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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Altwood School has as its strap line for young people to be encouraged, 'I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.' This text in the wider context is about a shepherd that loves us, that knows us by name and wants us to live life in all its fulness. In a week's time I will be leading assemblies at Altwood on the theme 'To be known and valued' which follows John 10: 10.

I already have an idea in mind as to how I might approach that theme. I remember in 1981 finding myself enjoying a sport that lifted me above the ordinary. A sport that used to last 5 days (These days maybe 3) and would unfold with the two sides having moments when they were on top and other parts of the game when they seemed to be on their knees. That was when Ian Botham having lost the captaincy and with England looking like they were going to get thrashed in the Ashes turned the series around with swashbuckling batting and fearsome bowling. Botham was the great allrounder who seemed to have a natural way of living life in all its fulness though perhaps not in the way imagined in scripture! It was a long time before the heir apparent to Botham arrived on the England scene. His name was Freddie Flintoff who was an equally enthralling cricketer who could bat, bowl and field magnificently and led England to victory in a series in 2005 that is probably recognised as the most compelling cricket played in this country.

Over the last decade England discovered another genius in Ben Stokes and all three will go down as English cricketing legends. It is Flintoff though through a television series called 'Freddie Flintoff's Field of Dreams' that has captured not just my imagination but judging by conversations I have had with people at All Saints the imagination of many. Flintoff through this series takes a group of youngsters from challenging parts of Preston on a cricket tour to Calcutta, India. His mission apart from enthralling viewers is to encourage the young men to work hard, to take responsibility and to give themselves a chance to improve not just in cricket but also in life itself. Flintoff is encouraging young people to feel the sense of believing that they are 'known and valued.'

In part two I was moved by the conversations Flintoff shared with Ben an unemployed lad living in supported housing who desperately lacks confidence in all areas of life. Ben is challenged to take an English class in difficult school for orphans in Calcutta. The students are clearly keen to learn and know that they have been given an opportunity in life. Ben though (like many of us would be) is speechless to begin with until he sees the youngsters responding to his task of writing a letter to their future selves. By the end of the episode Ben is giving a motivational speech to the whole school and Flintoff gives him a massive hug.

In a one-to-one conversation between Adnan, a shy young man from Afghanistan we discover that this refugee had to leave his mother at 15 years of age. He told Flintoff that 'I may never see her again, but she told me that this was my opportunity for life'. Adnan told of the horrors of his journey as an asylum seeker crossing countries borders being beaten up by police and guards and being fearful for his life.

This young man is a talented all-round cricketer himself. Flintoff having listened to Adnan open up about his fears and story then shares his own story of nearly dying in a car crash while filming for 'Top Gear'. Flintoff has stated how badly this accident has impacted him emotionally and that the trip to Calcutta with these young lads has helped him recover from feelings of panic, anxiousness and fear of what life holds. He tells these lads that they have helped him as much as he has encouraged them. Another fascinating side to Adnan's story is his faith as a Muslim. He gets up at 4.30am to keep Ramadan while his teammates sleep and then he watches them eat breakfast while he fasts. Flintoff challenges the team to follow a fast for a day. Two young lads follow Adnan for the day. They play cricket in intense heat without a drink of food. At the end of the day, they worship with their friend and experience eating food and drink after going without. One young lad tells Adnan that the fruit juice is the best drink he has tasted, better than a pint of beer in Preston on a Friday night. He has learned something of spiritual fasting and supported his friend.

This series has made for unforgettable viewing and by the end we see many of these young people finding the opportunity for a career. Ben has started a course to become a teacher and has volunteered to go to Calcutta to be a volunteer in the school. Adnan has been signed by Lancashire County Cricket Club and others are finding jobs as a consequence of someone believing in them. I recently looked back over my life to see the people who had encouraged me to believe that I had something to offer having lacked confidence when I was young. Flintoff is planning to encourage more 'Field of Dreams Teams' and help young people know that they have value and can live life in all its fullness. I suspect that might turn out to be an equally important side to Flintoff's life as was his barnstorming exploits on the cricket field.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

#### RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Thursday 3 October**     *3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
*3.30pm Confirmation Class on Zoom*  
*8.00pm Choir Practice*
- Friday 4**                 *10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre*  
*12 noon Interment of the Ashes of Paul Latham in the Churchyard*
- Saturday 5**               *10.00am until 12 noon Working party in the churchyard. Bring own tools please*  
*7.00pm Pilgrimage talk with supper at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue. Fully booked*
- Sunday 6**                 **10.00am Parish Eucharist** for Harvest with Sara from Ripple Effect. After the service we will auction the harvest goods, and all donations raised will go to support Ripple Effect Charity. There will be a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch in the Parish Centre following the auction.  
  
*6.00pm Sundays@Six Harvest Songs of Praise at the Church of the Good Shepherd*
- Monday 7**                 **9.30am Morning Prayer**  
*8.50am Harvest Assembly at All Saints School*
- Tuesday 8**                *8.50am Assembly at Altwood School*  
**9.30am Morning Prayer**  
*7.00pm Wedding Rehearsal in Church*

**Wednesday 9 October**

8.50am Assembly at Altwood School.

**10.00am Eucharist Celebrant:** Fr David Joynes

2.30pm Senior Saints meet at 25 Great Hill Crescent

3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

7.30pm Sustainability Group Meet in the Birinus Room

**Thursday 10**

8.50am Assembly at Altwood School

3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

7.00pm Christchild Market Meeting in the Birinus Room

**8.00pm Choir Practice**

**Friday 11**

**10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**

12 noon Marriage of Gareth Clift and Rebecca Bedford in Church

6.00pm Thank you to the Bellringers Evening

**Sunday 13**

10.00am Eucharist for the Twentieth Sunday After Trinity Worship for All. Celebrant: Fr Jeremy. Greg Hurst will speak on his work for Homelessness. Today marks the end of the week marking homelessness.

**12 Noon Holy Baptism**

Please pray for Matilda Kathleen Moth-Watkins, her parents and godparents

**Monday 14**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Tuesday 15**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 16**

**10.00am Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School

4.00pm 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Service in Church

**ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Friday 18 October 7.30pm at St Luke's Church** 'A Time to Mourn' – An evening of dance enabling us to reflect upon loss. This is another shared Mission project with St Luke's and the Church of the Good Shepherd. Tickets £5 from church on Sunday or from Tanya in the office.

**Wednesday 30 October 1.00pm in Church Dryads Duo Lunchtime Recital** preceded at 12 noon by a Soup lunch in aid of the Ripple Effect. See p6 for more about the Dryads Duo.

**Sunday 3 November 10.00am All Saints Day Patronal Festival – Preacher Fr Chris Mann**

Following the Eucharist, we will once again share a parish meal at the Ghandi Restaurant. Chicken and Lamb dishes. The cost of the meal will be £25 per person. Please sign the list at the back of the church and give the ticket money to Sue Stannett.

**CREATIONTIDE, THE SEASON of CREATION**

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1 September to 6 October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

For more information from the Church of England on Creationtide, please visit

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>

*Your Sustainability Team*

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we journey towards the climax of Creationtide we continue to hold before you Lord, the millions living in poverty and hunger, and for the opportunity to work by cooperation, compassion and generosity to alleviate suffering.

We look forward to welcoming Sara our guest speaker from Ripple Effect. Sara who was born in Uganda will remind us of the programme of sustainable farming that this charity provides in African countries. We give thanks for the harvest goods we can share and for the opportunity to share generosity and fun during the auction.

We pray for Boyne Hill Infant School as it goes through its OFSTED inspection. We pray for the leadership team, the governors, teachers and pupils and all who help run the school. We pray for all our schools as they celebrate the theme of harvest. We pray for All Saints School as we share the theme of FoodShare and Ripple Effect.

We pray for World Homeless Day on Wednesday 10 October. We celebrate good works and improved policies and funding to help prevent and end homelessness. We pray for those suffering as a consequence of being homeless at this time.

We pray for peace as tensions heighten in our troubled world. We pray for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel, Iran, Lebanon and all the surrounding regions.

We pray for Asylum seekers as they await the news of interviews to enable them to seek homes and jobs within this country. We give thanks for all that the Iranian community have brought to us at All Saints.

We pray for those in need of God's healing. Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Kristina Baloch, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma hassini, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Patricia Butcher, Andrew Collins, Diana Monari, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Barbara- Ann Bourne, Elham Nekunam, Beryl Dorton and Pearl's family. May they all know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for Geoffrey Milsom, Christine Stopp, Margaret Darkwah and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER HARVEST THANKSGIVING COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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 1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7

My dearly beloved, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

## **GOSPEL Matthew 6: 25 - 33**

'No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

## **MUSIC**

Prelude:	Prelude on Bunesan <i>J Nixon</i>
Opening hymn:	287 Praise and thanksgiving
Gradual anthem:	Thou visitest the earth <i>M Greene</i>
Offertory hymn:	282 Come, ye thankful people, come
Communion hymns	285 God, whose farm is all Creation & 442 Eat this bread, drink this cup
Closing hymn:	290 We plough the fields
Postlude:	Recession on St George <i>V Griffiths</i>

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER THE TWENTIETH SUNAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

God the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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 Hebrews 4: 12 – 16**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

## **GOSPEL Mark 10: 17 – 31**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to Jesus, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is

impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’ Peter began to say to him ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age – houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields – but with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

## MUSIC

Prelude:	Andante Tranquillo from Five Short Pieces	<i>P Whitlock</i>
Opening hymn:	562 Inspired by love and anger (omit vv 3 & 4)	
Gradual hymn:	787 Take my life, and let it be	
Offertory hymn:	510 Will you come and follow me	
Communion hymn:	453 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	
Closing hymn:	563 Jesus Christ is waiting	
Postlude:	Pæan from Five Short Pieces	<i>P Whitlock</i>

## DRYADS DUO LUNCHTIME RECITAL WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 1.00pm IN CHURCH

We welcome back violinist Carla Santos and pianist Saul Picado, the Dryads Duo, to perform Sonata No. 5, in F major Opus 24, by Beethoven and Respighi's Sonata in B minor.

These two outstanding musicians delighted the audience for their first recital at All Saints in February this year and we look forward to another enjoyable recital at the end of October.

In 2011 the Dryads Duo was awarded the 1st prize at the “Prémio Jovens Músicos” competition in Portugal. This win gave them the opportunity to record their first CD (GDA) with Sonatas by Janáček, Ravel and Enescu.

In 2016 they released their second CD (KNS), entitled Intimate Colours. It is an important mark in the Duo's career as it includes the piece that inspired the name for the Duo: “Dryads et Pan”. This is the name of Szymanowski's third Myth, Op.30. Alongside these beautiful three Myths, the CD also includes Sonatas by Elgar and Respighi.

Copies of the CD will be available for sale after the Recital.

We also invite you to join us at the Parish Centre for a Soup lunch at 12:00 noon in aid of the Ripple Effect Charity

Ripple Effect empowers families in rural Africa to learn more, grow more and sell more, transforming their lives while protecting their environment. Families share what they know and have with their neighbours and wider communities, so that for each family the charity works with directly, they know that three more will benefit. This is the ripple effect created by their work and our support.



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