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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

Fr John in his helpful 'Preparing for Lent' article last week made mention of the Wednesday soup lunches that are beginning on the 1st March at 12.15 within the Parish Centre. The project that we are hoping to support is called 'The Ripple Effect' which is a new name for the charity formerly called 'Send a Cow'.

This charity works across 6 African countries, and seeks to create a ripple effect of positive change. It starts with bringing farmers together to learn new skills and share knowledge, so that they can improve their livelihoods and thrive.

For every family that we might support, three more families benefit too. They share what they know, and what they have, and the benefits are passed on to their families, their neighbours and communities. The countries include Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Uganda and Zambia. If we use Kenya as an example we find it faces challenges of poverty, inequality, and climate change. 35% of the population live below the international poverty line on less than \$2 dollars a day. The charity writes 'We want a Kenya where families do more than survive. We want to see children go to school, people chase dreams, and poverty become a distant memory.'

There are challenges.

1. 80% of the population depends on agriculture. The economy is highly vulnerable to climate variability. Ripple Effect Kenya works with communities to regenerate and protect the natural environment as well as build resilience to climate change.
2. 19 million Kenyans drink water from rivers. Ripple Effect works to enable communities to access clean water.

One of the ways Ripple Effect works is twinning gardens in Migori, Kenya. A donation of £60 could help a family in Kenya for three years of training in sustainable organic farming. Starting with small kitchen gardens, families can grow enough to eat, to set up a business and share skills with others.

So working alongside 6 African countries and through the Ripple Effect families share what they learn with neighbours. The ripple that starts with our gift passes to a family in rural Africa, who then share with their communities.

Please come and share fresh vegetable soups each Wednesday with bread and a cup of tea/coffee and a Fairtrade biscuit and see if we can through our donations make a real 'Ripple Effect' this Lent.

This Sunday, the first Sunday of Lent we will welcome Duncan Dyason from Street Kids Direct a charity he founded in 2001. Duncan who was awarded an MBE for his work as the Trustee and Director of the charity lives in Guatemala City where he co-ordinates the work of the charity and works on the streets each week as a volunteer. Some of you will remember Mark and Rosalie Balfour who set up Open the Book and Street Angels in our town when Mark was vicar of St Peter's. Together they now provide pastoral care to staff and volunteers in Guatemala City of SKD.

Two main areas of work are;

1. Outreach – The organisation reaches out to children and young living on the streets and build relationships and trust with them. They seek to provide support and encouragement in leaving the streets.
2. Prevention – They work with partners to identify children and families at risk of ending on the streets. We support them in finding solutions to challenges that don't involve the streets.

Life on the streets for children can be short, violent and exacerbated by crime and abuse. Drug abuse is prevalent, used to forget the pain of street life and keep them warm. Duncan will share at the 10am Eucharist stories of people who have survived with the help of this incredible charity. One young man Danilo is one such story who moved from a rubbish dump to becoming a youth worker.

All Saints and St Peter's will support the students of Altwood Academy as they seek to support this charity through fundraising activities.

May you be blessed by God's love this week, Fr Jeremy

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. Bible Study, looking at the events of Holy Week through the Gospels. Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Birinus Room, ending with Compline at 8.00pm.
4. Sunday 26 February 10.00am Eucharist with 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.
5. Friday 10 March – Quiet Day with Fr John including a soup lunch at All Saints.
6. As mentioned above the Wednesday soup lunches supporting 'The Ripple Effect' charity.

RESOURCES FOR THE TWO WEEKS AHEAD

Thursday 23 February 3pm - Open the Book at All Saints School
7pm - Baptism/Confirmation Class in the Birinus Room

Friday 24 February 9am - Assembly for Lent at Boyne Hill School
10am - Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

Saturday 25 February 4.45pm - We are watching Wales v. England at the vicarage followed by a homemade curry. (Just hoping the Welsh rugby team haven't gone on strike!)

Sunday 26 February 10am - Eucharist for the First Sunday of Lent – Fr John celebrating and guest speaker Duncan Dyason MBE of Steet Kids Direct

Sundays @6 - St David's celebration Eucharist with Fr Jeremy. Following the service Welsh cakes will be served.

Monday 27 February 9.30am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 28 February 9.30am - Morning Prayer

Wednesday 1 March 10am - Requiem Eucharist – Fr John

12.15 – 1.15 – First of our Lenten Soup lunches in the Parish Centre to raise money for the 'Ripple Effect'.

7pm - Bible Study for Lent with Fr John

Thursday 2 March 9.30am - Eucharist at Burnham Abbey – Fr Jeremy

7pm - Stations of the Cross at All Saints Church led by Jo Sheppard.

8pm - Choir practice

Friday 3 March 10am - Tiny Saints

Saturday 4 March 9.30am to 3pm – Sustainability Day at St Luke's Church

Sunday 5 March 10am Eucharist for the Second Sunday in Lent – Fr John celebrating and Fr Jeremy preaching

4pm Sundays @4 - on the theme of Lent in the church

Monday 6 March 9.30am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday 7 March 9.30am - Morning Prayer

Tuesday – Thursday Altwood School Assemblies with Fr Jeremy and Duncan Dyason of Street Kids Direct

Tuesday 7 March 7.30pm - PCC Standing Committee

Wednesday 8 March 10am - Eucharist – Fr Jeremy

12.15 -1.15 – The second of our Lenten lunches in the Parish Centre to raise money for 'Ripple Effect'.

3pm - Open the Book at Larchfield School

7pm - Bible Study for Lent with Fr John in the Birinus Room

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for all the people affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We remember those who have died, those injured, for all those suffering from trauma and loss. We pray for the elderly and vulnerable and for children orphaned by this disaster. We pray for all the Aid Agencies trying to provide support at this time.

We pray this weekend for Duncan Dyason and the Street Kids Direct organisation and for the wonderful work they do supporting young people on the streets of Guatemala. We pray for the help needed to enable young people to find a better way of living with opportunities of finding a life that gives them hope and self-worth.

We pray for our Lenten services and activities. May we all find the opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter this Lent. We pray for the Lenten Lunches and the opportunity to support the 'Ripple Effect' charity in six African countries. We pray that more people may learn life skills for farming that they may provide for their families and create opportunities for their children to go to schools.

We continue to pray for those seeking asylum across this country and in other parts of the world. We pray that people will find friendship, the opportunity to participate in their host countries, to seek language opportunities and educational opportunities for their children. We give thanks for the ministry of Care4Calais and within our own community for the work of Sue Wright as she gives her time to help people placed in the Holiday Inn hotel. We pray for our friends from Iran who worship at All Saints.

We give thanks this week for the wedding of Helen Broad to Geoffrey Malkin. May their marriage be one of joy, friendship and encouragement as they share their love for each other and for their children Jackson and Kaitlyn.

We pray for those who seek prayer in time of need. We pray by name for Rabbi Jonathan Romain and family, 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, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark and Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins, Bruce Padfield and Sarah.

May they know God's healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Giles Haslam and Mike Wilkinson. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and friends and all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

READING Romans 5: 12-19

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgement following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL Matthew 4. 1-11

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ' Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you

are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you", and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." '

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

MUSIC

Prelude: Angel's Farewell - E Elgar

Opening Hymn: AM 121 Forty days and forty nights - Aus der Tiefer

Mass Setting: Rite A - Dunford

Gradual: AM 109 When Jesus comes to be baptized - Herongate

Offertory: AM 131 O for a closer walk with God - Cathness

Communion: AM 464 Sweet sacrament divine – Divine Mysteries

Closing Hymn: AM 763 Praise to the Holiest in the height – Chorus Angelorum

Postlude: Psalm Prelude Set 1 No 3 – H Howells

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX EUCHARIST FOR ST DAVID

Prelude Preliwd ar Rhosymedre – R Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn 721 Love divine, all loves excelling

First Reading – First letter of Paul to the Thessalonians 2. 2-12

Gradual Hymn 792 The God of love my shepherd is

Gospel Matthew 16. 24-27

Offertory Hymn 676 Immortal, invisible, God only wise

During Communion – Offrymddam – Thomas Tomkins

Closing Hymn Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Postlude – Postliwd – William Mathias

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 5TH MARCH THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

COLLECT

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and for ever. Amen

O T READING Genesis 12.1-4

Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

GOSPEL John 3.1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom

of God without being born from above.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, “You must be born from above.” The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.’ Nicodemus said to him, ‘How can these things be?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ‘Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him

MUSIC

Prelude: Elergy – H Darke

Opening Hymn: AMNS 4 New every morning – Melcombe

Mass Setting: Rite A – Dunford

Gradual: AM 595 Be thou my vision – Slane

Offertory: AMNS 593 At the name of Jesus – Camberwell

Communion Anthem: God so Loved the World – J Stainer

Closing Hymn: AMNS 827 Ye servants of God your Master proclaim – Paderborn

Postlude: Postlude on a Ground – H Murrill

NOTICES

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list which is located on the table at the back of the church. This is a lovely way to be involved in making the church look really beautiful for this Queen of Festivals. Unfortunately, the price of flowers has increased dramatically over the past few years, and it is anticipated that the lilies will cost around £6.00 per stem this year. We need to place our order by **28th March** at the latest; so, it would be a great help if you could put your name on the list by that date. If it’s of help, payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes which are also on the table at the back of the church. This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Church Office.

With thanks *The Flower Team*

Mothering Sunday Posies – 19 MARCH 2023

We shall be making the posies for Mothering Sunday on **Saturday 18th March at 10.00am** in the Parish Centre. We are always grateful for as much help as possible, so please come along and help if you can. A selection of small pieces of greenery are required, such as Heather, Pittosporum, perfumed leaves (rosemary etc.) are particularly welcome, so if you or your neighbour have any that can be spared, can you please bring them with you or leave them at the Parish Office on Friday morning, 17th March.

With thanks – *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 poster with Issue 141

St Luke’s Church, Norfolk Rd, Maidenhead, Saturday 4 March, 10am – 3pm

With the Revd Margot and Dr Martin Hodson.

All Saints will also have a stand at the event so do come along and enjoy the speakers and say Hello!

Ecochurch's Tip for February

Go Green(er) for Lent. The weeks leading up to Easter are a great time to start or give something up that benefits nature and helps address climate change. Is there a change you can make to better care for creation and improve our lives and the lives of others through healthy, eco-friendly and sustainable living? For more practical ways to enjoy, nurture and defend nature, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email at: www.arocha.org.uk/wild-christian

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.