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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

All of you will know that I love sport. My mother once said to me during my teenage years at school that if I studied for my exams as much as I studied statistics for football, cricket, rugby, tennis and the list could go on I would probably have achieved better results! You can imagine then my joy this last couple of weeks using every spare moment to watch with joy the sporting excellence and endeavour of sports people from across the world. Records have been broken and events won by the smallest of margins so that the excitement has been extraordinary.

Some of my highlights were watching Leon Marchand swim, winning gold in breaststroke and butterfly against the best in the world in the same session, Sydney Mclaughlin-Levrone breaking the 400 metres hurdles world record, Emma Finucane becoming the British person with the most medals won at this games and hailing from Carmarthen, Keeley Hodgkinson winning gold in the 800 meters, Sifan Hassan winning the women's marathon on the last day in brutal conditions having already run a 5,000 meters, a 10,000 meters (winning bronze in each) before starting a 26 mile plus race against the best! Who will forget Alex Yee making a burst past his New Zealand competitor to snatch gold right at the end of a gruelling swim, cycle and run.

There are other stories like the lady in the marathon who took 4 hours to finish but who the crowds waited for to cheer home, a hundred metres runner who ran in a baseball cap and a cyclist who stopped off at a pub to use the toilets! This is the joy of the Olympics as countries from all over the world compete. Of course, countries with greater resources will win the most medals but you can find smaller and poorer countries excelling in certain events and giving their best rather than being the best.

The middle Sunday brought great television as well when I saw Novak Djokovic finally win the gold medal at tennis beating the brilliant young pretender Alcaraz to his crown as the world's best tennis player in a fantastic final. I used to question the value of some high-profile sports being included in the Olympics but when you saw and heard what this victory meant to a man who had won 24 majors and who is largely regarded as the best player of all time you realise the significance of the Olympics. The image of Djokovic kneeling on the clay of Roland-Garros and the camera focussing on the hands of this great player literally shaking with the emotion you begin to realise the significance of this great sporting event. That same day I watched some of the women's cycling road race which was not only dramatic with four ladies battling it out for three medals but seeing the cyclists ride through the Montmartre area of the city, past the Sacre Coeur overlooking the city, before crossing the Seine between the Trocadero Gardens and ending with the backdrop of the Eiffel Tower. Paris is not a bad place to host an Olympic games!

Yes, I could go on and on but I refer back to a sermon some of you will have heard me preach on Sunday based on Jesus being the 'Bread of Life'. 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven and whoever eats this bread will live forever. I contemplated what the living for ever might mean in the Kingdom? That place where we will all see each other made in God's image where everyone will have enough and no one fight for more. A place of timelessness where the joy we experience in music, art, creation, friendship and love and yes sport

lifts us above the ordinary to experience the potential for the divine. One lady from church who had experienced the friendship and love of another family whilst being in hospital and receiving a birthday cake desired to share that love with others and asked her daughter-in-law to purchase toiletries for the asylum seekers that have become a part of our community. That is thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

I have read that the streets, stands and trains in Paris were filled with people wearing their countries colours but without animosity towards others. This is the common ground of sport bringing people together and enabling people to be inspired and feel joy and hope which we crave. The author of this blog said that only a few Swedish people were in the stadium as Mondo Duplantis jumped the pole vault to a height of 6.25metres! I jumped out of my chair at home, and I suspect all people interested in sport would have felt the thrill of the amazing achievement not just people from Sweden. Of course, as the blog said this doesn't bring peace in Gaza or Ukraine but if we can share joy and hope rather than see difference then maybe we glimpse a little of the future kingdom.

100 years ago, in Paris at the 1924 Olympics Eric Liddle ran for the gold medal to glorify God. This Christian man who understood Paul's words to the Philippians 'Like a person running a race, I try hard to reach the line so that I will receive the prize.' That prize is new and transformed life and may the Paris Olympics through the people in the crowds, stands and trains having no animosity point towards a better world as the 21st century progresses.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 18 August

10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

12.00noon Holy Baptism of Paige Mungal and Ivy and Evie Garraway –
Fr Jeremy

2.45pm Meet at the church to travel to Thames Hospice for a walk around the lake followed by tea at the hospice restaurant.

Monday 19

9.30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 20

9.30am Morning Prayer

10.30 am Baptism Class via Zoom Week 4

Wednesday 21

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home – Fr Jeremy

2.30pm Senior Saints Cream Tea at Vicarage

Sunday 25

10.00am The Parish Eucharist for the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Revd Joan Hicks

12 noon WAMCF Charity Cricket match at Boyne Hill Cricket Club.

Monday 26

9.30am Morning Prayer

Wednesday 28

10.00am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

ADVANCE NOTICES

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 1.30pm – TRIP TO WALTHAM PLACE as PART OF THE CELEBRATION of CREATIONTIDE.

Waltham Place is a 220 acre organic and biodynamic farm and garden and our tour will explore the naturalistic gardens. Our guide will explain how the gardens are developed in a sustainable way without the use of chemicals. This will be followed by tea and cake in the café. If you are interested, the cost is £20 per person and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please confirm **by 21st August** if you'd like to come.

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 7.00pm ALL SORTS MEETING IN THE PARISH CENTRE

All Sorts meet for their summer gathering at All Saints Church

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 14 AND 15 SEPTEMBER HERITAGE WEEK and RIDE AND STRIDE

Please see the sign-up sheets at the back of church.

SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 3.00pm BISHOP OLIVIA'S RETIREMENT SERVICE at READING MINSTER

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER – GARDENING in the CHURCHYARD AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION of CREATIONTIDE.

Bring your tools and get stuck in to clearing and tidying the churchyard. Variety of tasks for all energy levels.

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

I will relive the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela I made in September 2013 as part of my Sabbatical. If you would like to share an evening with me retelling the journey with Mike providing the pictures please join us at the Parish Centre at 7.00pm on Saturday 5 October. During the evening there will be a meal in the style of pilgrimage. The cost will be £20 with all profit going to The Ripple Effect Charity. Numbers will be limited to 30; there is a list at the back of church but preferably email mike.moss@btinternet.com to register your interest. If over-subscribed a second session will be held.

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 10.00am PARISH EUCHRIST FOR HARVEST WITH A GUEST SPEAKER FROM RIPPLE EFFECT

Following the service there will be an auction of goods and then a Harvest Ploughman's served in the Parish Centre.

Fr Jeremy

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we continue to contemplate the meaning of the Eucharist and the body and blood of Christ we pray;

Lord of the broken bread and blessed wine, you performed those familiar actions at significant times in your life. As we come to your table week by week may we come to know you in the breaking of bread and pouring of wine. May we receive your blessing of new and transformed life. Give us the confidence to invite others to the banquet, in anticipation of the meal in your heavenly Kingdom.

In the strength of holy Communion send us out to make your power known to our friends and neighbours. Supply our bodily needs, and the spiritual food and drink that makes us one with Christ.

As we journey towards Creation Tide in September, we pray for all those who are starving in the world in the midst of plenty. Bring new hope for the relief of suffering. We look forward to Harvest at All Saints when we once again welcome our speaker from Ripple effect as they support African countries in sustainable farming.

We give thanks for the joy and hope that people felt during the wonderful Olympic Games that were hosted in Paris. We give thanks for all sports that lead us to endeavour, the pursuit of excellence and use of gifts and team ethics. We pray that sport will provide the opportunities for people from throughout the world to celebrate joy and hope together without any hostility.

We pray for peace in this world of unrest. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Iran and the surrounding areas. We pray for the people of Lebanon and South Sudan, and we pray that weapons may be turned into ploughshares and where nations no longer lift up sword against nation and peace is found.

We pray for all people who have been forced to flee their homes because of conflict, oppression, or persecution. We pray within our community for our friends from Iran. As they receive news of their interviews to seek refugee status in this country, we pray for them as they seek homes to live in and jobs that will bring meaning to their lives.

We hold within our prayers all students awaiting news of examination results this August. May they receive the news they desire to continue on the journey of study or to find opportunities to use their gifts in places of employment.

We hold within our prayers those to be baptised this Sunday at All Saints Church. We remember Paige Mungal and Ivy and Evie Garraway. May parents and godparents encourage these children to grow knowing the love of Christ in their lives.

We pray for those in need of God's healing; Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Gill Deane-Williams, Vera Shaw, Kristina Baloch, Abbas Heidari, Azita Heidari, Arash Rezaei, Elham Nekunam, Doreen Bramble, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Saimi, Abdul-Quadir Taj-e-din, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Patricia Butcher, Andrew Collins and Daniel Fatoux. May these people all know God's loving and healing presence.

We remember the recently departed including 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 18 AUGUST THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

OT READING 1 Kings 2: 10 - 12, 3: 3 - 14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

GOSPEL John 6: 51— 58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.' The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

MUSIC

Preludes:	Adagio	<i>Frank Bridge</i> , <i>Regina coeli</i> , Op.64	<i>Dupré</i>	
Opening hymn:	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour		<i>St Helen</i>	AM: 453
Gradual hymn:	My God, and is thy table spread		<i>Rockingham</i>	AM: 455
Offertory hymn:	O thou, who at thy eucharist didst pray		<i>Song 1</i>	AM: 460
Communion Music:	Voluntary		<i>Tomkins</i>	
Closing hymn:	All for Jesus		<i>All for Jesus</i>	AM: 421
Postlude:	Fugue in G minor, BWV 542 (ii)		<i>J.S. Bach</i>	

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 25 AUGUST THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

COLLECT

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

EPISTLE EPHESIANS 6: 10 - 20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

GOSPEL John 6: 56 - 69

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.' Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the

words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.' Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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

MUSIC

Preludes:	Cantabile <i>Franck</i> , <i>Desseins éternels</i>	<i>Messiaen</i>	
Opening hymn:	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven	Praise My Soul	AM: 766
Gradual hymn:	Immortal, invisible	<i>St Denio</i>	AM: 676
Offertory hymn:	How shall I sing that majesty	<i>Coe Fen</i>	AM: 663
Communion Music:	Adagio e dolce, Sonata in D minor, BWV 527	<i>J.S.Bach</i>	
Closing hymn:	Praise to the holiest in the height	<i>Chorus Angelorum</i>	AM: 763
Postlude:	Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565	<i>J.S Bach</i>	

CREATIONTIDE, THE SEASON OF CREATION

Creationtide or the Season of Creation is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life.

This year we will be celebrating this in a number of ways, the details of the events and services you can find in the Parish News Resources and Advance Notices sections.

The first will be a visit to Waltham Place Farm on the afternoon of Thursday 29th August. Please see the details of the trip in the Advance Notices section.

The Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 6th October will mark the end of Creationtide this year.

For more information from the Church of England on Creationtide, please visit <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/environment-and-climate-change/season-creation>

Your Sustainability Team



AND ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 14 & 15 SEPTEMBER

We hope that everyone will be able to take part in this special weekend event in September.

The Church will be open over the weekend to welcome visitors coming to see our beautiful building as part of English Heritage Weekend.

On the Saturday we will also welcome people taking part in the annual Ride & Stride event, and raising money for the Berkshire Historic Churches Trusts (BHCT). This will help BHCT make grants to places of Christian worship – All Saints itself has benefitted from such a grant.

How can you join in?

1. Volunteer to help welcome and steward visitors over the weekend, and help provide them with refreshments during the day.

We are looking for volunteers to fill hourly slots on the Saturday, and on the Sunday afternoon; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

2. Join Fr Jeremy's team of walkers for a short walk around some local participating churches on the Saturday morning; there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

Once we have a confirmed list of participating churches we will decide upon a route.

3. Sponsor our "team" of Walkers and the Stewards; there is a sponsorship form at the back of the Church.

Whatever you can give will be much appreciated, and remember, half of all the money we raise will come straight back to All Saints Boyne Hill. The other half goes to the Berkshire HCT to help support other churches in need.

Please speak to either of us if you have any questions about these arrangements.

Stella Harding & Ken Smith

SENIOR SAINTS WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2.30pm AT THE VICARAGE

A change from our second Wednesday of the month as Fr Jeremy entertains us to a cream tea at the Vicarage.

Margaret Hill

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RUNNING OF YOUR CHURCH?

The Stewardship Group is tasked with analysing and assessing the need for volunteers, bringing this to the attention of the congregation and communicating the financial commitments and needs of the church

When talking with members of the congregation it is clear that there is significant variation in the understanding of how the church is run and administered, what it costs and where the money is spent. If we can get a clearer understanding of the congregation's view of this, we can improve our communication and, hopefully, commitment to the stewardship of All Saints.

To help us do this we have produced a very short survey on the congregation's understanding of the running, administration and costs of the church. It is tick box, anonymous and will take about five minutes of your time. It is easily completed using the link below and pressing "Done"

[Ctrl click] <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJVYDD2>

If you prefer a paper copy these are available at the back of the church, please return them to the Parish Office by Sunday 8 September, which is also the closing date for the electronic survey.

Please do take the five minutes to do this and so help in the stewardship of All Saints.

Jeremy Nordberg

DO THE SMALL THINGS WELL

We have quite a small churchyard, but that doesn't stop it from being a great place for all sorts of creatures and plants to thrive. As an eco-team we've been getting advice and training on how to make it even better for them, while still keeping it smart out of respect for those remembered there.

We'll be letting you know ways we can all work together on this in the coming year, starting with a working party in the autumn to clear some of the overgrowth and brambles from a few graves and plant wild flowers in their place. In the meantime please do drop by and pick the abundant blackberries!

Your eco-committee

TUESDAY CLUB HEADS-UP

The Tuesday Club AGM will be at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue at 2.30pm on Tuesday 17 September. Do come along to discover the delights of the 2024/25 programme organised for our entertainment.



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AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS IF YOU CAN.