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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I hope that everyone who attended the Harvest Festival Eucharist on Sunday would have found it a heart-warming experience. Starting with the service we welcomed Margaret Watson of Ripple Effect who shared an excellent presentation of the work achieved through the Ripple Effect charity working alongside families in Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia.

Following the service many folk took the chance to speak with Margaret as she shared with people information on African farming, sustainable techniques from rural Africa that we can try in our own gardens (this will be a bit of a stretch for Fr Greenfingers at the Vicarage) and twinning your garden.

With over 80 people in church for the service there were queues as extra pots of coffee had to be made to keep everyone happy. We then formed a group at the front of the church to make a bid for the finest Chilean wine, Mackey's Orange marmalade and Mike Watts superb runner beans (another delivery has arrived at the vicarage as I write). There was also a moist, delicate, delicious lemon drizzle cake which went for a generous sum of money! I later discovered that the cake was presented by the purchaser to another person who had made a lovely bid themselves. Even within the auction you see the 'Ripple Effect' was taking place as people made generous offers, sometimes to then give the harvest gift to another. It took me back to my time in Kenya when during a service a person brought fruit to auction and another person bought the fruit and gave it to me. It was a moving and humbling experience.

The outcome of the auction was an amazing £550 which will go to support Sustainable farming techniques in rural Africa. Let me give you some examples of how the money can be spent.

£9 buys a 'chirpy Chicken' which provides nutrient packed eggs, with any surplus being sold to the community to provide income perhaps leading to sending a child to school. The chickens provide great compost from their droppings which gives richer soil and lifesaving crops.

£8 offers a family, simple items like a fork, a rake or a hoe which enables people to take part in the Ripple Effect training programmes which helps them cultivate their land.

£13 provides a much-treasured donkey which helps families get their produce to markets. Training in all aspects of donkey welfare including feeding and sheltering, appropriate harnessing and proper loading. A happy and healthy donkey means more fruit and vegetables can be sold at market providing a vital income for medicine and school fees.

£125 supports a large project like a School Farmyard. This gift helps a school set up their own farmyard which can be life-changing for its students and their families helping them fight poverty. The students will learn practical skills as they grow crops and take care of animals like chickens and goats.

Having shared the auction 45 of us went to the Parish Centre to enjoy Paul Lion's excellent ploughmen's followed by apple pies and cream which Jo Sheppard had provided. There was a lovely atmosphere in the centre and allowed people to enjoy friendship and hospitality together.

Towards the end of the service Anne Sweeney, on behalf of the Sustainability group, asked people to share in a Eco-committee survey. Anne and the team were thrilled that 33 forms were filled in and some of those forms were filled in by families and groups meaning that there are a growing number of our church community taking seriously sustainable living.

In conclusion it is small actions that can make a difference and two quotes for us to take away this week. 'Just as ripples spread out when a single pebble is dropped into water, the actions of individuals can have far-reaching effects.' (Dalai Lama)

'I alone can't change the world, but I can cast a stone across water, to create many ripples.' (Mother Teresa)

May we share God's love this week,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 5 October	9.00am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room (this week only) <i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 6	10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
Saturday 7	10.30am Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room
Sunday 8	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Eighteenth Sunday After Trinity Worship for All Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
Monday 9	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 10	9.30 am Morning Prayer 10.00am Boyne Hill School visit to church

Wednesday 11

10.00 am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

2.30pm *Senior Saints at Wendy Channon's House*

3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

7.30pm Christ Child Market Planning Meeting in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 15 October visit of Nigel Cohen as he shares the story of Food Share at the 10.00am Eucharist.

Monday 16 October 2.15pm Funeral of Stanley Brown in Church. Please keep Susan and her sons, Matthew and William, in prayer.

Sunday 29 October 10.00am Patronal Festival of All Saints Our guest preacher will be Fr Nicholas Cheesman. Following the service, we will have lunch at the Gandhi restaurant. We will shortly have a sign-up list for those who wish to share the celebration lunch with us.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we journey through this week and look forward to our worship this Sunday we are challenged by the story of vineyard. We pray that we will in our lives bring forth the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We pray that we will be a light to the world through small actions made in love.

We look back to last weekend and give thanks for the wonderful Harvest with the Ripple Effect Charity and Margaret our speaker. We give thanks too for our gifts shared and for those who gave abundantly to support sustainable farming in rural Africa.

At the Eucharist this week we ask that our prayers will surround those in trouble, our words will share God's good news and our hands to reach out to those in need and who are perhaps lonely. We look forward to next week when our guest speaker will be Nigel Cohen and the Food Share project. May we find within us the desire to support this important ministry to people in need.

We continue to pray for the people of Morocco, Libya and other places suffering through natural disaster, famine and drought.

We give thanks for our sustainability group and for all those within our congregation who are showing that they are trying to respect and work in harmony with God's creation. We pray that we will bear the fruits of the harvest both individually and as community to look after God's creation and our neighbours suffering in places impacted by climate change.

We pray for all Asylum seekers and refugees in this town of Maidenhead and across Britain who are facing the threat of being made homeless and jobless. We give thanks for those at the local authority who working alongside Care4Calais, FoodShare, Slough Refugee Council, Maidenhead football Club, the Brett Foundation and the churches who are trying to provide for refugees' wellbeing.

We remember Kallie Rampton, Maxwell & Charlotte Ferguson and River Hales on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those within our parish in time of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, 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, Jim Goff and Andrew and Sue Fleet.

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

We pray for the recently departed, especially Tessa Armstrong and Stanley Brown, and for the departed members of our own families. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 Philippians 3: 4b -14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL Matthew 21: 33 – 46

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

MUSIC

Prelude: Prelude on 'Slane' *C Tambling*
Opening: 595 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Gradual: 592 As the deer pants for the water
Offertory: 667 I danced in the morning
Communion: 157 When I survey the wondrous cross
Closing: 678 In Christ alone
Postlude Prelude in E Flat Major BWV 552 *J S Bach*

GREEN NEWS

If you took part in the eco-survey on Sunday morning the findings are attached to the email. If you didn't take part you may still be interested to see the results.

The Eco-Committee team

SENIOR SAINTS 2.30pm WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER

The meeting will be at Wendy Channon's house, 25 Great Hill Crescent, SL6 4RE.

CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



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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