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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

We are moving this week towards the climax of the Easter season. On Thursday at 7.00pm we will mark the Ascension of Jesus with the Eucharist which will be followed by a Sung Celebration Eucharist of the Ascension on Sunday at 10.00am. **From Friday 27 May until Saturday 4 June we will celebrate Morning Prayer every day at 9.15am to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.**

Jesus' prayer in John 17: 20-26 is that the people (us) will believe in him, and that we may be one as the Father is one in Jesus, and Jesus is one with the Father and that they are in us. They are present in us through the power of the Holy Spirit that unifies us and enables us to use our gifts not just for ourselves but to enhance the community.

To be Catholic means universal, the Church worldwide, sharing the good news and passing the baton on. On Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of Coraline Kelly Elizabeth with her parents Rich and Lou and her Godparents Kerry, Toby, Jennifer, and Ian and alongside the community of All Saints that is the Body of Christ. We thought about the passing of the light to the next generation. We reflected upon Michael Jenkins words (21st century theologian) that in baptism 'We are soaked to the skin in the death of Christ. Our union with Christ drips from us... we trail wet footprints of this drenching wherever we go, we never dry off.' As baptised Christians we partake of the Body of Christ to become the body of Christ in the world. We shine as lights into places of pain and struggle. We are the salt, giving the distinctive flavour of Christ to the world.

At the end of each service, we recall our Baptismal promises and go forth to channel God's love, walk in his light, rejoice in God's love, and reflect God's Glory. At the Ascension Eucharist on Sunday, we will at the end wait in silence and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We will pray for the refreshing, renewing, equipping and empowering Spirit.

At the beginning of the Pentecost Eucharist the following Sunday we will as the People of God be invited to pray for personal renewal and anointing. The Oil of Chrism, blessed by the Bishop of Oxford at the Chrism Mass is used to bless each individual. The oil is used on the forehead and on the palm of our hands as we are open to God's Spirit. The president says 'Be with us, Spirit of God; the people respond 'nothing can separate us from your love. 'Breathe on us breath of God; and we respond, 'fill us with your saving power.' Finally, 'Speak in us, wisdom of God;' Bring strength, healing, and peace.

At the end of the Pentecost service, we will all light our candles from the Paschal candle to go out as the Baptised people of God.

It is truly wonderful that the day of Pentecost also marks The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Following 60 years as the Queen, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was asked what is the secret to her extraordinary contribution to the nation, Commonwealth, and global community? The Queen's reply was;

'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.'

The Queen is a remarkable example of someone who has asked God through his Spirit to support and sustain her. On the day of Pentecost, we will celebrate with joy her Platinum Jubilee. Following the service, we will share celebration drinks and a BBQ in the Quadrangle. Please sign the list at the back of the church so that we will have an indication of numbers.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 26 May	<i>9.30am Ascension Day Eucharist at Burnham Abbey</i> <i>11.30am Funeral of Richard Engleman in Church</i> <i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 7.00pm Said Eucharist for Ascension Day <i>8.00pm Choir Practice in the Church</i>
Friday 27	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> <i>10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre</i> <i>11.30am Funeral of Robin William Ben Russell in Church</i> <i>7.00pm Mystery Film Night at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue</i>
Saturday 28	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> <i>11.00am Welcome Group Meeting in the Birinus Room</i>
Sunday 29	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i> 10.00am The Parish Eucharist to celebrate the Ascension Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John 12 noon Holy Baptism Please pray for Emilia Bell Boligo, her parents and godparents 4.00pm Sundays@4 A Service for All looking at <i>The Gifts of the Spirit</i> followed by a BBQ. Soft drinks will be served but please feel free to bring your own wine or beer.
Monday 30	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Tuesday 31	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Wednesday 1 June	9.15am Morning Prayer <i>Thy Kingdom Come.</i> 10.00am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr John

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 4 June 1.30pm Greek Orthodox Baptism with Fr Ian Graham in Church

Sunday 5 June 10.00am Eucharist for Pentecost & the Queen's Platinum Jubilee followed by a BBQ in the quad. Please sign the list at the back of Church if you would like to attend the BBQ.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

A responsory prayer looking forward to Pentecost:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

And Kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord, pouring out on us the gifts of your Spirit,

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

A PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We pray and give thanks this week for the baptism of Emilia. May she grow in faith with the love and encouragement of her family, godparents, and the church community. We also remember Maxim Fullarton, Hannah Bellman & Aquillina Albert on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We continue to pray at for those in this country struggling to cope with paying bills to heat their homes and those finding it hard to find money to pay for food. We pray for the ministry of Food Banks across the country that support people in need.

United and whole, show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.

We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, Every child and every adult.

We long for the time when weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares, when nations no longer lift up sword against nation.

We cry out to you for peace; Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety

Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of loved ones, be with those who are bereaved.

Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression and fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.

Kindle again in us a love for our neighbour, and a passion for justice to prevail

And a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.

Creator of all hear our prayer and bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen.

We pray for the Iranian people sharing our community at this time and for all refugees seeking help and support at this time. May we be compassionate people offering hope to all who seek integration into our community.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Dave Hill, Eliza, Dave's parents and Anne and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, John Hicks, Roger and Jane

Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, and Florence Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence. We pray for any in our parish who need God's loving grace and healing touch at this time.

We remember the recently departed including Trevor Woodwards, Ben Russell, Robert Kohlhammer, Richard Engleman, David Buckland, Maureen McTavish and Doreen Hill and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

May we all be blessed with God's love this Ascensiointide,

Fr Jeremy

ASCENSION DAY WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 29 MAY

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

NT READING Acts 1: 1 - 11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This,' he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.' So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

GOSPEL Luke 24: 44 - 53

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

MUSIC

Prelude: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn BWV630 *J S Bach*
Opening AM 226 Hail the day that sees him rise
Gradual: AM 223 All hail the power of Jesu's name
Offertory: AM 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Communion: AM 258 O thou who camest from above
Closing Hymn: AM 232 The head that once was crowned with thorns
Postlude: Hyfrydol from Three Preludes on Welsh Tunes *R Vaughan Williams*

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.

WAMCF LADIES GROUP MONDAY 30 MAY 7.30pm COOKHAM RISE METHODIST CHURCH

The theme will be Faith and Food so you may wish to bring along some samples to share with others – of food / recipes / both – of food associated with your faith.



A Message from the Berkshire Ride & Stride Coordinator:

“Does your church need extra funding? If so read on....”

Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT) helps churches in Berkshire by giving grants to help with restoration projects.

Our funds are raised through subscriptions (from churches and individuals), from events held during the year and from our annual sponsored Ride & Stride event in September, this year it is happening on Saturday 10th.

People find a route visiting various churches by walking, cycling, driving and it is often lovely weather and a great day out. Our churches have such a wealth of wonderful architecture, they are well worth a visit.

For every Rider and Strider signed up by your church who raises money through sponsorship, your church will receive half of the total raised.

The other half goes to the Berkshire Historic Churches Trust (BHCT).

Everyone in BHCT is a volunteer who is keen to see our precious churches preserved, please join us in this quest.

For more information please visit our website: <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>”

More information about how you can take part will be provided nearer the time, eg by joining a walk with the All Saints' team, acting as a Steward to welcome “Ride & Striders” to All Saints, sponsoring our walkers and Stewards.

Stella Harding, All Saints Ride&Stride Coordinator