

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL  
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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,**

I have decided recently to try and make Saturday my regular day off. It's a good day to spend time with Monika and Lilly but also it means I can watch Football Focus and Match of the Day! I even watched the highlights of Wales rugby match v Ireland all 30 seconds of them! The real highlight though was watching football Focus and seeing how Brighton and Hove Albion are taking seriously sustainability issues. On Saturday teams across the country marked 'Green Football Weekend'. The main focus of this project is to cut our carbon footprint. Fans of clubs across the country register their actions to score 'green goals' for their clubs. I am thinking of registering my actions for Leeds United not only to help the planet but because I wait in vain for the team to score a goal on the pitch!

The BBC interview with Brighton was interesting. The reporter highlighted that the club have 70%+ of their 30,000 supporters arriving at the game via specially laid on trains instead of encouraging people to drive. Within the ground the reporter enjoyed a vegan potato and curry pie (Described as delicious) rather than meat pies. Later that evening on Match of the Day Gary Lineker took us back to his hometown club, Leicester City. They are called the 'Foxes' which are not necessarily friendly to other living creatures! However the 'Eco Foxes' as they are called are making hedgehog boxes, bird boxes and creating green spaces outside the Leicester City ground for hedgehogs to thrive. Leicester City players are going into schools to make the boxes with children and having great fun doing so.

Other stories from the weekend were Middlesbrough planting a tree for every goal they scored v Blackpool (Three), Wolves wearing green armbands v Liverpool and thrashing them 3-0! Fans play their part by cycling to the ground or walking or catching trains. They can register points by cycling to training or using refillable water bottles. Individual action can reduce global transmissions dramatically and this action taken on by clubs is important. Football has been criticised for its lack of sustainability. Real questions were asked of the recent World Cup in Qatar and the next World Cup will take place across the USA, Mexico and Canada with huge flying distances involved. Nearer home Tottenham Hotspur flew to Manchester City in 2019 for a European Champions League game but now travel to matches by coaches fuelled by bio fuel which perhaps highlights the changes taking place.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has a team too called ABC FC and hosted a game against an interfaith team (called Heaven Help Us) on the weekend. Match of the Day and Sports Report failed to update me on the score, but I do know that the Church of England team was founded by The Revd Pouya Heidari, who played professionally in Iran and now captains ABC FC.

Archbishop Welby said 'Following Jesus has to mean tackling climate change, it's about loving our neighbour and protecting the world that God has created. I'll be praying for all the teams taking part in the Green Football campaign.' Mohammed Sadiq Patel, who leads the 'Heaven Help us team' said 'Everyone at Heaven Help Us whether Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh or Buddhist is unified in the quest to safeguard the planet.' (quotes taken from the Church Times)

For those of you that are interested Manchester United lead the table with 17,545 green actions, followed by Leicester City with 9968 and - wait for it - Leeds United with 8860. Chelsea are fourth with 4741 but I think that refers to the number of players they purchased in the recent transfer window! In conclusion on the performances of Leeds United and Wales rugby I am considering asking help from the multi-faith "Heaven Help US'.

This week's All Age worship will focus on this football idea and I will then be challenging the congregation to think about our Lent ideas for sustainability.

1. Lent lunches on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre when vegetarian soups will be offered with fresh bread from 12.15 -1.15. All donations will go to 'Ripple Effect ' a charity which helps families in Kenya (And other countries) to have equipment and be taught skills to grow food. It also enables families to sell food to help their children go to school and they are encouraged to help by teaching others farming skills. £60 helps one family.
2. We will encourage people to reduce their carbon footprint in Lent by travelling on foot, public transport, and bikes.
3. Try to cut our energy usage and use local produce where possible.
4. Perhaps find ways to encourage children to follow Leicester City in creating homes for animals.
5. Join the Sustainability Day at St Luke's Church on Saturday 4 March when Martin and Margot Hodson will give a Christian guide to Environmental Issues. Martin is a plant scientist and environmental biologist, and Margot has taught 'Environmental Ethics' at Oxford Brookes University. (poster for this attached to the email)

## LENT AT ALL SAINTS

1. Thursday evening Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm
2. Talks on Wednesday mornings and during Holy Week based on 'An Easter Book of Days – meeting the Characters of the Cross and Resurrection' by the Bishop of St Asaph. Gregory Cameron.
3. Sunday 26 February 10.00am Eucharist a talk by Duncan Dyason of 'Street Kids Direct'. Duncan has been working with street kids in Guatemala for over 30 years and will be sharing his ministry with All Saints, St Peter's and Altwood School.
4. Friday 10 March – Quiet Day with Fr John including a soup lunch at All Saints.
5. As mentioned above the Wednesday soup lunches supporting 'The Ripple Effect' charity.

I will write more on the above plans in future Parish News.

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 7.00pm Class in the Birinus Room for those seeking Baptism and Confirmation 8.00pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday 10</b>	<b>10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 12</b>	<b>10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Second Sunday Before Lent</b> <b>Worship for All looking at 'Green Football' to raise awareness of climate change</b> <b>Celebrant: Fr John Talk: Fr Jeremy</b>  <b>6.00pm Sundays@Six Iona Service at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cox Green</b>
<b>Monday 13</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	<b>9.30am Morning Prayer</b>
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	<b>10.00am Eucharist</b> Celebrant: Fr John 9.00am Hatha Yoga in the Parish Centre 11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre 7.00pm Bible Study on St Mark's Gospel in the Birinus Room

## ADVANCE NOTICES

**See page 2 for Events in Lent**

**Saturday 25 February 4.45pm at the Vicarage Wales v England 6 Nations You are welcome to join us to watch the match and share a curry**

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this week for the peoples of Syria and Turkey who have suffered great suffering through the Earthquake. We remember all the many thousands of people who have lost their lives, the people suffering bereavement and for those rescue agencies and Aid agencies trying to provide hope. We pray too for all those who have lost their homes and businesses. May they know God's loving presence at this time.

We continue to pray for the country of South Sudan following the visit made by Pope Francis, the Moderator of the Church of Scotland and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. We pray for a genuine search for peace and justice in this troubled country.

We pray for all those countries where there is unrest. We pray for Ukraine, Afghanistan and Iran and other countries where people have felt the need to depart from. We pray for refugees and asylum Seekers that they may be supported and encouraged within this country.

We pray for our schools as they prepare to take time off for half term. May students, teachers, support staff and parents enjoy a relaxing week.

We pray for our service this weekend as we are reminded through the sport of football of the need to support sustainability issues. May we this Lent think about the small actions we can all make to care for God's creation.

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please pray for Stefan Lungu, Vincent Worman and Elisabeth Swinscoe on the anniversary of their Baptisms.

We pray for those in any kind of need. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy, for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Jenny Chua, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Marnos, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins and Sarah.

May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ.

We pray for the recently departed: Daniel Smith, Giles Haslam, and Mike Watkinson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

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

*Fr Jeremy*

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 56: 25 – 34**

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

## MUSIC

Prelude: O Gott du Frommer Gott Opus 122 No 7 *J Brahms*  
Opening Hymn: AM 667 I danced in the morning  
Gradual: AM 569 The kingdom of God is justice and joy  
Offertory: AM 533 All things bright and beautiful  
Communion: AM 775 Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
The Lord is my light. My light and salvation. In Him I trust. In Him I trust.  
Closing Hymn: AM 777 Sing of the Lord's goodness  
Postlude: Trumpet Tune *H Purcell*

## SUPPORTING ALL SAINTS CHURCH - ON-LINE GIVING

It costs All Saints approximately £2,500 per week to maintain the current level of parish activity - without the generous time freely contributed by our volunteers this cost would be much more.

If you feel that you are able to assist and help support All Saints financially, with either a one-off donation (via card), or, most beneficially, set up regular giving by direct debit - this can easily be arranged on the recently set-up All Saints Page on the Parish Giving Scheme site, accessible from the top section of the All Saints Website, and also directly at:-

[https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boyne-hill-all-saints-  
maidenhead/](https://www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/boyne-hill-all-saints-maidenhead/)

Alternatively, for a quick connection, use the QR code below:-



Please also consider if you can help support All Saints Church through donating time and talents – the Church relies upon our teams of volunteers to operate and provide services to the community.

More details are in the attachment issued with Issue 140 – a big thanks to all of our supporters.

*Rod Broad, Hon Treasurer*

## FLOWERS FOR 2023

There were only 8 weeks still available on the Flower Sponsors' Board on the table at the back of the Church last time I looked. Would you please give your Sponsor donation, prior to your chosen week, to Stella Harding and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to accommodate. If Stella is not available, please feel free to use one of the envelopes with the board and hand it into the Church Office.

*The Flower Team*

**CALLED TO CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION SATURDAY 4 MARCH 10.am – 3.00pm**  
**A Workshop on HOW WE CAN LIVE MORE SUSTAINABLY See attached poster**

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE**

Some of our boxes went to Moldova (including to refugees from Ukraine) and here are links to some stories from both

Moldova <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/destinations/2022-moldova/>

Belarus <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/destinations/2022-belarus/>

It would be great if anyone who sent a box directly could let me know where theirs went.

*Jenny Wilks*

### **PARISH NEWS NEWS**

Any items for Parish News Issues 22 February, 1 & 8 March should be sent direct to the Parish Office please [allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com](mailto:allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com)

### **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.**