively on the bible looking at the history of the Jews, their trials, prophecies, and disasters. Chagall went to Amsterdam to study the biblical works of Rembrandt and El Greco.

Chagall viewed the bible as the greatest source of poetry and as a human story. In Nice (we didn't have time to view them sadly) you could find Creation of Man, Garden of Eden, Story of Noah and other great stories from the prophets, patriarchs, and other heroes.



Continuing in Nice Monika and I walked some of the beautiful Promenade des Anglaise. In the gospel of Matthew, we have recently heard of the Sower, the seed, and the soil. This text can clearly be used as an evangelistic message of sowing the seed. (I didn't focus on this theme but the inner struggle of Romans and Greene's 'The Man Within'). On holiday I read about an English clergyman from the 1820's who had a more skilled evangelistic approach than I possess! The Rev'd Lewis Way can be thanked for being a skilled missionary with remarkable powers of persuasion who talked his flock into providing construction work for men

thrown out of employment by the frost which killed the areas olive groves and orange trees. It would appear we have Revd Way to thank for leading people to the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour and indeed to the spectacular promenade of Nice.

As for Cannes, Monika and I enjoyed standing on the steps where at the film festival great stars of the industry have stood. In my tour book poor old Monaco didn't fare so well. Queen Victoria is said to have described it as a 'Moral cesspool' and a well known Baptist Minister (I forgot to take note of his name) 'The Serpent in Paradise.' We however, enjoyed the bus journey around Monaco and Monte Carlo and wondered at how a Formula 1 driver negotiates the incredibly narrow streets at breakneck speeds. Finally, in the 'Moral Cesspool' we gave a quick glance at the casino before enjoying the delightful 'Plat du jour' of asparagus pasta followed by a delicious strawberry French tart.

Lovely holiday but I really must get back to ministry.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 20 July

10.30-11.30am All Saints School Leavers service at Church

7.30 pm FOODSHARE & MAIDENHEAD CARE COMMISSING SERVICE at High Street Methodist Church. Guest speaker Nigel Cohen, Foodshare Trustee.

8.00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday 23

10.00 am Parish Eucharist for the Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

Monday 24	9.30 am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 25	9.30 am Morning Prayer 7.30 pm Sustainability Group meeting in the Birinus Room
Wednesday 26	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 11.30am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room
Thursday 27	7.00 pm All Sorts meet at St Mary's Church

ADVANCE NOTICES

WAMCF WOMENS'S GROUP MONDAY 24 JULY

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to the next meeting from 7.30 - 9.00pm at St. Thomas' Church Kings Park, Colnbrook, Slough SL3 0JY. There will be space in the quiet garden there, and time to enjoy refreshments together. *Further details from sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org*

WAMCF CHILDREN, YOUTH & ADULTS CRICKET TOURNAMENT SUNDAY 27 AUGUST AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB

Adult's & Children's Competitions start from 10.00am Fr Jeremy presenting children's prizes at 2.00pm. Full details on WAMCF website.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this week for our local schools as students and teachers look forward to the end of term and the summer holidays. We give thanks for All Saints School leavers service in church this week. We give thanks for all the children have learned and experienced in their time at the school. We give thanks for their teachers and for the support they have offered in helping the young people discover their gifts.

We pray for the PCC of All Saints, Boyne Hill. May all of us appointed to lead in areas of welcome, worship, education, sustainability, finance, buildings, safeguarding and health and safety as well as overseas mission. May we as members of Christ's Body the Church discern God's Holy Spirit in all that we do.

We pray for our ministry in Care Homes. We ask that our services in Clara Court, Normanhurst and Larchfield bring hope and joy to those who share in them.

We continue to pray for our Bishops, Steven and Olivia, and the clergy and people of Oxford Diocese, for all who serve in mission and ministry in Christ's Church.

We continue to pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya, for the Diocese of Taita Taveta, for Bishop Liverson, and for Grace Kitawa Karingo seeking confirmation of her call to begin training for the Priesthood.

We pray for all Asylum Seekers as they prepare their cases for interviews with the Home Office. May they be given a compassionate hearing as they seek to live life in a country that will value their gifts and talents.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Daneille, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison,

Tadeusz, Theresa, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson and Liz Holloway.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those who are caring for loved ones at this time and for staff and residents of the care homes of the parish.

We pray for the recently departed, including Victor Franklin, Peter Forsey and Tom. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23 JULY THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in 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 Genesis 28: 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder[a] set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him[b] and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed[c] in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears[a] listen

MUSIC

Prelude:	Tune in E (in the style of John Stanley)
Opening hymn:	1 Awake my soul, and with the sun
Gradual hymn:	747 O God, you search me
Offertory hymn:	282 Come, ye thankful people, come
Communion Anthem:	Panis Angelicus C Franck
Communion hymn:	601 Blessed assurance
Closing hymn:	739 Now Thank We All Our God
Postlude:	Nun danket alle Gott S Karg-Elert

FOODSHARE & MAIDENHEAD CARE COMMISSIONING SERVICE THURSDAY 20 JULY

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.

To learn more about the work of Foodshare do come to High Street Methodist Church on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm. Nigel Cohen, Foodshare Trustee, will be addressing the Maidenhead Care Commissioning Service on the challenges a growing number of people in our community are facing and what further steps we can take to help in this vital work.



Congratulations to Wendy Channon and Stella Horne on marking their birthdays last Sunday. Wendy shared her 90th Birthday with Family and friends over Sunday Lunch and Stella shared her 89th Birthday on the Saturday over dinner with her family.

Congratulations to Ken Smith as he becomes a great grandfather for the third time. Sophie and Elliot were delivered of a boy, Monty Theodore, a brother to Hugo.

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



We have had the pleasure of getting to know some refugees from Iran in our congregation over the past year. At our APCM recently, Sam Jonkers from Care4Calais spoke to us about the fantastic work the charity does in welcoming and supporting refugees.

Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

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SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 9 September

WHY? It's the annual Ride & Stride event!

This national event happens every year across the country. Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride - simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family, perhaps every person in the congregation could sponsor you?

You can go by yourself or in a group, any time between 10.00am and 6.00pm and many people make a day of it. There are so many wonderful and interesting churches to visit, many will be open and offering refreshments too.

There is also the Daphne Barnes-Phillips trophy which is awarded to the most successful church each year – this is a splendid silver cup which is still resting with St Peter's Woolhampton as they raised the most sponsorship in 2022.

All Saints will benefit hugely as we will receive half of your sponsorship. The remaining 50% goes to Berkshire Historic Churches Trust which in turn makes generous grants to churches in need; All Saints has benefitted from this in the past.

More details of the participating churches, together with sponsorship forms will be available soon, or can be found on the BHCT Ride & Stride website - <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

Stella Harding All Saints Boyne Hill Ride & Stride Co-ordinator