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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,**

I have recently returned from Olsztyn, a city in Northern Poland which is the capital of the Warmia/Masuria area of the country. It is a beautiful area made up of lakes and forests, a place where you can watch red squirrels finding food in the trees and spot deer running through the forests. It is a place to feel at peace with the natural world on an evening walk looking out on a lake as the sun sets.

Being at one with creation was very much part of the life of St Francis of Assisi. St Francis spent time preaching about animals, exhorting that all creatures are brothers and sisters under God. Born in 1181 in Italy, St Francis is today celebrated as Patron Saint of Ecologists. Throughout his youth he had served as a soldier, but following a conversion experience he devoted his life to God and to the plight of the poor.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St Francis the Patron Saint of Ecologists. Not only did St Francis care for the poor and sick, but he wanted all creatures on earth, including humans, to be treated as equal under God. The saint's day is celebrated throughout the world on October the 4<sup>th</sup>. The most celebrated place is of course Assisi. Events there will begin with oil lamps being lit throughout the town on the 3rd October. The next day religious events and services are organised, and many people bring their pets to be blessed. Other events take place such as nature walks and games for children and special cakes including St Francis' favourite honey almond are shared.

As part of our Sundays@4 activities and services we are following our lovely nature walk at Ockwells Park in August where we discovered the local nature reserve which included areas of woodland, meadow as well as plants, insects and birds by having a Blessing of Pets service at 4pm on the 24th September. At the service we will reflect on caring for animals through the Messy Church Book 'Caring for the World We Live In'. The Revd Dave Bookless is director of theology for A Rocha International, the organisation that runs the EcoChurch programme and he writes on the chapter on caring for animals 'Just as the Bible's big story began with God creating biodiversity and delighting in it, continues with God sustaining and caring for wild creatures and climaxes with Jesus dying to save 'all things in heaven and on earth' (Colossians 1.20), so eternity includes Father, Son, and Holy Spirit worshipped by animals and birds as well as people.

Moving from theology and sustainability to the practical and loving needs we have for animals. I managed to catch half an hour of the 'Great North Run' on Sunday and was moved by the people running for charity. One of the charities mentioned was to fund the training of dogs for the deaf. As the runner explained from painful personal experience lives are sometimes lost by people without hearing not being aware of danger through for example a fire alarm. Tuesday Club last year had a speaker from this charity and who shared with us the ability of dogs to let their owners know the phone is ringing or the door bell has been rung.



In the Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust magazine, I read about the 'Pets As Therapy' charity.

Therapy dogs (I have seen cats at Heatherwood in times past) who are known to reduce stress, promote healing, lower blood pressure and lift spirits. Think about your own pet and words like loyalty, love, joy and a wagging tail spring to mind.

Please do come and join us on September 24 at 4pm and enjoy the company of each other and our pets. We will be sharing a service, blessing the animals and then sharing some hospitality.

Of course all are welcome, so come and enjoy the company of another person's pet if you do not own one and indeed tell pet lovers from outside the church community to come and join us. May you all be blessed by God's love this week,

*Fr Jeremy*

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Thursday 14 September</b>	<b>2.30pm</b> All Saints School Open the Book <b>8.00pm</b> Choir practice
<b>Friday 15 September</b>	<b>10am</b> Tiny Saints re-opens at the Parish Centre
<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	<b>10am Parish Eucharist for the Fifteenth Sunday After Trinity</b> Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy <b>Young Saints</b> in the Birinus Room <b>12 noon</b> Holy Baptism – Cameron Thomas Jefferson, Ethan Carter Jefferson <b>6pm Sundays @6 Evensong and Benediction at All Saints – Fr Jeremy</b>
<b>Monday 18 September</b>	<b>9.30 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>7.30pm</b> PCC Standing Committee in the Birinus Room
<b>Tuesday 19 September</b>	<b>9.30 am Morning Prayer</b> <b>2.30pm</b> Tuesday Club AGM at Woodstock
<b>Wednesday 20 September</b>	<b>10.00 am Eucharist</b> Celebrant: Fr John <b>11.00 am</b> Tai Chi in the Parish Centre <b>11.30am</b> Service at Clara Court Nursing Home <b>2.00pm</b> Services at Larchfield Care Home <b>3.00 pm</b> Cream Tea for the Flower Arrangers at the Church

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**Sunday 24 September 4pm Sundays @4 service** to celebrate St Francis of Assisi and blessing of animals.

**Monday 25 September - Friday 29 September Walsingham Pilgrimage**

**Sunday 1 October 10am Harvest Festival Eucharist** with our guest speaker, Margaret Watson of Ripple Effect. Following the service there will be an auction of Harvest gifts and a ploughman's lunch in the Parish Centre – Please sign the sheet at the back of the church if you would like to share in the Ploughman's.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We give thanks this week following the Great North Run for those many people who ran to raise money for charity. As we move towards our service to celebrate animals we give thanks for the joy pets can bring us and for the practical support animals bring. We think of charities like dogs for the blind and deaf, for Pets As Therapy bringing support to patients at our local hospitals.

We pray this week for all places of suffering caused through warfare, suffering, violence and natural disaster. We pray for the people of Morocco suffering terribly as a consequence of the Earthquake that has hit the country. We pray for the aid agencies trying to bring relief in time of need.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers, especially those in our own country. Within our own town of Maidenhead, we give thanks for those asylum seekers being granted permission to stay but we pray for compassion to help support those same people to find homes and jobs. We pray for local authorities across the country as they try to find ways to support people seeking to find a way to establish themselves within this country.

We pray for our schools as they return. We pray for students, teachers and all staff who provide education for the young. We give thanks for the rich heritage of All Saints church and its early mission to support the education of the young. As our Open the book Teams return to All Saints and Larchfield we give thanks for those people who are sharing the bible studies within our schools.

We pray for Cameron Thomas Jefferson and Ethan Carter Jefferson who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for their family and godparents.

We pray for those from our congregation and parish in any kind of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy, for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Dennison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie and Jess, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj, Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego and Elizabeth Smiglewska. 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 care homes in our parish.

We pray for the recently departed. We pray for families and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

We pray to be a people that are forgiven, and that forgive those who hurt us. As disciples of Jesus, we ask that we might act as those who forgive from the heart as we work in the cause of God's peace

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

### COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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

## ROMANS 14.1-12

Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister[a]? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:

“‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

## GOSPEL Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church[a] sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents[c] was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii;[d] and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister[e] from your heart.’

## MUSIC

Prelude :	Impromptu No 2	<i>S Coleridge - Taylor</i>
Opening :	702 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us	<i>Mannheim</i>
Gradual:	116 Be thou my guardian and my guide	<i>Abridge</i>
Offertory:	365 Let us build a house, where love can grow	<i>Two Oaks</i>
Communion:	717 Lord, make us servants of your peace	<i>O Waly Waly</i>
Closing:	666 I cannot tell	<i>Londonderry Air</i>
Postlude:	Impromptu No 1	<i>S Coleridge - Taylor</i>

## 6.00 pm Evensong & BENEDICTION

Preludes:	Adagio, Symphonie III, Op.28	<i>Vierne</i>
	Desseins Éternels	<i>Messiaen</i>
First hymn:	15 'Glory to thee, my God, this night'	
Psalm	Psalm 119, verses 41 to 48	
O T Reading	Ezekiel 20.1-8, 33-44	
Office hymn:	21 'O strength and stay'	
N T Reading	Acts 20. 17-end	
Benediction hymn:	24 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended'	
Postlude:	Contrapunctus I, Die Kunst der Fuge, BWV 1080	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

## Heritage Open Days

It was pleasing to see so many people over the weekend – nearly 100. Thank you to all those from the church who attended, and my thanks in particular to those who helped with the refreshments and welcoming, and of course to Relf for the organ recital.

It was possible this year to put on display for the first time many photographs and press cuttings about the church both old and new and these will remain on display next Sunday for any who would like to look at them.

*Ken*

## 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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