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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This weekend, the Sundays@6 service will be a celebration of the Eucharist of wholeness and healing. This simple service provides an opportunity for people to pray for healing in their lives and to pray that God's loving and healing presence may enter the life of one they love and care about.

Just before journeying to Kenya in November 2013, I went into our church and took with me the oil for anointing the sick and my 'Pocket Ritual' a rite of anointing and caring for the sick. I had spent much time in preparation talking to the late and much-loved Revd Roy Taylor about being prepared with sermons that could be used at a moment's notice in the Diocese of Taita Taveta but it was to be this small book and oil for anointing that would provide profound moments during that trip to Kenya.

The Christian Faith reminds us that we are all united in the bond of common baptism and a common faith within the Body of Christ. What happens to one member affects us all. When the priest anoints the sick, he/she is anointing in the name and with the power of Christ himself on behalf of the community. The message of hope is for the sick, but it is also necessary for those for those who are near and dear to the person in pain and facing great trial.

During that trip to Kenya, I was invited to pray with people who were sick. We would sing a hymn like amazing grace and recall the words of St James; 'Is there anyone sick among you? Let her call for the elders and let them pray for her and anoint her in the name of the Lord. This prayer, made in faith, will save the sick person. The Lord will restore health, and if any sin has been committed, they will be forgiven.'
People would then be anointed on the forehead, 'through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit'. Then with open hands the person seeking healing hears the words, 'May the Lord who frees you from sin save you and raise you up'.

This short service in people homes across that Diocese was a moving experience and is replicated many times in homes in our parish, at hospital beds and at church. The title of our service though is wholeness and healing, and this leads me to think about what wholeness might mean.

This week I am meeting with curates from Slough, Reading and Windsor reflecting on what flourishing in ministry and together in Church Leadership might mean. How can we flourish individually and as the Body of Christ? The church is called to model a community where all can find fulfilment and wholeness to use our gifts. This will mean looking after our own wellbeing and providing an environment where people can flourish together in a safe and encouraging environment.

On an individual level what provides your own wellbeing? Joining a rambling group, watching Leyton Orient play football, curling up with a good book, spending time with family or watching your favourite film for the fifth time? There are many tools available to help us assess our wellbeing in the following areas.

Physical self-care eg – Do I eat a good diet and get regular exercise, get enough sleep, take the occasional holiday or short break?

Psychological self-care eg – Read books that are unrelated to our work, make time for quiet reflection, notice your inner experiences.

Emotional self-care eg – spend time in the company of people you enjoy, find things that make you laugh, identify comforting activities, express your care for social action in letters, donations.

Spiritual self-care eg – spend time with nature, be aware of the non-material aspects of life, pray, sing, experience those moments of awe, contribute to causes that you believe in and listen to things that inspire you. Perhaps take part in a quiet day or retreat.

Workplace eg Try to take breaks during the day and balance workload. A challenge is seeking to find a balance in work, family life, relationships, play and rest.

Our community should hopefully have a culture where we treat each other with respect and dignity, free from harassment or intimidation with no discriminatory behaviours where people can flourish in a safe and loving environment. At the morning Eucharist when we reflect on the theme of Safeguarding, we will seek to discover what it means to love God and our neighbour as ourselves.

Please do come and worship at our morning Eucharist for Safe communities and/or our Wholeness and Healing Eucharist at our Sundays@6.

May we all share God's love this week,

Fr Jeremy

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY.

All Saints will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to highlight the importance of protecting vulnerable people and to demonstrate unity as part of Safeguarding Sunday.

We will take the opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to coordinate safeguarding in our church so we can protect vulnerable people together.

We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

The service this coming Sunday will include reflections and prayers on the subject of Safeguarding and the role we can all play in helping ensure our Church of All Saints, as well as the wider Church, provides a welcoming, safe and nurturing place for all.

We will be looking at the role of Safeguarding in our church life, and sharing thoughts on the part we can all play in protecting the vulnerable amongst us.

Fr Jeremy & Fr John

Safeguarding in the All Saints Boyne Hill community, providing a safe, supportive and encouraging environment in which young people and vulnerable adults can flourish and achieve fulfil their potential.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 16 November	11.00am Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 17	9.00am <i>Assembly at Boyne Hill School</i> 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
Saturday 18	11.30am Sidespeoples' Meeting in Church & the Birinus Room
Sunday 19	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday before Advent Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy on the theme of Safeguarding 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Atlas Nazim Ota, Ren Ninian Ota, their parents and godparents. 6.00pm Sundays@Six Eucharist of Wholeness & Healing Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Monday 20 – Friday 24 Monday 20	<i>Assemblies at Desborough School on the theme of World Religions</i> 9.30am Morning Prayer in Church 7.30pm WAMCF Ladies' Group Meeting at St Luke's See p 7
Tuesday 21	9.30 am Morning Prayer in Church 12.30pm Deanery Chapter Meeting
Wednesday 22	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.00am <i>Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Saturday 16 December 6:30pm in Church *Christmas Joy*

A Christmas Concert by Renaissance Voices conducted by Paul Leddington Wright.

Renaissance Voices are regular visitors to All Saints and their Christmas Concert will be a welcome return.

Consisting of well-known carols for audience participation, interspersed with carols sung by the choir ranging from the Renaissance to the present-day including arrangements by Paul Leddington Wright and seasonal readings this will be a musical treat.

Tickets bought in advance £14.00 from renaissancevoices.co.uk or £15.00 on the door. Under 18s are free.

The ticket price includes a light supper in the church after the concert.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all those who have suffered hurt and harm within the family of the Church, whether they are known to us or not, we know that you know them by name.

We pray for those who feel trapped, grant them a way of escape; for those in pain, bring comfort and healing; for those who seek justice, may they have courage and strength. And give to all who suffer people who will listen, support, and walk with them.

We cannot ignore those who have been harmed and hurt by those in the wider Church; we are one body and if one part suffers, every part suffers with it.

Help us to learn from where we've gone astray, and strive to do all we can every day, to make your church a safer place.

We pray for all those who serve in a position of leadership in our Church. We pray especially for Fr Jeremy and Fr John, and our Church Wardens Ken Smith and John Bolodeoku. Thank you for their commitment to serve us in this way. As they make decisions, set the culture, and seek to lead us in our worship and witness, give them wisdom, humility, and courage to follow Jesus' example of servant leadership. Help us support them in their role, remember them in our prayers, and ensure they have others around them who can help, challenge, and encourage them so that we might be a safer place for everyone.

We pray you will bring light and love into the dark places of our world, places where people are frightened and hungry, places where people are violent, places where people are fighting, places where we feel unsafe.

We pray especially for all those affected by the war in Israel and Gaza, and Ukraine, and we pray for a just peace and true reconciliation in all areas of the world where lives are blighted by terror, prejudice and discrimination.

We humbly come to you as a church, and acknowledge that being human we don't always get things right. The church is not a perfect place, but it can be a source of grace and support.

Help us to seek to protect those who are vulnerable within our own community. Help us to speak up for those in need, to recognise and stand with those who are suffering, weary and crushed in spirit, and to love with no limits.

We pray for Atlas and Ren Ota who will be baptised later today and we remember Mason Curtis on the anniversary of his Baptism.

We pray this morning for all those known to us who have asked for our prayers; especially 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, Joseph White, Morieza Seraj and Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane-Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw and Suzanne Brown. 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 all our departed loved ones, especially those whose anniversary of death falls at this time.

A prayer written by Cerys Morgan, a victim and survivor of church-based abuse.

Father, Thank you that as your church you entrust to us your work here on earth.

We pray that through your Spirit, you will empower us to do the right thing for the benefit of those suffering abuse and injustice.

That we will not fear to be bringers of your justice. That we will be your voice for those whose voices are silenced.

That when your light shines into dark areas of abuse we will have courage as your representatives, to face our fears, and to show forth your heart of compassion and justice, and to speak your words of life and freedom into broken hearts.

Teach us as a Church to be your body fully knitted together and working in unity. To care for one another with extra care and dignity.

Enable us to be instruments of your love, to teach everyone how precious they are to you.

That they will know you are a God who sees and feels their pain.

We ask this in your name and for your glory. **Amen**

Help All Saints to be a church that: loves, welcomes, and protects; listens, learns, and serves; values, cares, and believes.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

COLLECT FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

O T READING Isaiah 41: 10 - 13

Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. Yes, all who are incensed against you shall be ashamed and disgraced; those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them, those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. For I, the Lord your God hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

GOSPEL Mark 12: 28 – 31

One of the scribes came near and heard the religious authorities disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Scherzo <i>P Hurford</i>
Opening hymn:	676 Immortal, invisible
Gradual hymn:	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you
Offertory hymn:	648 God of grace and God of glory
Communion hymn:	358 Be still, for the presence of the Lord
Closing hymn:	365 Let us build a house
Postlude:	Overture to Ptolemy <i>G F Handel</i>

**ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 3 December
12 noon to 3.30pm**

Our Christ Child Market is only a few weeks away now, and we need to ask for everyone's help with the following please:

Volunteers to help on the All Saints stalls:

To help man and provide cover on the following stalls; there is a **sign-up sheet** at the back of the Church:

- ✚ Entrance to the Market
- ✚ Handicrafts
- ✚ tombola
- ✚ raffle
- ✚ children's activities and tattoos
- ✚ cake stall
- ✚ chocolate stall
- ✚ BBQ
- ✚ mulled wine & hot chocolate
- ✚ teas and coffee and mince pies.



Please sign-up for the stall you would like to help on; there is also space on the sheet to sign up if you don't have any preference.

Donations:

We would be grateful now for **prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA.**

We hope to have a separate tombola for children and would be grateful for donations for that too.

PLEASE REMEMBER NEW ITEMS ONLY.

The collection box for your donations is at the back of the Church.

Gazebos and Cakes: Sign-up sheets for these are at the back of the church .

We also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS for our stall holders** and – from our bakers - **CAKES for the All Saints' cake stall.**

If you have any questions or need more information, please speak to any member of the team:

*Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibo Veira,
Darren Pimm, John Gay and Stella Harding*

**PLEASE HELP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL IF YOU CAN THIS YEAR BY
MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER!**

One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> . It costs £20.

See leaflet attached to this email for more information and other ways to donate.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk

DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Why not reduce food waste by grating the tough central rib of your cabbage along with a carrot. Add a splash of mayonnaise or salad cream and hey presto you have coleslaw at a fraction of the cost in the shops! No plastic tub either!

JIGSAW AND BOARD GAMES SWAP

As the nights draw in, many of us like to spend time making jigsaws or playing games. Do you have jigsaws that you've completed or games that you no longer play, which are gathering dust at home? Why don't you bring them along and swap for something different? We'll set up a table near the coffee servery to display the games from Sunday 19th to Wednesday 29th November. If you'd like to bring anything before then, please leave in the office. Here's a chance to recycle and give pleasure to others!



Your Sustainability Team

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!

Claire Foley claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk

WAMCF MEETING 7.30pm MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER AT ST LUKE'S CHURCH

All ladies welcome to enjoy food and fellowship and, given the situation in the Middle East, think about Peace by using some activities to help reflect and by making peace symbols (olive leaves and doves) to decorate the WAMCF Christmas tree for the Christmas Tree Festival.



Operation Christmas Child was formed in 1990 when Dave Cooke from Wrexham saw the horror of children in Romanian orphanages. He asked his friends to help fill a truck with toys and drive it to Romania. OCC is now the world's largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse. Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of a shoebox of gifts.

Packing shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal has become an important part of our ministry in recent years. This will be our 11th year of taking part and during this time we have donated over 650 shoebox gifts. In the last 3 years, we donated about 60 boxes in each; in 2019 we gave 100!

We plan to follow the same model as last year. There are 3 ways that you can contribute:

Shoebox Online - you can select your gifts online and Operation Christmas Child will pack and send your shoebox for you. We have our own page this year so we can track how many boxes we send. Click on this link <https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/18697050> (or copy the address into your browser) to pack a shoebox or go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more information. It costs **£20**.



Donation –If you're not keen on the online option, you can make a monetary contribution. You can do this by making an online bank transfer or writing a cheque to the church - or by giving cash. Cheques or cash can be left in the small box for this purpose at the back of church – or give them directly to Jenny. If you can donate

£20, the cost of a full shoebox, that would be great, but smaller donations are gratefully received too. **Please mark any donations clearly as being for the 'Shoebox appeal'.**

Your own shoebox –You could pack your own complete shoebox. Some of you have done this previously. Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> and choose 'How to pack a shoebox' for more information. As you may remember, there are some items not allowed and these are listed on the website – and it may give you some inspiration too! The nearest drop off point is Braywick Nurseries, 41 Braywick Rd, Maidenhead SL6 1DX. This will be open from 13th – 20th November. Please don't bring your shoeboxes to the church.



A reminder of the project

There are a number of videos on the Samaritan's Purse website which give stories about the children who receive the boxes, but here is my favourite. You may remember it, as we've shown in several times in church.

WOW! video <https://youtu.be/i7g4C4k7UTw>

A simple heartfelt gift, packed with love and fuelled by prayer can mean so much to a child and their family – and enables us to share God's love and bring joy to children around the world.

We hope that you can support this project again this year – and please let me know if you send a box online or drop one off, so I can let you all know the number of boxes we donate.

Thanks, Jenny Wilks

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