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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It was a delight to share Holy Week and Easter with you. The church at the Easter Vigil as the lights went on during the singing of the gloria looked an absolute picture with the beauty of the Easter lilies in splendid array. This Holy Week marked the first time since lockdown that we had full serving teams for the services and the presence of a growing choir. Thank you to all those who put so much time and energy into preparing the church, leading the music, serving at the altar, creating the beauty of the flower arrangements and Mike and Jan for providing delightful hospitality on Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. It was a joy to share the services with Fr John and a delight to both of us to see a pretty full church on Easter morning with a good number of families present.

We now celebrate the Easter season looking forward to the Ascension and Pentecost as we pray for the Holy Spirit that we might live as disciples of Christ, sharing his light to the world. One of the most important areas of mission not just for All Saints but for the wider church will be seeking to be more sustainable in our living. One key area of Resurrection hope is the renewal of God's creation and the support of vulnerable people and all living beings. During Lent the All-Saints Sustainability group planned soup lunches which were enjoyed by all those that attended. The money raised will go to support the Ripple Effect (Formerly Send a Cow) charity in Africa.

One business that I am aware a number of our parishioners value, is Riverford Organic Farmers. I have been given two recent copies of their Newsletter which highlights the value this company places on sharing its profits with those in countries impacted by 'a triple crisis of hunger caused by Covid-19, soaring living costs, and climate change'. I will quote to you the story shared by Guy Singh-Watson the Founder-owner of Riverford who since converting his first field to organic in 1987, has challenged business norms and pushed to use Riverford as a force for good.

'20 years ago, I spent two months visiting subsistence farmers in East Africa. For the second month, Timothy Njakasi took me to visit farmers trained by the charity Ripple Effect in southern Uganda. It was some of the most inspiring farming I had ever seen. I was astounded by how productive these tiny organic plots of an acre or less could be, with highly complex systems incorporating multi-canopy cropping, water conservation, seed saving, composting, and clever companion planting. The best of these farms were up to 20 times more productive than the poorly farmed monocultures and grazing next door, while providing food security, improved nutrition, and financial independence.'

Riverford are also supporting Ripple Effect by partnering with 1000 local farmers in Ethiopia planting over 44,000 apple and avocado trees across 28 villages. The trees will sequester 27,000 tonnes of CO2 equivalent in their first fifteen years. This fruit farming has helped to stabilise local food supplies as well as making their farming more resilient to climate change. The farmers as well as eating the fruit, can sell surplus to the market, helping them to put their children through school as well as invest in livestock to nourish their farms and families.

Separate from Riverford and Ripple Effect we find stories of resurrection integrating with sustainability. The Archbishop of South Africa, Thabo Makgoba writes about the Province of Lesotho where all their baptism and confirmation candidates plant a tree at their home, church, or village. These are being seen as signs of witness within their communities of nurturing one's faith alongside nurturing in caring for God's creation in areas where deforestation and soil erosion are providing challenges. (Story from Martin and Margot Hodson's book 'A Christian Guide to Environmental Issues.')

As we celebrate the Easter Resurrection and transformed life this Eastertide may we rejoice in companies like Riverford valuing the vulnerable through sustainable farming and the charity Ripple Effect helping people in Africa to find ways of improving their lives. Thank you to all those who supported the soup lunches this Lent, and I believe that the money raised, will provide support for 6 new gardens or plots.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

Thursday 20 April

9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey *Celebrant: Fr Jeremy*
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
4.00pm Baptism/confirmation classes in the Birinus Room
8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 21

10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Saturday 22

3.00pm East Berks & South Bucks Bellringers AGM including
4.00pm Evensong

Sunday 23

10.00am Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Easter
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy : Preacher: Fr John
12 noon Holy Baptism
Please pray for Hudson Peter East, his parents and godparents
4.00pm **Sundays@4** the theme will be 'Transformed Lives' – including Zacchaeus.
Followed by a rehearsal for the families involved in the Eastertide play.
6.00pm *Sundays@Six* Easter Reflections on Zoom led by St Luke's

Monday 24

9.30am Morning Prayer
6.30 for 7.00pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Boyne Hill Cricket Club
We welcome Sam Jonkers of Care4Calais who will speak about her work supporting Asylum Seekers.

Tuesday 25

9.30am Morning Prayer

12 noon Interment of Ashes of Doreen Jamieson

Wednesday 26

10.00am Eucharist (BCP)

Celebrant: Fr John

11.00am Bible Study looking at the Acts of the Apostles in the Birinus Room

3.00pm *Open the Book at Larchfield School*

LZ 7 Christian Rock Band performing at Altwood School throughout the day

ADVANCE NOTICE

Sunday 7 May 10.00am Eucharist for the Fifth Sunday of Easter when we will celebrate the theme of the Coronation of King Charles III. Following the service you are invited to share in celebration drinks and food. We will be planning a Coronation Young Saints and games for children after the service.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray this Easter season that we may answer the call to live lives that are dedicated, devoted and rich in modelling Jesus' life. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and nurture us to use our gifts to build the Body of Christ.

We give thanks at this time for those who have supported our Parish groups this last twelve months. For those on our welcome, education, pastoral care, buildings, sustainability, finance, and worship groups. We pray for all those who contribute to the worshipping life of All Saints through music, serving, welcome and hospitality, cleaning and preparing the flowers.

We give thanks for the Ripple Effect charity serving African countries and enabling more people to learn skills that help them to feed their children and to send them to schools to be educated. We give thanks for the soup lunches that we enjoyed throughout Lent and for the money raised to offer 6 matching gardens.

We give thanks for those in the farming industry that take seriously the need for sustainable farming and at the same time support the needs of those most impacted by climate change.

We pray for those who will be baptised into the family of God this weekend and in the coming weeks and months at All Saints, and for Ollie Campbell, Chloe Tudor, Samuel Russell, Chloe Taylor and Isla Bradley on the anniversary of their Baptisms.

We pray that we will all continue to grow in faith and discover how we may die to our own needs to meet the needs of those around us. We pray that we may live Christ-like lives.

We pray for our Annual Parochial Church Council meeting next week and for those who will be elected to serve. We give thanks for outgoing members of the PCC and Standing Committee for their contributions to the life of the community. We pray for Sam Jonkers, Sue Wright and all members of the Care4Calais Charity that support Asylum Seekers. We pray for our friends from Iran seeking welcome and the opportunity to live normal lives in this country.

We pray for peace in troubled parts of the world. We pray for Sudan and Ukraine and all areas of the world where there is unrest.

We pray for those who have asked for pray in time of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy, for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins, Bruce Padfield, Jeremy Nordberg, and Natalie Darmon. May they all know the healing presence of Christ.

We pray for the recently departed Behrooz Heidari, Yanika and Bob Brian Karuhije. We pray for all our departed loved ones and may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray during this Eastertide that we may feel our hearts burn within us as we hear the gospel message through scripture and that our eyes may be opened to the resurrection hope through the breaking of the bread.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 23 APRIL THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.

N T READING Acts 2: 14a: 36 - 41 – 43

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

GOSPEL Luke 24: 13 – 35

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly

over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

MUSIC

Prelude: Gopsal Flourish and Chorale *M H Corl*

Opening Hymn: AM 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gradual: AM 769 Rejoice! the Lord is King

Offertory: AM 10 Abide with me

Communion: AM 712 Lord Jesus Christ

Closing Hymn: AM 486 Christ is the king! O friends rejoice

Postlude: Gelobt sei Gott Toccata *B Solomons*

PARISH OFFICE SUPPORT NEEDED

We are looking for more admin support in the Parish Office for up to 10 hours a week. This doesn't have to be covered by the same person, but we would ask for regular support each week. There are a wide range of activities that are covered in the office, and we will try to match the tasks with the skill sets of those who are interested. If you would like to support this important part of parish ministry please contact Sue Wright or Tanya Fullarton in the office. (01628 621933)



EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to thank everyone who sponsored the Easter Lilies and flowers, provided foliage, and who helped arrange the beautiful floral displays on Easter Saturday, making our Church look even more beautiful for the Easter period. We do hope you felt they added that little extra something to this especially important festival. Special thanks also to Alan & Pauline for the splendid Easter Garden. Your continued help and support is very much appreciated.

The Flower Team

SATURDAY 29 APRIL 8.00PM AT NORDEN FARM ST JOHN'S CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT

A celebration concert for the life of Renée Wilson who was a great supporter of the orchestra. The programme includes her favourite Beethoven symphony and an overture by her beloved Mozart. Tickets £20 (FREE for under 18s) from Norden Farm box office: 01628 788997 or boxoffice@nordenfarm.org

WINDSOR & MAIDENHEAD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP 7.00pm THURSDAY 27 APRIL

What is the role of faith in creating a more peaceful world?

at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX. WAMCF's full programme is attached with this newsletter.

DISCOVER WHAT JOSEPHUS REPORTED ABOUT JESUS TUESDAY 16 MAY 8.00PM AT THE SYNAGOGUE

You are invited to a talk on **Josephus: hero or villainfor Jews and for Christians?** Why is Josephus - chronicler of the 1st century - so controversial...but also so important for both faiths?

It will be given by Professor Martin Goodman, of Oxford University and a leading expert on the 1st century period.

His talk will be at Maidenhead Synagogue, Grenfell Lodge, Ray Park Road, Maidenhead, SL6 8QX (there is ample parking inside the Synagogue car park). It is being held under the auspices of the Council of Christians and Jews. It will be followed by refreshments and a chance to chat to him in person. There is no charge, but it is important you book a place, along with any guests, by emailing the Synagogue office:

admin@maidshul.org

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.