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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Palm Sunday marks the start of the most important week in the Christian Calendar – Holy Week. This year Jo Sheppard and I will be using the book *Lent and Easter For Everyone* by Tom Wright as a starting place for the talks.

Seven days from Hosanna! Through Crucify! And on to victory, Alleluia! Holy Week is not an historical pageant but a living liturgy, when hopefully we experience something new, each time we make this spiritual journey. When we arrive at Maundy Thursday, we begin the Paschal Triduum (Trih-dyoo-um), Latin for ‘three days’ which commemorates the essential parts of our redemption: Christ’s sacrifice, his burial, and his resurrection.

The Triduum observance begins on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord’s Supper. The liturgy’s washing of the feet recalls Christ’s command to ‘Love one another’. The liturgy celebrates Christ’s love for us made manifest in the Eucharist and in the sacrifice of Calvary. Good Friday features the Adoration of the Cross in a solemn liturgy focussed on Christ’s death and burial.

The Easter Vigil liturgy begins with the stories of creation, the Passover of a spirit-filled people before we bless the new fire. We renew our Baptismal promises and receive the gift of new life within the Eucharist before we go forth to channel God’s love by walking in His light, rejoicing in His love and reflecting His glory to the world.

Please take note of the dates, times and ways of sharing Holy Week so that you can be ready to take part in this great Christian drama.

Palm Sunday 24 March



What happened? This is when Jesus entered the Holy city of Jerusalem, riding a donkey.

Why is it important? It reminds us that God’s Son is not some remote, frightening figure, but a real, humble, fragile, person like us.

How can we join in? Arrive at the Parish Centre to take a Palm Cross. The Palm Cross reminds us of the palms that people threw in Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with a Procession.

10.00am Palm Procession and Parish Eucharist Fr Jeremy

4.00pm Sundays@4 Children’s Stations of the Cross

Monday in Holy Week 25 March

7.30pm Eucharist: Celebrant: Fr Jeremy with Address by Jo Sheppard on the theme of Peter

Tuesday in Holy Week 26 March

9.00am Morning Prayer in church

2.00pm All Saints School Easter Service in church

Wednesday in Holy Week 27 March

10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy with Address on Jesus before Pilate and Herod

7.30pm Stations of the Cross Fr Jeremy

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday 28 March



What happened? Jesus held a Last Supper with his disciples, when he washed their feet, asked them to love one another. Following that, he went and prayed until his arrest.

Why is it important? Through receiving Jesus' Body and Blood in Holy Communion, we can join with Jesus in his death and in his new, risen life. As we witness the washing of the feet, we are reminded of the need to love and serve one another.

How can we join in? By coming to the Mass of the Last Supper, witnessing or joining in the washing of the feet and then if we wish, staying to pray in the beauty and silence of the altar of repose, at any time until midnight.

7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper and Gethsemane Watch Fr Jeremy

11.50pm Night Prayer

Good Friday 29 March



What happened? Following his arrest and trial by religious and political figures we hear how Jesus died on the Cross.

Why is it important? Jesus died to show that God is involved in all of our lives and takes all the sin and death of the world onto himself. This tells us that Jesus is with us in our own struggles in life even at our death. What appears to be a terrible defeat leads to new life.

The 3.00pm service contains a dramatized reading of the events of Good Friday and a time to reflect on the meaning of the cross.

10.00am Morning Prayer and the Litany from Common Worship

11.00am An opportunity to join with Christians in the town for a Walk of Witness, starting from Sainsbury's Plaza in Provident Place and finishing at High Street Methodist Church.

3.00pm The Liturgy of the Day Fr Jeremy

We focus on the Crucifixion with readings, hymns, reflection, prayers, Veneration of the Cross and communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The service ends at around 4pm. Hot Cross buns will be served at the back of the church.

Holy Saturday 30 March

What happened? Jesus' body is sealed in the tomb, his disciples experience the Risen Jesus. Why is it important? Jesus' resurrection proves that life has a meaning, that death is not the end and that new and transformed life has been won for us.

How can we join in? At 8pm we will gather in the Parish Centre to hear the readings of salvation history before lighting the fire and then the Easter candle. This is taken into church, and everyone receives a lighted candle. From then on, a wonderful service, the Vigil, unfolds with light, colour and sound, and scent. It is followed by drinks and hospitality to celebrate Easter.

8.00pm Easter Ceremonies and First Mass of Easter

Easter Day 31 March



Alleluia! Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

10.00am The Parish Eucharist with Procession during which the Easter Garden is blessed. A festal celebration for all. – Celebrant and preacher – Fr Jeremy

Eastertide lasts for fifty days from Easter Day until Pentecost. As we have kept the forty days of Lent in reflective and penitential mode let us now keep the feast until the coming of the Holy Spirit on the birthday of the Church.

We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our name! St Augustine.

With prayers and every blessing for a Joyful Eastertide.

Fr Jeremy and Monika, The Churchwardens and Members of the Parochial Church Council

OTHER RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 21 March	<i>7.00pm The Licensing of the Revd John Ainslie as Priest-in-Charge of St Michael & All Angels, Maidstone</i> <i>7.00pm AllSorts meet at St Mary's Church</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 22	Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Sunday 24 PALM SUNDAY	10.00am Parish Eucharist for Palm Sunday The Service begins in the Parish Centre 4.00pm Sundays@4 Childrens' Stations of the Cross followed by Hot Cross buns and crumpets.
Monday 25	9.30am Morning Prayer 7.30pm Eucharist: Celebrant: Fr Jeremy with Address by Jo Sheppard
Tuesday 26 March	9.00am Morning Prayer 2.00pm All Saints School Service in Church
Wednesday 27 March	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> 7.30pm Stations of the Cross

PRAYER INTENTIONS

This week we pray for those with whom we will share the Easter Story.

We pray for All Saints Junior School as they gather at church on Tuesday to celebrate the Easter hope. We give thanks for the children who will be reading, leading prayers and singing hymns. We pray for the school that it may be a place where children can learn to use their gifts and develop new skills. We pray for the school as it goes through its SCIAMS inspection which assesses its Christian ethos. We give thanks for the Open the Book team that shares Bible stories there each week.

We pray for Tiny Saints: for Tanya, Ursula and Carole who give their time and energy to welcoming young families to the Parish Centre each week. We rejoice at the parents and children who enjoy hospitality, games, activities and the nursery rhyme service. This week we pray that we may share in an engaging way the message of Good Friday and Easter.

We give thanks for the Sundays @4 team who will share the children's Stations of the Cross this Sunday afternoon. We give thanks for the ministry of Sally, Sibö, Elaine and Marielle.

We pray too for the Easter AllSorts meeting this Thursday evening as they share the Easter resurrection story. We give thanks for the volunteers and participants at All Sorts as we explore the belief that God loves us all. We give thanks for the life of Keith Whiteside who gave so much to this group over the years and sadly died recently. We pray for the AllSorts and for Keith's funeral at St Mary's next week.

We continue to pray for our broken world. We pray for healing among the nations, for food where there is hunger, for freedom where there is oppression, for joy where there is pain and that your love may bring peace to all your children. We pray for the people of Gaza and Ukraine and for all Asylum Seekers and refugees seeking support in this country.

We pray for Fr John as he begins his new ministry in Maidstone. May God bless him in his ministry to the people of the parish of St Michael's.

We pray for those in need at this time. We pray for Caleb-Curtis-Smith as he recovers from surgery, and we pray for a full and speedy recovery. We continue to pray for Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Jim Goff, Gill Deane- Williams, Simon Fullarton, Vera Shaw, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Doris Winn, Nick Kirk and Heidi Webb. We pray too for Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din.

May they all know God's loving and healing presence in their lives.

We pray for the recently departed; Keith Whiteside and all our departed loved ones and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray too for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 24 MARCH PALM SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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 Philippians 2: 5 - 11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL Mark 15: 1 - 39

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked.

Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil

has he done?’ But they shouted all the more, ‘Crucify him!’ So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him.

Then they led him out to crucify him. They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, ‘The King of the Jews.’ And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, ‘Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!’

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, ‘He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.’ Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o’clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, ‘Eloi, Eloi, lema Sabathan!’ which means, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, ‘Listen, he is calling for Elijah.’ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, ‘Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.’ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, ‘Truly this man was God’s Son!’

MUSIC

Pre-processional hymn:	160 Make way, make way for Christ the King
Processional hymn:	159 All glory, laud, and honour
Gradual hymn:	153 There is a green hill far away
Offertory hymn:	147 My song is love unknown
Communion hymn:	489 From heaven you came
Closing hymn:	161 Ride on, ride on in majesty
Postlude:	Bridal March from the Birds of Aristophanes <i>C H H Parry</i>



EASTER FLOWER ARRANGING - HELP REQUIRED PLEASE

We shall be arranging the flowers for Easter Day on Holy Saturday 30 March from 9.30am. We should appreciate lots of help please, no previous experience necessary, we will show you what to do. We also need lots of greenery, so if you have access to any, please bring it to the church on Good Friday or early Saturday morning.

The Flower Team

ALL SAINTS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING WILL BE HELD AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB, HIGHWAY ROAD, MAIDENHEAD SL6 SAE ON MONDAY 22 APRIL

Programme:

6.30pm bar opens. Fish and Chip Supper served. Must be ordered and paid for in advance. Sign-up sheet now at the back of Church.

7.00pm Meeting of Parishioners to elect two Churchwardens,

7.10 pm APCM with speakers, reports and elections to PCC and other roles.

The guest speaker will be Rev Jo Ellington Chaplain of Altwood School

After the APCM, there will be a short meeting of the newly elected PCC. Open to PCC members.

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for those who wish to register for the APCM

Notices of elections will be issued shortly.

David Morgan, PCC Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2024

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on Monday 22 April. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, or have moved house, then please let me know. My email address is sastannett@gmail.com

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Secretary

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

RBWM is currently inviting everyone to complete a survey about how we'd like them to spend their money on supporting nature in the borough. This will help them to focus on what the majority of people actually want. If you'd like to have your say just follow the link here, or go to the consultations area of the website. If you don't ask you won't get, as my mother used to say!

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Your Eco-Church committee



2024 CHRIST CHILD MARKET SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER

We are delighted to tell you that we will be holding the Christ Child Market on Saturday 30 November this year – a change from the previous Sunday event.

Please put the date in your diaries or calendars and look out for more information later in the year on how you can get involved in, or contribute to, this wonderful community event which also helps raise valuable funds for the church.

And do speak to either of us if you would like to find out more about joining the Organising Group.

Fr Jeremy & Stella Harding

AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP SUPPORTING CARE FOR CALAIS

THE MARLOW PLAYERS PRESENT THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

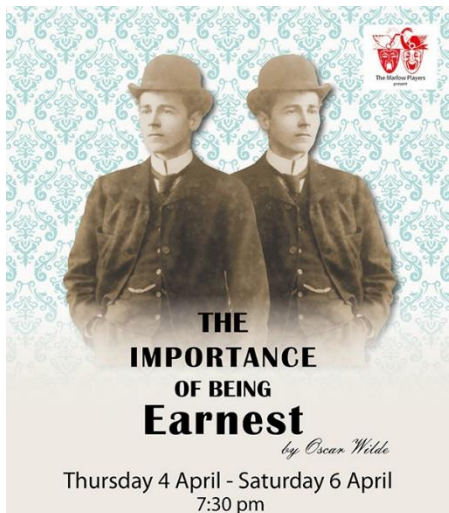
Thursday 4 – Saturday 6 April 7.30pm at Great Marlow School Hall,
Bobmore Lane, Marlow SL7 1JE

Doors open 7.00pm

Tickets: Adults £15 School Students £6

All together now: "A HANDBAG??!!"

Oscar Wilde's final play and a sparkling masterpiece of witty repartee and ironic satire on the hypocrisy and superficiality of social manners in England in the 1890s. Jack Worthing, the baby in the handbag, Miss Prism, the governess and Dr Chasuble a High Churchman are swept aside by Lady Bracknell, in search of a wealthy son-in-law, a part hungered for by every actress (and some actors) since the unforgettable Dame Edith Evans whose horrified scream of "A Handbag?!!" made this the most recognisable line in any play after "to be or not to be". A great chance, to see this live, not to be missed!



To access the Box Office press Ctrl and click mouse using this link [Box Office](#)

Andrew Stafford

PARISH VISIT TO KEBLE COLLEGE, OXFORD ON SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024



Following the successful parish visit to Keble College, Oxford last year we would like to offer another opportunity for members of the congregation to visit the College, which was founded by John Keble, a leading member of the Oxford Movement which revived the Anglo-Catholic tradition within the Church of England in the 19th century.

We hope to arrange a minibus to leave early in the afternoon of Sunday 12 May. Following feedback from the last visit we will stay within the College for the tour and historical and architectural talk, followed by afternoon tea and evensong in the College chapel. We

anticipate the cost of the minibus to be between £12 and £15 per person, depending on interest. There will be an additional cost for afternoon tea.

To register your interest in joining the visit, please add your name to the list at the back of the church or contact me greghurst@btinternet.com

Greg Hurst