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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

I have had the opportunity over the last five years to share confirmation classes with a wide range of people from different cultures and backgrounds. As all of you will know All Saints has been blessed with asylum seekers from Iran. Chapter 8 of the course 'Faith Confirmed' by Peter Jackson and Chris Wright focusses on the main themes of the bible. The authors begin the chapter by writing that the bible is a dangerous book. Why/ Because it has the power to change lives.

The story shared highlighting the way the bible might be dangerous takes us back to the Soviet Union in 1991. A man travelling from the UK with bibles is arrested. On Sunday 9 August we had as our text the story of Jesus walking on water and calming the storm. He invites Peter step onto the water to walk towards him during the storm. The story got me thinking about the bible being dangerous and that we all face the storms of life at some point in our lives. I asked the congregation during the sermon to imagine the people who have shared the course with us from April 2022 travelling back to Iran and speaking openly about their Christian faith. Two Iranians discussed with me following the service the potential fears that would bring if they were to dare to speak about their faith in Iran.

Peter has the courage and faith to begin with until he becomes aware of the challenges he faces in terms of the storms and waves. At that point he takes his eyes off Jesus and begins to sink. My response to the Iranians was that they had taken the brave steps of leaving a country that if things were different, they would prefer to be living in today.

Everyone faces storms of some description during their life. Those moments when we feel scared, overwhelmed, alone and fearful facing increasing challenges that seem overbearing. In the bible we read of people living in fear in slavery in Egypt and the suffering they faced until finally finding hope in the promised land. Later there is the fear faced as the Babylonian Exile took place. There was the fear for families with baby boys who Herod sought to kill. Later there would be the fear of the Apostles as they faced up to life following Jesus' crucifixion when their hopes appeared dashed.

In our hymn books we find the words "Do Not be Afraid, For I have Redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are mine'. Based on Isaiah 43 it is a powerful message that we are not alone. We have the hope of the presence of a loving God who cares and desires us to live life in all its fullness.

Even with faith though we face if we are honest fears during our lives. Afraid of being found out about something we have done wrong. Afraid of a failed pension, a failed ministry, a failed marriage, a failed self. When I look back on my life there have been many moments when I have feared. Times at school over exams, interviews in my early years at work, the ongoing challenges of ministry. As I discovered in Durham two years ago when looking at Asylum seeker ministry when participants on the course were encouraged to look back over their lives to notice the influences, I noticed the key people who had seen qualities in me that I could not see myself.

The most dramatic example I have noticed of someone overcoming huge challenges is the story of Duncan Dyason who on watching a documentary in 1991 when living in comfy Buckinghamshire decided to change the course of his life by travelling to Guatemala. Duncan had watched a program highlighting the plight of children on the streets of Guatemala City. Duncan found the children the program had highlighted on the streets, involved in drugs (With little choice) often without food or shelter and threatened by violence. Duncan, by setting up the charity 'Street Kids Direct', has helped change the lives of so many young children. As I write this there is a young lady training to be a doctor who was previously living on the streets of one of the most violent cities in the world. I listened to Duncan share with students at Altwood how on his first day he was threatened by a man with a gun that if he came back, he would be shot. Duncan (I have never asked him how) found the bravery to return to those streets and has done so for 30 plus years. Duncan in answering his call alongside our Lord provided resurrection life to so many young Guatemalans.

The text of Jesus and Peter during the storm is key to vocations as well. In September I will begin to share my experiences of ministry with 5 new deacons of the Oxford diocese. I have just completed three years sharing with curates who probably taught me more than I gave them. One of them Revd Adam Wingrove will begin his ministry as vicar of St Luke's in a few weeks' time. I was fortunate when I was ordained. I had three years full-time training followed by a first curacy, a second curacy and the start of a ministry as a team vicar in Wales before moving to Bracknell for 7 more years of team ministry. I had twelve years' experience before leading a parish as vicar. These days people like Adam are expected to begin life in parish ministry running churches after three years. He is a talented and gifted man but he will need the love and support of a parish community behind him.

I also enjoy sharing with four people seeking to discern their calling with God. We are using a book by the Revd Simon Cuff, "Waiting on the Lord". Cuff writes 'We cannot bear the weight of calling upon our own strengths, we need each other. We need the grace of God, the fruits of the spirit, the sacraments of the church'. We need to be part of the Body of Christ to nourish and to be nourished.

It is clear that all of us need to be focused on Christ as Peter was to learn and seek the support of each other. The Eucharist is where we are joined with God and with each other using our gifts and skills to build one another up. As I said to the wardens present at the Archdeacon's visitation in June at All Saints, I have survived and at times flourished thanks to the support of churchwardens, and other gifted and experienced people who helped with the buildings, finance, and education to name just a few areas of ministry to enable me to find time to do the ministry I find rewarding in mission. The support of knowing Christ loves us and knows us by name and that the community of the people around us are supporting enables us to survive the storms of life.

May you be blessed by God this fortnight,

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Saturday 15 August	10.45 am-12.15 Bell ringing practice by visiting ringers
Sunday 16	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Celebrant & Preacher - Fr Jeremy 12noon Holy Baptism for Jacob Thomas Wah Kuen Newth 3.00pm Parish Walk around the lake at the Thames Hospice. We will meet at 2.40 pm at the church before making our way to the hospice 7.00pm Week 10 of the Confirmation class on zoom
Tuesday 18	9.30am Morning prayer
Wednesday 19	10.00am Eucharist – Fr Jeremy
Saturday 22	2.00pm BBQ Summer party for All Sorts at All Saints Church
Sunday 23	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Twelfth Sunday After Trinity Celebrant - Fr Jeremy Preacher – Fr David
Tuesday 25	7.30pm Standing Committee
Wednesday 26	10.00am BCP Eucharist – Fr Jeremy 11.30am Holy Communion at Normanhurst Care Home 2.30pm Services at Larchfield Care Home 7.30pm Sustainability group Meeting in the Birinus Room

ADVANCE NOTICE

Parish visit to St Albans Cathedral on Sunday, 20th September 2026

After several successful recent parish visits, including to Keble College and Worcester College in Oxford, we would like to offer members of the congregation an opportunity to visit St Albans Cathedral in Hertfordshire.

The cathedral is the oldest site of continuous Christian worship in Britain and an important place of pilgrimage, as well as of worship. St Albans Cathedral has the longest nave in England at 85 meters, an 11th century Norman crossing tower which is the country's only cathedral tower built with Roman bricks, and a rare collection of medieval wall paintings.

The cathedral is about 25 miles from Maidenhead. Our plan is to leave All Saints by bus at 12.30pm in order to arrive in good time for a private tour of the cathedral at 1.45pm. The tour will last about an hour and 15 minutes. There will be an opportunity afterwards to have tea in the cathedral café, or explore the building further. We would then attend evensong at 4pm, and expect to return to Maidenhead for about 6pm.

The cathedral charges a fee for group tours, starting at £10 per head. We anticipate the cost of the minibus will be around £15 per person. Therefore, we expect the cost of the outing to be around £25 per person, depending on interest. Please note that this will not include any refreshments from the cathedral café.

To register your interest in joining the visit, please add your name to the list at the back of the church. If you have questions, please contact *Greg Hurst* at greghurst@btinternet.com.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray at this time for the Blessed Virgin Mary and for the example of patience, humility and trust that she showed throughout her life. We give thanks that Mary following the birth of her son Jesus, guided and nurtured him in the early years and allowed him to follow the vocation that was set before him. We remember too Mary's love for Jesus as he died upon the cross and for her support of the early church that formed the early communities breaking bread and sharing your word.

We pray for people facing trauma in their lives. We remember the people of Columbia following the earthquake that has hit the country in recent times. We remember those who have lost their lives, those seeking to find those lost and all aid agencies playing their part in supporting the people of Columbia.

We continue to pray for all parts of the world impacted by the horrors of wildfires. Within our own country we pray for people impacted in the New Forest, Suffolk and South Wales. We remember too during these challenging times all those in the farming community trying to look after their stock and keeping their businesses solvent and the food chain safe.

We continue to remember the innocent victims of war in the Middle East. We pray for those people suffering as a result of the wars between Ukraine and Russia, Sudan and South Sudan and all other areas of unrest. We pray that dialogue may prevail, and peace be found in all troubled parts of the world.

We pray for the hospice ministry within our area at the Alexander Divine and Thames hospices. We give thanks for the compassion shown by all those who work within the hospice movement. We pray for the resources to maintain this wonderful ministry of care.

We pray for the new vicar of St Luke's the Revd Adam Wingrove and for his wife Emma and children Ellis and Levi. May they be happy in their new home and in their new ministry within the parish.

We continue to pray for those in need including Daneille, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Barbara Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton, Elek Bolygo, Catherine, Rod Broad, Jill Crace, Majid and Neda, Georgina Finney, Fr John Chadwick, Scarlett, James, David Emerson, Jeff Collins, Michael Woodley, Geraldine Gifford, Jeremy Nordberg, Natalia Kolodii, Nikki McMichael, Anita Gordon, Stephen Martin, Chloe Stoaks, Margaret Edsa and Paul. May they all know God's healing touch and presence.

We pray for the recently departed and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We pray for all our departed loved ones. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR 16 AUGUST – THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

COLLECT

Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; 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.

READING : Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

GOSPEL: Luke 1.46-55

And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

MUSIC

Preludes:	Vater unser im Himmelreich, BuxWV 219	<i>Buxtehude</i>
	Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737	<i>J.S. Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	394 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	
Gradual hymn:	313 For Mary, mother of our Lord	
Offertory hymn:	318 Ye who own the faith of Jesus	
Communion music:	Voluntary	<i>Thomas Tomkins</i>
	Pavan The Earl of Salisbury	<i>William Byrd</i>
Closing hymn:	312 Ye watchers and ye holy ones	
Postlude:	Fugue in E flat major, BWV 552(ii)	<i>J S Bach</i>

WORSHIP FOR 23 AUGUST

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 meditation 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 for ever.

READING: Romans 12.1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

MUSIC

Preludes:	Canon in C major, Op.56, No.1	<i>Schumann</i>
	Regina coeli, Op.64	<i>Dupré</i>
Opening hymn:	506 The Church's one foundation	
Gradual hymn:	246 Holy Spirit, come, confirm us	
Offertory hymn:	604 Brother, sister, let me serve you	
Communion music:	Adagio e dolce, Sonata in D minor, BWV 527	<i>J S Bach</i>
Closing hymn:	806 There's a wideness in God's mercy	
Postlude:	Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist, BWV 671	<i>J S Bach</i>

NEWS NEWS

Jan has kindly agreed to produce the next edition of the PN (a three-weeks bumper), so anything for the 26 August edition, please send to her by Monday 24 August.



STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS WORK

I am very pleased to tell you that the much-needed repair work to our beautiful stained-glass windows has now started, as you can see from the photographs. Scaffolding will be appearing from time to time both inside and out, and as windows are taken away for repair temporary infills will replace them. Disruption will be kept to a minimum and the whole work is planned to be completed by the end of October. Many thanks to our generous benefactors who have made this possible.

Ken Smith, Deputy Churchwarden



AND ENGLISH HERITAGE WEEKEND 12 & 13 SEPTEMBER

This year All Saints church is participating in the Ride and Stride funding raising event for Berkshire Churches Trust. All Saints church has benefitted greatly over the years with support for our Tower restoration in 2006/7 and more recently the floor project.

Howard Dellar has kindly agreed to take over from Stella Harding who was our Ride and Stride coordinator for many years. Howard is going to walk early on the **Saturday 12 September** and if anyone would like to join him, they would be welcome. Howard will happily provide you with a sponsor form should you wish to take part.

Howard's details are Howard.Dellar@icloud.com and telephone number 07540704056.



ENGLISH HERITAGE OPEN DAY SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

We are delighted to be welcoming visitors to the church again this year for English Heritage Open Day (**NOTE: it will only be on Sunday this year and not Saturday as well**).

The afternoon will start at 12noon after the Eucharist and finish with Evensong at 5.00pm.

There will be an organ recital by **Relf Clark at 2.30pm** – his programme is attached separately – and **Ken will be giving a tour of the church at 3.15pm** for about an hour, but visitors can of course come at any time and informative guide sheets will be available for them to look around the church at their own pace. Everyone is welcome to stay for Evensong.

We are looking for Stewards to help with welcoming and providing light refreshments and there is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you are able to give some time over the Sunday afternoon. Your help will be invaluable.

Please speak to me to find out more about the help that is needed if you wish.

Ride & Stride will be taking place as usual on Saturday 12 September, organised by Howard Dellar.

Ken Smith, Deputy Churchwarden



Due to the permanent closure of the Superdrug store in Maidenhead, we no longer have a suitable outlet for our church blister pack recycling collections.

Unfortunately, Boots, the only remaining local retailer accepting blister packs for recycling, is unable to accept bulk collections.

As a result, our church blister pack recycling scheme has to end with immediate effect. You can still recycle your own blister packs by taking them directly to the Boots store.

We appreciate everyone's support over the years and hope you'll continue recycling your blister packs by taking them to Boots individually.

Goodbox mini card machine donations



In the past 6 months some card donations made via **mini card machine** could not be processed at the time they were made and were temporarily held. Once the issue was resolved, all of the held donations were processed together. As a result, you may have noticed that the donations appeared on your bank statement as being taken on the same day, rather than on the dates they were originally made.

We understand that this may have caused confusion or concern, and we are truly sorry for any inconvenience this has caused. We greatly appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued support during this time.

Please be assured that we are reviewing our processes to help prevent this from happening again.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your donation, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will be happy to assist you.

Thank you once again for your generosity and understanding.

John Bolodeoku, The Treasurer

**AND PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS IF YOU CAN.
THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN**

Claire Foley

