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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This weekend we will celebrate the festival of Pentecost. This week we wait and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit to nurture and guide us as Christian people. At last week's Eucharist I spoke about the famous story from Luke that describes the road to Emmaus and the supper at Emmaus. By the end of this encounter the early apostles experience the risen Lord in the breaking of the bread and notice how their hearts burn within them as the words of scripture come alive.

Jesus, disappears from the apostle's eyes and they are now called to return to Jerusalem to share the news of the resurrection. We read then in Luke and then again in his second book, the Acts of the Apostles, how the early believers prayed for the coming of the Holy Spirit to guide and nurture them as People of the Way, the Body of Christ, the church.

At our Eucharist this Sunday Elham, Arash, Azita, Abbas, Souran, Mahdi, Mina and Joe will be baptised. They will become members of the body of Christ, the universal church; called to pass the baton of God's love on. The candles we will give to them we will light from the Paschal Candle a sign of light coming out of darkness, good overcoming evil and New Life overcoming death. Towards the end of the service, we will all have candles as we will be charged to go out into the world to share God's love with others.

At the Eucharist as we receive God's gift to us of new and transformed life we are joined with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we are brought together with each other. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to build communion.

In the Bible studies I have been sharing with the people from Iran we have been studying the Book of Acts or perhaps the Acts of Jesus in that it is through his spirit the disciples acted and it is through that same spirit we act today. In the early chapters of Acts, we hear of the early church gathering to break bread, to explore the scriptures, to share community and the common purse. The Acts then show us how the mission of New Life through Jesus' death and resurrection spread throughout the world.

In chapter 8 of Acts, we hear the famous story of Philip meeting the Ethiopian eunuch. Philip, told by the spirit to journey along the road from Jerusalem to Gaza which then leads to Egypt and Africa, to meet with the senior

financial official of Queen Candace. The Ethiopian has visited Jerusalem and is now reading aloud the text from Isaiah 53. Philip hears him reading and the Ethiopian asks Philip to explain the text. Philip explains that the text points towards a suffering servant who will offer his life to bring new life to the world.

Later as Philip and the Ethiopian travel together they arrive at some water. The Ethiopian asks if he may be baptised by Philip. Philip asks, "Do you believe with all your heart?" He receives the response from the Ethiopian 'I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' The water used will be a sign of forgiveness and presence of the Holy Spirit. The Ethiopian will now return to his country to proclaim the resurrection hope with his fellow country people. Philip who has previously helped Samaritans come to faith and now helped an African to receive faith.

In chapter 10 of Acts, we find the story of Peter and the Gentile, Cornelius, and his family. They both have a vision to meet with each other. Peter is a Jew and has to overcome his doubts to enter the house of a Gentile. This story again highlights the church as multi-racial, and multi-cultural. Peter says to Cornelius 'in truth I have come to believe that God has no favourites, but that everybody of every nationality, who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' There are no ethnic, geographical, and cultural barriers as all of us can live transformed lives. We have, I believe, seen this at All Saints since Easter 2022 as people from all around the world have shared community with us. We experienced 32 people being confirmed last November including 18 people from Iran and we have people from Lebanon and South Sudan representing us on the PCC.



Paul, with other disciples, travelled around the Mediterranean to share the good news, empowered by the Holy Spirit. At Keble College last week we heard about Austin Farrer, a former warden of the College from the 1960s. He wrote 'Ascension, was not so that Jesus was distant, but that he was freed from limitations of being human to experience the Holy Spirit.'

This weekend we pray as a church that the Holy Spirit will come to comfort, nurture, and empower us. The oil of chrism that Fr John will use at the beginning of the service is blessed by the Bishop of

Oxford for the renewal of God's people for us to be equipped for service. We will light candles with our 8 newly baptised members to renew our promises to be a light to the world.

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 25 May	11.00am Baptism class in the Birinus Room 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 6.00pm <i>AllSorts at St Mary's Church</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 26	No Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre. Next one 9 June
Sunday 28	10.00am Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism for Pentecost Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy 4.00pm Sundays@4 The return of services in the Quadrangle followed by a BBQ. The theme will be Pentecost. 6.00pm Sundays@6 Evensong & Benediction Fr John
Tuesday 30	9.30am Morning Prayer 2.00pm Funeral of Richard Jones in Church
Wednesday 31	10.00am Eucharist (BCP) Celebrant: Fr John 11.30am Bible Study in the Birinus Room 11.00am <i>Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 7.00pm Bible Study in the Birinus Room with Fr John
Thursday 1 June	11.00am Baptism/Confirmation class in the Birinus Room 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 2	No Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Sunday 4	10.00am Parish Eucharist for Trinity Sunday Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
Monday 5	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 6	9.30am Morning Prayer 2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre see p7 3.00pm <i>Assembly for Pentecost at All Saints School</i>
Wednesday 7	10.00am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy 11.00am <i>Tai Chi in the Parish Centre</i> 1.00pm <i>Trip to Christ Church Cathedral with our friends from Iran</i> 3.00pm <i>Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> 7.00pm Bible Study in the Birinus Room with Fr John

PRAYER INTENTIONS

God of wind and fire, bring us today the surprises of your Spirit. As we gather this Sunday like so many others, we may be shy or sluggish, tired or timid, and without expectation of a new birth. So come among us, burn up our fears in the heat of your love; blow through our minds with the joyous freedom of your Spirit. Make this church of All Saints a crucible of love and joy, where your kingdom is coming.

God of foreign tongues, you have taken your message to the corners of the earth. Not just to Parthians, Medes and Elamites, but South Sudan, Lebanon and Iran. We pray for those who in countries where we are beginning to partner through 'Ripple Effect in Africa, Street Kids Direct in Guatemala, and Oak in Kenya. May we learn afresh from them about the vitality of churches filled with your living presence.

God of the Church, which was born this happy morning, make us powerful in proclamation, as Peter was powerful that first day of Pentecost when 3,000 people were baptized. As the fall out of that day continues, so thousands of people start the Christian journey every day all over the world. We give thanks this week for Elham, Arash, Azita, Abbas, Souran, Mahdi, Mina and Joe as they are baptised into the Body of Christ. Make us a church here at All Saints where people will find new life and hope. Make us attractive as a church through the love and joy which spill out naturally from our faith and the way we lead our lives.

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, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, Andrew Collins, Jeremy Nordberg, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard and Carol Sheppard. May they all know the healing presence of Christ.

We pray for the recently departed especially Jai Panaser, Richard Jones and Colin Woods. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one.

God of the silence that followed the storm, we know you to be a God who acts where your people give you space and freedom to do so. We offer you that space this week as we wait in silence for your Holy Spirit to come to us.

(Prayers adapted from John Pritchard's Intercessions Book.)

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 28 MAY PENTECOST

10.00am

COLLECT

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ our Saviour, 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 – 21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and

was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'"

GOSPEL John 7: 37 - 39

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing in the temple, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Prelude on Down Ampney <i>H G Ley</i>
Opening hymn:	238 Come down, O Love divine
Anthem:	Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song <i>A Smith</i>
Offertory hymn:	257 O Spirit of the living God
Communion hymn:	241 Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
Closing hymn:	641 Glorious things of thee are spoken
Postlude:	Komm, heiliger Geist, Herre Gott <i>J S Bach</i>

6.00pm EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Organ Prelude:	Cantabile <i>C Franck</i>
First hymn:	765 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Psalm:	67
O T Reading:	Joel 2: 21-end
Office Hymn:	258 O thou who camest from above
N T Reading:	Acts 2: 14-39
Benediction Hymn:	227 Crown him with many crowns
Postlude:	Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 (ii) <i>J S Bach</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 4 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; 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 2 Corinthians 13: 11 - 13

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16 — 20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Der du bist Drei in Einigkeit <i>J F Alberti</i>
Opening hymn:	276 Holy! holy! holy! Lord God Almighty!
Gradual hymn:	704 Let all the world in every corner sing
Offertory hymn:	277 I bind unto myself today
Communion Anthem:	God so Loved the World <i>J Stainer</i>
Closing hymn:	810 Thou, whose almighty word
Postlude:	Prelude on St Patrick's Breastplate <i>A V Fish</i>

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!

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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 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

TUESDAY CLUB 6 JUNE 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Our last speaker for the 2022/23 season will be Anne Sweeny to tell us more about the work of the All Saints Environment Group. Guests welcome as ever to hear how we became an Eco-Bronze Award winning church and more besides.

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Please send anything for the next edition (7 June) direct to the Parish Office, allsaintsboynehill@gmail.com as Tanya has very kindly agreed to produce and distribute it.

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.