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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On the 20 October I preached a sermon based on Mark 10.35-45. As occasionally happens the way I preached was impacted by a news story that highlighted the concern that many of us walk through this world feeling anxious and sad. The story of Liam Payne (I must confess I had not heard of the man) took up a large part of the news coverage that week. For those of you present forgive me but one or two people asked me to write the text and as some of you will know I rarely do this so here it is. I have no doubt that some of what I preached that morning will not be in this text as I sometimes get carried away with my thoughts! Hopefully the Holy Spirit is at work, but I cannot guarantee. What I will say is that the sermon is preached to the preacher not just the congregation.

The news in recent times has been filled with the troubles of the world, particularly the Middle East, but there have also been stories of suffering which impact many people impacted by depression. I confess that I have never heard of Liam Payne who rose to fame as a 14-year-old then 16 year old on the X-Factor with Simon Cowell. The young people who were successful that particular year were formed into a boy band called 'One Direction.' They became a huge success not just in Britain but across the world. The pop sensation Liam Payne a member of the band died tragically at 31 following a fall from a hotel balcony in Argentina. The young man had spoken apparently in 2019 about his battle with mental health and the challenge of adapting to stardom.

I read on my phone an interview with Professor John Oates a member of the British Psychological Society who has assisted government on child performers. I read that being in a boy band ceases to become possible when you're no longer a boy. You then need (According to Oates) to find a way of becoming a different sort of famous person and that's a new challenge. Harry Styles a former fellow band member has successfully made that transition whereas Payne struggled. (In 2019 he released a solo album that did not take off.)

A 10-year-old Payne wrote a letter to himself. 'You'll have the most amazing time of your life, travel the world and live a life you barely imagined. Then it will end for a while and you are left with nothing but the steering wheel, it will feel scary, like you're alone but you are not.' Prof Oates says 'If fame is so important to self-esteem, how can they (we) be helped to manage the loss of success? Oates suggests that we find internal sources of self-esteem rather than external validation. You become less reliant on others for your sense of self. I wonder what we find in scripture (This morning) that might help not just superstars but the ordinary person filled with anxiety. Even the priest walks around anxious about meeting people's needs as if the priest is judged on some kind of success. What have we achieved we ask?

Jesus on the cross in Mark's gospel perhaps leads us to another way of bringing consolation and hope to a world of suffering and sorrow. Mark's gospel focusses on Jesus' death. Jesus since his baptism has known his vocation. The set text from the Old Testament for this weekend is Isaiah 53 (The Good Friday reading). We find the suffering servant, the Messianic figure who will suffer for the sins of the world. Jesus says in Mark 10 'the servant came as a ransom for many' quoting Isaiah. The cross is not just about getting us through the tough times (though this is comforting). The kingdom of God which Jesus wins for us through the cross turns our ideas of power and glory upside down.

We find this hard in the 21st century when the idea of becoming an 'Icon' or successful (The original Icon I believe meant the ordinary or human entering into the story of the divine) although now it can be the iconic individual, building, pop song or even scent of Brute aftershave that we are told to aspire to. However, the question is has it ever been any different? Our first century Apostles James and John (no blaming mum in this gospel as found in Matthew) want Jesus' march to Jerusalem to be a march to glory and power. Mark's gospel suggests the cross questions all human pride and search for glory.

Jesus is found asking James and John, can you drink the cup of suffering I'm going to drink? Can you receive the baptism I am going to receive? Jesus will take the full weight of the world's suffering and even say 'Take this cup of suffering from me.' Jesus will of course sit in glory but with one on his left and one on his right, but it will be on a cross. So, can we think of our own baptism and dying to self that we might live life with and for Christ? This is not losing self but rather knowing that we are loved by God as members of his body and that we are not alone. By being members of the gathered community, we are one with God and one with another. May we all know that we can hear the baptismal promise that we are beloved brothers and sisters of Christ which may help our self-esteem. Through the Eucharist where we partake of the Body of Christ to become the Body of Christ to the wider community, we may experience a relationship of love with the trinitarian God and with each other.

Can we pray that we may find fulfilment by knowing we are loved that we might love back. If only the 31-year-old Payne had known the words of the 10-year-old Payne. 'It will feel scary, but you are not alone.'

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

Fr Jeremy

GOOD NEWS! Congratulations to Catherine and Florian on the birth of their daughter Sabrina Elizabeth, a granddaughter to Sally Deal.

SAD NEWS! Sad news of Doreen Bramble. We heard recently of the death of Doreen at her home. Doreen will not be known by everyone at All Saints, but she was a friend of Ena Jones and of the Senior Saints, formerly the Mothers Union. Dorren received home communion every month from Fr John, Jeanette and me and always found receiving the sacrament helpful.

Doreen was an avid reader of books particularly detective novels. Doreen also made time to read Parish News, thanks to Jan and Mike Moss delivering the paper over the last 4 years. We know Doreen read the news as she would on occasion respond to requests for help. Two examples spring to my mind of the compassion that Doreen felt for others. One example of her kindness came during the Pandemic when we were seeking support for laptops for students at schools. Doreen provided donations to support the children in education.

The second example came more recently following Doreen reading about the vitality our friends from Iran had brought to our church over the last couple of years. Doreen had received kindness from a family during a stay in hospital and she decided she would 'ripple out' that kindness by getting one of her carers to purchase some lovely toiletries for the people from Iran. I was gifted a large bag of toiletries to share at church. These were just two examples of many where Doreen contributed to the life of All Saints.

Thank you, Doreen for your Christian witness, largely from your home. We pray for Mark your son and all your family at this sad time. May you rest in peace and rise in glory.

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

- Thursday 31 October** 9.00am Fr Jeremy shares the last of the zoom meetings with People from across Europe who have been working with refugees and asylum seekers across Europe.
11.30am Confirmation Class Weeks 15 & 16 for group 4 on Zoom
6.00pm All Sorts at St Mary's
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Sunday 3 November** **10.00am Sung Eucharist for All Saints Patronal Festival.** Fr Jeremy presiding and Fr Chris preaching. Following the service refreshments will be served and then we travel to the Ghandi restaurant for the celebration lunch.
- Tuesday 5** **9.30am Morning Prayer**
10.00am All Saints School share their assembly at All Saints Church on the theme of the Saints.
12.30am to 2pm Deanery Chapter meeting at All Saints Church.
2.30pm Tuesday Club at the Parish Centre. Steve Foley is the guest speaker.
7.00pm Boyne Hill School Governors meeting.
- Wednesday 6** **10.00am Requiem Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr Jeremy
11.30am Communion Service at Clara Court Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette
2.30pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
7.00pm Christmas Market Meeting in the Birinus Room
- Thursday 7** 7.00pm Risk assessment meeting in the Birinus Room
8.00pm Choir Practice
- Friday 8** **10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre**
- Sunday 10** **10.00am Eucharist– Remembrance Sunday** – Fr David presiding and preaching. Fr Jeremy will be leading the Remembrance services in Cookham Dean and Cookham.
6.00pm All Souls Requiem Mass – Fr Jeremy. Please sign the list at the back of the church if you would like the name of a loved one remembered.
- Wednesday 13** **10.00am Eucharist** Celebrant: Fr David
2.30pm Senior Saints at Pauline Hole's house
3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School
7.30pm Young saints planning meeting at the Birinus Room

TUESDAY CLUB 5 NOVEMBER 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Tuesday Club has been going since the 1960s. It started as a Young Wives' Group meeting in the evenings and has been through various incarnations until arriving at its present format - an afternoon group where all are welcome to listen to a speaker or join in a just-for-fun quiz or games afternoon. We meet, usually on the first Tuesday of the month (but there are exceptions so see the Parish News) in the Parish Centre.

On 5 November we're looking forward to welcoming Steve Foley, one of our Churchwardens, to speak about his career as a urologist and the places it has taken him (and still takes him!). That's the sort of fun afternoon you get with Tuesday Club; why not come along and see for yourself? A cuppa and a biscuit afterwards too!
Jan Moss, Group Leader

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We celebrate All Saints Patronal Festival this weekend. Father in heaven, you have gathered in your keeping and celebration the saints of the Church throughout the ages and from every nation. Not one is lost, and every one of them lights up the halls of heaven with their beauty and faithfulness. Thank you for the brightness of their witness to you and their inspiration to us. (Prayer of the former Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard.)

May your Church, built on the foundation of the saints, be faithful to the teaching of Jesus so that we can bring true joy. St David asked that 'we do the small things well' and St Theresa of Kolkata that we 'May do the small things well in love.' We pray that each one of us may love God with all our heart, mind and soul.

In this month of remembrance

Let us remember before God and commend to his sure keeping; those who have died for their country in war, those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure and all who have lived and died in the service of others.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old; Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn, We will remember them.

We pray on All Souls for our departed loved ones. Eternal God, we thank you because you have made each one of us in your own image and give us gifts in mind, body and spirit. We thank you for all our departed loved ones and all they meant to us, the time we shared together, the good we saw in them, and the love we received from them.

Give us courage and strength to leave them in your care, trusting in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (From Common Worship).

We pray for those who are sad or anxious. God I'm in a dark place. Life is hard and painful just now. I'm really struggling. Please help me. Give me the courage and strength to face each day. Thank you that even in dark times I need not feel alone because you are there with me. Amen. (Prayer found at Christchurch Cathedral from the Message by Eugene H Peterson.)

We pray for charities supporting young people. We remember the Operation Christmas Child and the Children's Society that we will be supporting this, Autumn. May young people know that they are loved through the work of these two organisations.

We continue to pray for peace in this world of trauma and violence. We pray for the countries across the Middle East. We remember people from our own community with families in Lebanon, Israel, and Iran, we pray for Gaza and all those suffering at this time. We pray too for the people caught up in conflict in Ukraine. We pray for peace for people for Ukraine, Russia and the Middle East.

We pray for those in need of God's healing. Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbara Ann- Bourne, Elham Nekunam, Beryl Dorton and the families of Pearl and Marian. May they all know God's loving and healing presence.

We remember Sebastian Barnes, Sophia Paul, Constantine and Myron Malekshahi and Alicia Stockbridge on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for Margaret Darkwah, Kristina Baloch and Doreen Bramble and all our departed loved ones whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS DAY COLLECT

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; 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 forever. Amen

N T Reading Revelation 21. 1-6a

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

GOSPEL John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

MUSIC

Prelude:	Rhosymedre	<i>R Vaughan Williams</i>
Opening hymn:	308 Rejoice in God's saints	<i>Hanover</i>
Gradual anthem:	211 Now is eternal life	Christchurch
Offertory hymn:	296 For all the saints who from their labour's rest	<i>Sine Nomine</i>
Communion Anthem:	The Eternal Gifts of Christ the King	<i>H G Ley</i>
Communion hymn:	297 For all the saints who showed your love	O Waly Waly
Closing hymn:	365 Let us build a house	Two Oaks
Postlude:	Carillon Sortie	<i>H Mulet</i> Sheet Music

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

EPISTLE Hebrews 9: 24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

GOSPEL Mark 1: 14-20

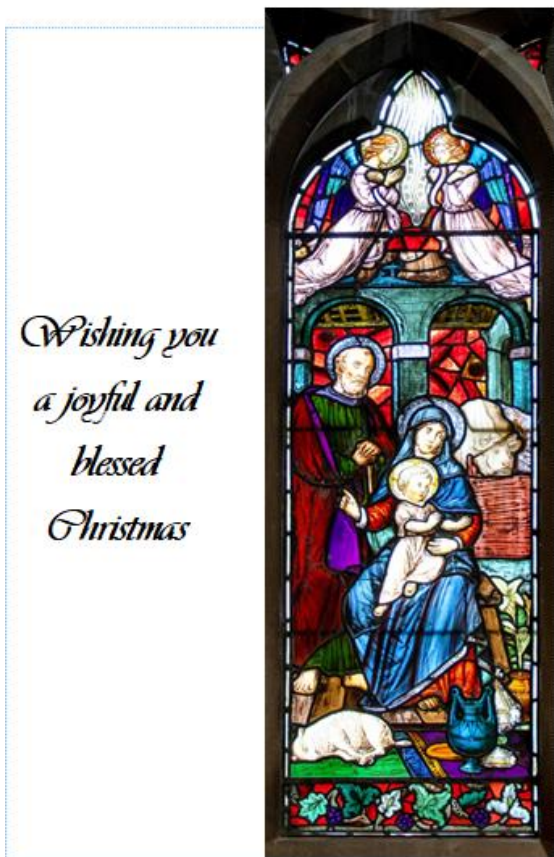
After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.' As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.
ministry fully.

MUSIC

Prelude: Adagio in G minor T Albinoni Sheet music
Opening hymn: 580 Judge eternal, throned in splendour Rhuddlan
Gradual hymn: 579 I vow to thee, my country Thaxted
Offertory hymn: 581 Lord of lord and King eternal St Helen
Communion hymn: 577 Eternal God, before whose face we stand Under Et Memores
National Anthem 578 God save our gracious King

MUSIC FOR ALL SOULS SERVICE 10 NOVEMBER at 6.00 PM

Preludes: Te lucis ante terminum, Op.38, No5 Dupré
Aria, op.51 Peeters
Communion music: Op.58, No2 Verne
Postlude: Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537 J.S. Bach



Nativity Window, All Saints Church

*Wishing you
a joyful and
blessed
Christmas*

ALL SAINTS CONGREGATION CHRISTMAS CARD

We all enjoy receiving Christmas cards each year, and not least we enjoy sending cards to our friends in the congregation, even if we see them every week. Each person who joins in will receive just one card. The card has a picture of the centre panel of the nativity window on the front cover and will include the names of everyone who takes part. (See the sample card at the back of church.)

Donations will go to the Operation Christmas Child charitable appeal.

How it works

1. You decide you want to take part, make your donation (suggested £10) and sign your name on the sheet. (See sign up sheet and donation envelope at back of church). Please ensure you have done this by **4 December**.
2. Your name will be entered in the card under one of the symbols. Cards will be printed during week commencing 9th December and will be **ready to pick up from 15 December**.
3. Your card will contain everyone's name who has contributed.

We hope that you will be keen to reduce waste and try out this new idea. If you have any questions, please ask
Jenny Wilks or Ken Smith.

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reduce: We all wash our hands many times a day. This can add up to a lot of plastic in a year if we use those bottles of liquid soap all the time! In our house we have a bar of soap for family in the toilet plus a liquid soap should visitors prefer that. To minimise the amount of plastic we also use those refill bags you get in supermarkets rather than buying a whole new bottle every time. It's not a perfect solution, but as the saying goes, every little helps!

Your Eco-committee

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

Children's Society Box Holders: It is time to collect in the boxes for counting.

I can offer you a variety of options, so please choose whichever is most suitable for you.

- Send a cheque (made out to 'The Children's Society') to me at the address below
- Bring your box when you attend church service on Sunday or Wednesday. If I am not there either ask to leave it in the Parish Office or drop it at my house.
- Bring your box straight to my house.
- Phone me if you need your box collected from your house.

You all have my phone number on your box so please call if you need further clarification, assistance or want to discuss anything with me.

My address: 46, Boyn Hill Road SL64HJ

Many thanks for your continued support. It makes a real difference to hundreds of children and enables the Society to continue their work.

Anne Clark

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 12th time this year. In each of the last 3 years, we have donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. (Last year, it was 71). Over 11 years, we've sent over 720 shoebox gifts, which is amazing!

One way you can donate is via the Operation Christmas Child website, and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online/goal-page/MzIxMA%3D%3D>. It costs £25.

See the leaflet attached to the email for more information and other ways to donate.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk or speak to me in church.

Jenny Wilks



ALL SAINTS' CHRIST CHILD MARKET: SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 12 noon to 3.30pm

It's just over 6 weeks away and time to ask for your help, please, with the preparations. As in previous years, there will be plenty of opportunity to help on the day too – more about that to follow.

The market will be organised along the same lines as in the past three years with a number of external, local makers and producers having stalls, as well as our own All Saints stalls:

Handicrafts, tombola, raffle, children's activities, spin-for-a-bottle, BBQ, mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies,...and Father Christmas will be joining us again!

We are also looking to welcome members of the local community to have a stall this year.

To start things off.....

Donations: We would be grateful now for **prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA.**

We hope to have a separate tombola for children and would be grateful for donations for that too.

Please remember, in both cases, new items only.

The collection box for your donations is at the back of the Church.

We will also need to ask for help with providing **GAZEBOS** for our stall holders; there will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church later this month if anyone can help with one of those.

If you have any questions or need more information please speak to any member of the team:
Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, John Gay, Stella Harding, Mei Bolygo, Bence Bolygo



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.

THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley