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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

From Mountain Top to Ordinary Life....

We enjoyed a wonderful Eucharist on Sunday morning, celebrating the Feast of the Transfiguration. At the Transfiguration, Jesus took his closest disciples Peter, James and John with him up a mountain. Whilst he was praying, his face shone brightly like the sun and the disciples saw his clothes become dazzling white. Moses and Elijah (representative of the law and the prophets respectively) appeared in glory with Jesus. There is a cloud and, from the cloud, a voice saying “This is my beloved Son, my Chosen One; listen to him.”

The disciples were not able to stay for ever in that mountain-top experience, and nor can we always live in those moments when we feel particularly close to God, when our hearts are ‘strangely warmed’ by his love. For the disciples, it was a stage in their journey, not its conclusion. So, what happened next?

Jesus and the disciples descend the mountain, and are straight into the rough and tumble of real life once again – confronted by the multitudes, including the distraught father of an epileptic boy: “Lord, help me, he is my only child...a spirit seizes him and tries to dash him into the fire.....I begged your disciples, but they could not...” And Jesus, through his own power as Son of God, cures the boy.

The point, I think, is that the disciples didn’t come down the mountain leaving Jesus behind; Jesus came with them, indeed probably led them down the mountain and onto the plain himself. So when they faced the rough and tumble, the pain and distress of the ordinary world, Jesus was there with them. And they had to learn that the only power they had to confront the pain and distress of the world was the power of Jesus himself. “I begged your disciples, but they could not...”.

We are very familiar with the Road to Emmaus event (Luke 24: 13-35) as a kind of illustration of the Eucharist, for it tells of an encounter with the Risen Lord Jesus in the breaking of bread, just as we do week-by-week.

On Sunday morning, I fell to thinking about the event of the Transfiguration as perhaps another illustration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist is described by Vatican 11 and the Catechism of the Catholic Church as “The source and summit of the Christian life”. That word “summit” applied to the Eucharist resonated in my mind with the mountain “summit” of the Transfiguration. For if we have moments of revelation, moments when we feel particularly close to God, do not they often occur during worship, and especially at the Eucharist? I know that is true for me. Some of my most precious moments of grace and knowing the presence of God have been, in various ways, at the Eucharist.



If the Eucharist is the summit of our faith, the place of particular encounter with Christ, then it is in fact our very own Mountain Top experience of the Transfiguration. In the Eucharist we encounter Christ in the fullness of his risen life, revealed through Word and Sacrament, just as the disciples saw Christ transfigured before them on the holy mountain. And just as Jesus took the disciples down the mountain with him and into the noise and challenge of the crowds, so at the Eucharist we are “sent out” to bear Christ into the messy

reality of our world. We walk into the world enriched with Christ in our hearts and in our minds, seeking to bring healing and hope and forgiveness and love in his name and in his strength alone. This is incarnation, and this is the mission of the Church – Christ with us, Christ in us, Christ in the world, Christ transforming the world.

Fr John

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 12 August

3.00pm- 7.00pm – Everyone invited to the 80th Birthday celebrations of Margaret Hill, Boyn Hill Baptist Church, Westborough Road, Maidenhead. Afternoon tea will be served. Games for the young and young of heart. Please RSVP Jackie Honey (daughter) 07776117052 if you plan to attend. Many congratulations Margaret. May you enjoy a wonderful day.

Sunday 13 August

10.00 am Parish Eucharist for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity – All Age Worship

Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

12.00 pm Holy Baptism - Theodore George Stuart Taylor-Webb

1.00 pm Holy Baptism – Lowan Malcolm Clarke-Compagno

Monday 14 August

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 15 August

9.30 am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 16 August

10.00 am Eucharist celebrating The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

12.00 pm Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

3.00 pm Baptism preparation in Church

ADVANCE NOTICES

PLEASE COME AND HELP US CELEBRATE THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF ALLsorts!

There will be cake and games and LOTS of fun! **Thursday 31st August, 7-8.30pm** at **All Saints Church Parish Hall**, Boyn Hill Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE. **PLEASE RSVP TO SUE NORDBERG BY 24TH AUGUST.**

See attached flier for full details

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 for the Eucharistic ministry of our church; for all who contribute to our Eucharist services in whatever way, and for those who receive communion in their own homes or in a care home. We pray that in our mission and ministry we may be challenged, encouraged and strengthened by the Risen Lord Jesus to do his will and be a channel of his love and grace.

We pray that we would be enlightened and encouraged in our own lives by encounter with Christ, our Lord and God, through prayer, worship, Word and service. We pray for newcomers to All Saints church and occasional visitors, that they would find a friendly welcome, a loving community, and the presence of God.

We pray for our Senior Saints as they gather for their annual cream tea at the Vicarage, and we give thanks for their friendship and the mutual care and support amongst the group.

We pray for King Charles and all in authority under him. For pray for our Government facing difficult issues of health and social care, migration and the care of asylum seekers, economic policy, and the urgent need to address climate change. We pray that in all its work and decision making Government would be caring and compassionate towards the poor, the weak and the vulnerable.

We continue to pray for migrants and asylum seekers and for all those who are forced to flee from their homes by oppression or violence or to find food, water and medical care. We pray for places of political instability and violence, especially at this time for the people of Niger and the surrounding nations, as well as Iran, Iraq and the Middle East, praying that hearts and minds would be turned towards peace, justice and the flourishing of all people. We pray especially for Christians in places of persecution, and for the Bishops and Priests who serve them.

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 Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Ruby Doughty, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, and Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery and Morieza Seraj.

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, including Iris Newman. We pray for their families and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13 AUGUST THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

EPISTLE 1 Kings 19: 9-18

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22-23

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

MUSIC

Preludes:	Fantasia in D minor, BK 46 <i>Byrd</i> Cantabile <i>Franck</i>
Opening hymn:	748 O Jesus, I have promised
Gradual hymn:	330 Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you
Offertory hymn:	664 How sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Communion Music:	Regina coeli, Op.64 <i>Dupre</i>
Closing hymn:	623 Eternal Father, strong to save
Postlude:	Preludio, Sonata in E flat minor, Op.119 <i>Rheinberger</i>



All Saints will open on Saturday 9 September from 9.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday 10 from 12 noon until 4.30pm. To make this a success we do need help from as many as possible of you to spend an hour or two during these times to greet people and serve simple refreshments; see sign-up sheets at the back of the church or contact me on kensmith1@btinternet.com or 01628 633895. See attached flier for full details.

There will be an organ recital by Dr Relf Clark on the Sunday at 2.30pm.

Ken Smith

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!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk



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

All Saints Church Boyne Hill



This Sunday is our.....

All Age Worship Service

10 a.m. with Communion

Do join us !!



Please come and help us celebrate the 20th anniversary of ALLsorts!

There will be cake and games and LOTS of fun!

Thursday 31st August, 7-8.30pm

All Saint's Church Hall, Boyn Hill Rd, Maidenhead, SL6 4HE

FRIENDS OF JESUS LOVE ONE ANOTHER JUST AS HE LOVED US

(JOHN 15:12-13, 17)



FUN



PLEASE RSVP TO SUE NORDBERG BY 24TH AUGUST

Our meeting in September is 7pm Thursday **28th September 2023** at
St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Close, 14 High Street,
Maidenhead, SL6 1YY

All Welcome

ALLsorts meets from 7 to 8.30pm, usually on the last Thursday
of each month.

Contact Sue Nordberg on 01628 676750



heritage open days



Yes, it is that time of the year again. As part of the National Heritage Open Days Scheme we are opening specially on

Saturday 9 September from 9.30am until 4.30pm and on Sunday from 12 noon until 4.30pm

for you to look around your church at leisure, to learn things you never knew and to ask those questions you always wanted to.

(Ride and Stride is also taking place on the Saturday)

You can look at the font and pulpit by Thomas Earp, the beautiful stained-glass windows by John Hardman and William Wailes, as well as a 20th century window by the famous 20th century glass designer Sir Ninian Comper, the elaborate choir stall carvings, the mediaeval style wall stencilling and the floor brasses. And don't forget to ask about Inspector Morse!

I will be giving a talk about the church at 2.00pm on Saturday and 3.00pm on Sunday.

Relf Clark will be giving an organ recital at 2.30pm on the Sunday.

Our Open Days is also be advertised on the national website at:-

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/all-saints-the-celebration-of-a-stunning-architectural-masterpiece>

and we expect other visitors to join us. To make this a success **we do need help from as many as possible** of you to spend an hour or two during these times to greet people and serve simple refreshments.

Please let me know if you can do so asap. – kensmith1@btinternet.com or 01628 633895

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