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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have been on holiday with Monika and of course this means that sermons and articles in Parish News will have a flavour of the novels that I have read on the beach at Agadir and information gained from our excursions to Marrakesh and the Atlas Mountains. On a trip to Marrakesh, I noticed in my rough guide to Morocco a hotel called 'Hotel de Foucauld'. The guide made reference to streets after Charles de Faucauld and it suddenly clicked in my mind that this was the man who was made a saint in May 2022 by Pope Francis. I had come across this man through using a book 'Dare to Break Bread' by Geoffrey Howard that I used extensively in early copies of Parish News during the Lockdowns of 2020-21 as we suffered the COVID pandemic.

'Dare to Break Bread' was given me on my ordination to the diaconate in 1993 and I have used it many times when speaking about the Eucharist. Throughout August the gospels readings are all taken from John 6 and the importance of the sacrament will be stressed by many preachers across the country and indeed the Christian world. Morocco 's population is made up of 99 percent Muslim with tiny minorities of Christians and Jews today but when de Faucauld travelled through Morocco in 1883-84 this would have been a dangerous expedition. Morocco in the present day is a fascinating country with 4 mountain ranges and the Sahara Desert as well as gorgeous beaches off the Atlantic Ocean and the Berber people that are welcoming, friendly and hospitable. Monika and I with 8 other French and English people were cooked a delicious tajine in the home of a Berber family in the High Atlas Mountains.

In the section of the guidebook that informed the traveller of Tangier, Tetouan and the Northwest you read about a place called Chefchaouen. Until the arrival of the Spanish in 1920 it is said that only three Westerners had visited this town. William Summers, an American who was poisoned by the townsfolk in 1892, and the British journalist Walter Harris, who in his book 'Land of an African Sultan' described this place 'the very fact that there existed within thirty hours ride of Tangier a city in which it was considered an utter impossibility for a Christian to enter.' The third person was de Faucauld who described by the authors of 'The Rough Guide to Morocco' as a missionary explorer spent just an hour in the town, disguised as a rabbi in 1883.

Let me share a little about this man Charles de Foucauld that I learned from Geoffrey Howard. Foucauld in 1911 came to Mount Assekrem, 9000 feet above sea level in the Middle of the Sahara Desert. He was a former army officer and explorer and later was ordained a priest and moved to a few months after ordination to Algeria where he led a hermit's life. During his time in Algeria in the desert he studied the language of the nomadic Tuareg tribes, he composed dictionaries and translations of that language and he spent his time in prayer, penance and acts of charity which won him the admiration of French soldiers and Mohammedan desert tribes, although he didn't gain one conversion to the Christian faith during his life up until his death at the hands of rebels in 1916.

Charles de Foucauld is said to have lived alone for much of his life in the desert apart from contact with the nomadic people. Despite having little contact with people, he had a deep love for the Eucharist, the most

communal of all acts of worship. From this life of austerity, I counted on an internet search 22 named communities including the Little Brothers of Jesus, the Little Brothers of the Gospel, Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart and the Little Sisters of Jesus that have grown out of the life of de Foucauld. Charles de Foucauld used to spend five hours a day in prayer, much of that time adoring the blessed sacrament. He met Jesus in bread and wine. Geoffrey Howard visited the Little Brothers of Jesus at Assekrem and in one of the hermitage retreat dwellings on a mountain of stone, where there is little sign of life, Howard follows Foucauld in celebrating the Eucharist alone.

'I hold the bread in my hand and see there the God who created, sustains and saves the world. I see food for the hungry, strength for the weak, power for the powerless. I am not bothered whether bread has become body or whether it remains plain bread. All I know is I look at bread but see God.' As we share Eucharistic worship this August and reflect on chapter six of John's gospel let us give thanks for the life of Charles de Foucauld and his passion for the Eucharist, the most communal of all acts of worship.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

#### **RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

<b>Thursday 1 August</b>	11.00am Confirmation class on Zoom – Group 2 4.30pm Confirmation class on Zoom – Group 4
<b>Saturday 3</b>	10.30am Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room
<b>Sunday 4</b>	<b>10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity</b> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
<b>Tuesday 6</b>	9.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	<b>10.00am Requiem Eucharist</b> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.30am Communion Service at Clara Court Care Home Fr Jeremy 3.30pm Confirmation class on Zoom – Group 3 6.00pm Wedding Appointment in the Parish Office
<b>Thursday 8</b>	10.30am Bible Study in the Parish Centre: The Gospel of St Luke All welcome
<b>Sunday 11</b>	<b>10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity</b> <b>Worship for All</b> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
<b>Tuesday 13</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b> 7.30pm Sustainability Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

I will relive the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela I made in September 2013 as part of my Sabbatical. If you would like to share an evening with me retelling the journey with Mike providing the pictures please join us at the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Saturday 5 October. During the evening there will be a meal in the style of pilgrimage. The cost will be £20 with all profit going to The Ripple Effect Charity. Numbers will be limited to 30; there is a list at the back of church but preferably email [mike.moss@btinternet.com](mailto:mike.moss@btinternet.com) to register your interest. If over-subscribed a second session will be held.

*Fr Jeremy*

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we pray the Eucharist through the summer season we reflect on the meaning of the Body and Blood of Christ, His presence with us.

Lord of the broken bread and blessed wine, you performed those familiar actions at significant times in your life. As we come to your table week by week may we come to know you in the breaking of bread and pouring of wine. May we receive your blessing of new and transformed life. Give us the confidence to invite others to the banquet, in anticipation of the meal in your Heavenly Kingdom.

In the strength of Holy Communion send us out to make your power known to our friends and neighbours. Supply our bodily needs, and the spiritual food and drink that makes us one with Christ.

We pray for all who are starving in the world in the midst of plenty. Bring new hope for the relief of suffering. We pray for the Ripple Effect Charity in the mission to enable sustainable farming in African countries.

We pray for peace in this world of unrest. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and the surrounding areas. We pray for the people of Lebanon and South Sudan, and we pray that weapons may be turned into ploughshares and where nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found.

We pray for all people who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, oppression, or persecution. We pray within our community for our friends from Iran. We give thanks for those who are receiving news of interviews enabling them to begin a new life in this country.

We pray for our schools and all places of education as students, teachers and all people involved in education seek a time of relaxation this summer. We pray for all people seeking to enjoy a holiday to recharge during busy lives.

We remember Cora Butler-Cole, Bradley Shea, Kai Sumner, Harvey & Oscar Lovell, Gracie Waters, Lana Cogger, Poppy Simmonds, Tyler Mungal and Reginold Curtis on the anniversaries of their baptisms.

We continue to pray for those in need of God's healing; Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Kristina Baloch, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Karen Harvey, Patricia Butcher, Andrew Collins and Daniel Fatoux. May these people all know God's loving and healing presence.

We remember the recently departed including Geoffrey Deane 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 4 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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

### O T READING 2 Samuel 11: 26 & 12: 13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, The LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, 'There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meagre fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveller to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.' Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, 'As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbour, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.' David said to Nathan, 'I have sinned against the LORD.' Nathan said to David, 'Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.'

### GOSPEL John 6: 24 — 35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were at the place where Jesus had given the bread, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

### MUSIC

Preludes:	Sonata in E flat major, BWV 525 <i>J S Bach</i> & Andante, K 616 <i>W A Mozart</i>
Opening hymn:	422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Gradual hymn:	430 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed
Offertory hymn:	452 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
During Communion:	Cantilene, Sonata in D minor, Op 148 <i>J Rheinberger</i>
Closing hymn:	641 Glorious things of thee are spoken
Postlude:	Fantasia in G minor BWV 542 (i) <i>J S Bach</i>

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 11 AUGUST THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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.

### EPISTLE Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### GOSPEL John 6: 35 & 41 – 51

Jesus said to the crowd, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

### MUSIC

Preludes:	Adagio, Troisième Symphonie Op 28 <i>Vierne</i> & Canon in C major Op 56 No 1 <i>Schumann</i>
Opening hymn:	4 New every morning is the love
Gradual hymn:	429 Bread is blessed and broken
Offertory hymn:	454 Love is his word, love is his way
During Communion:	Petit Canon <i>Nadia Boulanger</i>
Closing hymn:	587 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
Postlude:	Preludio Sonata in E flat minor Op 119 <i>Rheinberger</i>



## AND ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER

We hope that everyone will be able to take part in this special weekend event in September. The Church will be open over the weekend to welcome visitors coming to see our beautiful building as part of English Heritage Weekend.

On the Saturday we will also welcome people taking part in the annual Ride & Stride event, and raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trusts (BHCT). This will help BHCT make grants to places of Christian worship – All Saints itself has benefitted from such a grant.

How can you join in?

1. Volunteer to help welcome and steward visitors over the weekend, and help provide them with refreshments during the day.

We are looking for volunteers to fill hourly slots on the Saturday, and on the Sunday afternoon; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

2. Join Fr Jeremy's team of walkers for a short walk around some local participating churches on the Saturday morning; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Once we have a confirmed list of participating churches we will decide upon a route.

3. Sponsor our "team" of Walkers and the Stewards; there is a sponsorship form at the back of the Church.

Whatever you can give will be much appreciated, and remember, half of all the money we raise will come straight back to All Saints Boyne Hill. The other half goes to the Berkshire HCT to help support other churches in need.

Please speak to either of us if you have any questions about these arrangements.

*Stella Harding & Ken Smith*

## SENIOR SAINTS WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2.30pm AT THE VICARAGE

A change from our second Wednesday of the month as Fr Jeremy entertains us to a cream tea at the Vicarage.

*Margaret Hill*

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RUNNING OF YOUR CHURCH?

The Stewardship Group is tasked with analysing and assessing the need for volunteers, bringing this to the attention of the congregation and communicating the financial commitments and needs of the church

When talking with members of the congregation it is clear that there is significant variation in the understanding of how the church is run and administered, what it costs and where the money is spent. If we can get a clearer understanding of the congregation's view of this, we can improve our communication and, hopefully, commitment to the stewardship of All Saints.

To help us do this we have produced a very short survey on the congregation's understanding of the running, administration and costs of the church. It is tick box, anonymous and will take about five minutes of your time. It is easily completed using the link below and pressing "Done"

[Ctrl click] <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJVYDD2>

If you prefer a paper copy these are available at the back of the church, please return them to the Parish Office by Sunday 8 September, which is also the closing date for the electronic survey.

Please do take the five minutes to do this and so help in the stewardship of All Saints.

*Jeremy Nordberg*

### **DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL**

Reduce - Even if you never go abroad you probably rack up the air miles by buying supermarket flowers. Almost none of these will have been grown in the UK, but help is at hand! Micklems Farm Flowers is just up the road at Knowl Hill and grows the flowers they sell. You can find them at [www.micklemsfarm.com](http://www.micklemsfarm.com) or give them a call on 07973325451. If you want to see more, the website [www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk](http://www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk) has a list of many UK farmers that grow flowers as a crop. Enjoy their beauty and scents!

Norden Farm is showing the film, *Wilding* (PG), described as a wonderful story of ecological regeneration. Isabella Tree and Charlie Burrell abandoned industrial farming practices at Knepp and allowed nature to 'rewild' their 3,500-acre estate. First in Britain, it is now the most significant rewilding experiment in Europe and home to thriving flora and fauna of all kinds. This film shows what they have achieved and what is possible! Screenings at 14:00 on Saturday 3rd and 20:00 on Tuesday 6th August. Tickets from Norden Farm [Wilding \(PG\)](#)

*Your Eco-team*

### **TUESDAY CLUB HEADS-UP**

The Tuesday Club AGM will be at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue at 2.30pm on Tuesday 17 September. Do come along to discover the delights of the 2024/25 programme organised for our entertainment.

### **PARISH NEWS NEWS**

Anything for the next edition, Wednesday 14 August, should be sent to the Parish Office, [allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com) by Tuesday 13 August please.



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