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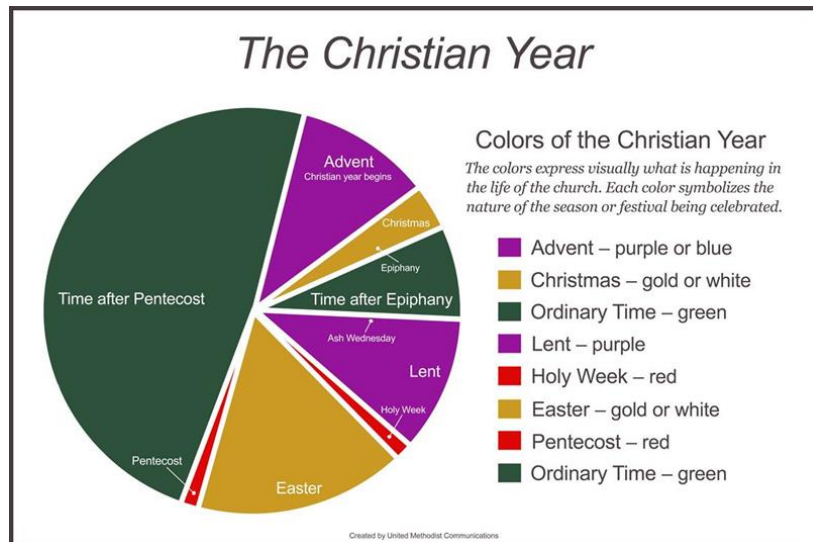
Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

**Why are the clergy wearing Green?**



We were asked this question in the vestry on Sunday morning.....The colours we use in church enhance our worship by reflecting the tone and meaning of the particular church season or festival that is being celebrated. The colour of the vestments worn by clergy (the chasuble worn by the celebrant, shown in the pictures above, and the stole worn by each of the clergy taking part in the Eucharist) and the colour of the Altar Frontal on the High Altar vary according to the particular Liturgical Season, and sometimes for a specific day. Even the colour of the collection bags we use at the offertory change in line with the colour of the day! To go into an empty church and see everything bedecked in White at Eastertide (enhanced by beautiful flowers), or to in Lent see the church plain but with purple hangings on the Altar, is to immediately sense the particular aspect of our faith that is being celebrated. So how are the colours used and what are their meanings?

White or Gold is used for major festival days and seasons such as Christmas, Epiphany and Easter, reflecting a sense of joy and celebration for these important seasons in faith of the church. White is also often used for baptisms and weddings.



Purple symbolises repentance and penitence, and also expectation, so is used in Advent and Lent, when we recall our need for God, and our failings that hold us back from engaging fully with God, as we look forward to the coming of Christ at Christmas and the saving events of Holy Week and Easter.

Red symbolises the fire of the Holy Spirit so is used for Pentecost Sunday, and is often used for ordinations and for confirmation. Red also symbolises blood, so is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and for the Feast Days of Christian Martyrs - those who have shed their blood for their faith.

Green is used for those parts of the Church Year which are neither a penitential season such as Lent, or a festive season such as Eastertide. Green symbolises life, flourishing and growth. These parts of the year are termed 'Ordinary Time' – reminding us perhaps that life, flourishing and growth should be the normal expectation for us as Christians – life and growth in our own faith and discipleship, and life and growth in our Church too.

Rose Pink is an optional colour for use on the Third Sunday in Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, as a softening of the penitential tone of those seasons as we move more firmly towards the expectation of Christmas and Easter respectively. We are fortunate at All Saints to have Rose Pink vestments, which were a gift to our church.



We also have Black vestments for use on very solemn occasions, usually a requiem Mass – as we did for HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Whilst the vestments we use normally fit with this scheme, particular feast days sometimes take precedence – perhaps a Saints Day (as we did for St Barnabas recently, when we used Red), a Feast of our Lord (such as Corpus Christi and the Feast of the Transfiguration, when White is used), or some other special day (Trinity Sunday is White or Gold, for instance).

Using liturgical colours, vestments, flowers in church, candles on the Altar and, on Sundays, incense and lots of singing, are all ways of honouring God through our worship, of consciously recollecting the truths of our faith, and of celebrating God's wonderful acts of creation and redemption. They help us to worship God, and so to be renewed for discipleship and service as his people in the world.

*Fr John*



**"THE ANGLICAN SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM IS A PLACE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP, HOSPITALITY AND RECREATION FOR ALL."**

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE MONDAY 25 - FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER**

Our annual Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham is a very enjoyable and relaxing way of celebrating our faith together, with astounding worship, beautiful gardens, lovely food, and a chance to get to know one another – and pilgrims from other parts of the UK – all in the peaceful surroundings of a north Norfolk village. We travel by car-share. There is now a sign-up sheet for this year's pilgrimage at the back of church.

If you would like to join us on this Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham then please **add your name to the list at the back of church** (or email me on [revjohnnainslie@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnnainslie@gmail.com)) and let me have your £30 deposit **by the end of this month**.

I have placed some booklets about Walsingham by the sign-up list; if you haven't been to Walsingham before but would like to find out more just catch me after a service, or drop me an email.

*Fr John*

## **RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK**

### **Thursday 22 June**

*8.50am Assembly at Altwood School*  
*3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*  
*8.00pm Choir Practice*

### **Friday 23**

*8.50am Assembly at Altwood School*  
**10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre**  
*1.15pm Desborough School visit to Church*

### **Sunday 25**

**10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Third Sunday after Trinity**  
Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy  
**4.00pm Sundays@4** All welcome to join us for our latest service in the Quadrangle as we share the theme of the value of trees and plants from Messy Church Goes Wild. Following the half hour service there will be our usual BBQ.  
*6.00pm Sundays@Six Taizé Service at St Luke's*

### **Monday 26**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**  
*7.30pm Standing Committee in the Birinus Room*

### **Tuesday 27**

**9.30am Morning Prayer**  
*7.30pm Young Saints Planning Meeting at the Vicarage*

### **Wednesday 28**

**10.00am Eucharist**  
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy  
*11.00 am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre*  
*11.30 am Bible Study in the Birinus Room*  
*12 noon Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room*  
*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### 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 give thanks for the opportunities we have for worship and for celebrating our faith together and serving God with our individual gifts and talents. This week, we particularly give thanks and pray for all those who enhance our worship – for our Sacristan Jo; for our serving teams; for our choir, Director of Music and organists; our readers and intercessors; our flower arrangers; for welcomers and sidespeople and those who serve refreshments after our services; for those who clean the church and the church silver and brass, and those who care for our church building; for our Churchwardens; and those who contribute to our worship in any other way.

May the Lord God accept the prayers and worship that we offer, and increase in us his gifts of faith, love, joy and service.

We pray for the Anglican Church in Kenya, for the Diocese of Taita Taveta and Bishop Liverson, and for our OAK project. For Bishop Hannington Bible College in Mombasa and for Grace Kitawa Karingo awaiting confirmation of her calling to train there for the Priesthood. We give thanks for the spread of Christianity and the growth of the Church in that diocese.

As we enter this "Green Season" of the Church Year, we pray for God's creation, and for the flourishing of life in all its astonishing variety and creativity. We pray for those working for a more sustainable future and for the protection of the natural world, for our own Sustainability Group, and all that we are doing in our own church of All Saints and in our personal lives to care better for creation.

We remember places around the world where evil and tyranny seem to prevail, for those living places of warfare or repression, and for all refugees. We pray particularly for peace with justice in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Iran and the Holy Land.

We pray for Theodore & Jacob Fretz, Sophie Higgins, Annabel Codd, Lucas Barnes, Elsie Roberts and Joseph West on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard, and Barbara Bannister.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring comfort and healing to those in need, and those who care for loved ones in need at this time.

We pray for the recently departed, including Colin Woods and Michael Justice. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

## WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25 JUNE THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

### COLLECT

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 Jeremiah 20: 1 - 13

Jeremiah cried out: O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,' then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

### GOSPEL Matthew 10: 24 - 39

Jesus summoned the twelve and sent them out with the following instruction: 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.'

### MUSIC

Prelude:	Pange Lingua <i>Flor Peeters</i>
Opening hymn:	506 The Church's one foundation
Gradual hymn:	217 The strife is o'er, the battle done
Offertory hymn:	510 Will you come and follow me
Communion hymn:	151 Sing, my tongue
Closing hymn:	715 Lord, for the years
Postlude:	Processional <i>W Mathias</i>

## EMILIA CLARK

We would like to thank the congregation and clergy of All Saints for their love, support and prayers for our 12 year old granddaughter, Emilia Clark. Her condition has now stabilised and she has returned to school full time. She will continue to be monitored by the medical team until she is fully matured (18 to 21 years old) when her body will be able to fight off further infections and cope with the stresses and challenges of life.

*Anne and John Clark.*

## FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.

## 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](mailto:claire.foley@fit2live.me.uk)

## GOVERNOR VACANCY AT ALL SAINTS JUNIOR SCHOOL

Are you passionate about education? Would you like to get more involved in your local community? Have you skills that you'd like to share with a local school?

All Saints Junior School is one of our church schools, and we have a vacancy on our governing body due to a governor reaching the end of her term. We are keen to build stronger relations with the church and having another governor is one way we can do this. You don't need to have children at the school (although it's fine if you do).

Our role is to support and challenge the school leaders to ensure that the pupils get the best education possible. The school joined the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust in January 2023 and this is helping us with school improvement and implementing our Christian ethos.

If you would like to find out more about what being a governor entails, please contact me on [jenny.wilks@allsaintsmaidenhead.org](mailto:jenny.wilks@allsaintsmaidenhead.org) or after church for an informal chat. We hope that someone in the congregation will support us with this important role.

*Jenny Wilks, Chair of Governors, All Saints Junior School*