

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH BOYNE HILL  
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**Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,**

This week I have been invited to speak at the assemblies at Altwood School on the theme of joy. Some of the questions posed by the teacher who sets the themes for the assemblies are;

1. What do you find joy in?
2. How can we share joy and happiness?

I think many of you know me well enough to know where I might find joy. Watching Wales win the Grand Slam (we are not going to win the 2023 World Cup) in rugby, enjoying a wonderful meal with Monika and friends, visiting a new country that provides different experiences. For others it might be music and a concert, or indeed noticing the small and beautiful things in creation. For those who have experienced bringing a child into the world that will most certainly bring joy. Equally, it might be through the second question when we find joy through sharing compassion and happiness with others.

How we share joy is a powerful message. Desmond Tutu and Dala Lama in both a book and in a television interview showed how even in suffering, joy can be found through humour and compassion. The television presenter Gaby Roslin has written a book 'Spread the Joy'. I listened to a small section of an interview with her last week and she described how at home, running errands, at work, on your morning stroll, you can notice opportunities to appreciate life and find joyful moments.

Sharing joy is an important message. I found an assembly yesterday online ([assemblies.org.uk](http://assemblies.org.uk)) Pause for Thought: Joy in kindness by Rebecca Parkin. I am hoping that Altwood find the three-minute animation of a man fishing with his little dog in the back of the boat. The man is focussed on the fishing and the dog seems to have made its mission to keep an annoying stork from stealing the worms to catch the fish. Every time the stork comes to steal, the dog gets more and more annoyed with the stalk, while the fisherman, not noticing what is going on behind him gets more and more irritable with his dog for frightening off the fish! The poor dog is in despair as the stork seems to be taking away the food. However, having fought the stork the fisherman hears the commotion and frightens the stork away. The dog watches the stork go off to dry land and notices the moving scene of not having any food to feed the chicks. The dog is shown to have compassion and decides to leave the worms on the side of the boat for the stork to easily gather to feed the young. The stork in return brings fish to the boat so that the fisherman and indeed his dog are happy.

The simple story of sharing joy was I think found at All Saints yesterday. We listened to Nigel from Food Share, relay stories of people sharing food with those in need. Arash and his team from the hotel decided a couple of weeks ago following our Harvest service that they wanted to play their part. Arash with his family

and friends made a delicious soup that fed about 30-35 people in the Parish Centre. The people enjoyed the lunch and in turn each other's company. People who have faced and continue to face a time of struggle as Asylum Seekers and refugees found joy in helping the church to help others. They raised through the donations over £200 for Food Share.

C.S Lewis wrote 'The crown of life and the school of virtue is friendship.' Friendship multiplies joy and divides sorrow writes Bear Grylls. When we share joy with others and form friendships as we have done with our friends from Iran, we can find a new enthusiasm within community and as individuals. One of the fruits of the Holy Spirit is joy. (Galatians 5.22-23).

Verse 22 of John chapter 16 which Mrs Liz Lawn the RE teacher at Altwood uses to point out that joy can be found through sorrow. This is the affirmation of the Christian faith that Jesus giving his life on a cross leading to sorrow led to new and transformed life and the powerful affirmation of joy. Our role as people of faith is to reflect that light, to channel God's love and yes share a little joy into the world.

May we all share God's love this week,

*Fr Jeremy*

## RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

### Thursday 19 October

*8.50am Assembly at Altwood School*

*3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School*

**8.00pm Choir Practice**

### Friday 20

**10.00am** Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre

### Sunday 22

**10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Twentieth Sunday After Trinity**

Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy

**12 noon Holy Baptism**

Please pray for Aiden Luke Irvine, Holly Sophie Courtney Browne, Joshua Uwe Helmut Buckley, their parents & godparents.

**4.00pm Sundays@4 Saints and Sausages** Come and share a service looking at the life of the Saints followed by Hotdogs.

*6.00pm Sundays@6 Sung Evensong (BCP) live at St Luke's and on Zoom*

### Monday 23

**9.30am Morning Prayer**

11.30am Funeral of Eva May Pauffley in Church

### Tuesday 24

**9.30 am Morning Prayer**

### Wednesday 25

**10.00 am Eucharist (BCP)**

Celebrant: Fr John

11.00am Tai Chi in the Parish Centre

*11.30am Service at Normanhurst Care Home*

*2.00pm Service at Larchfield Care Home*

*3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

**Sunday 29 October 10.00am Eucharist** to celebrate the Patronal Festival of All Saints when our guest preacher will be Fr Nicholas Cheeseman who oversees vocations for the Diocese.

Following the Eucharist, you are all invited to share in the Patronal Festival celebration lunch at the Gandhi restaurant. The meal will be made up of two chicken dishes, two lamb dishes, mixed grills with rice and naan breads. There will be a special desert for us to celebrate the occasion.

The cost of the meal is £25 per person and you will need to sign the list at the back of the church. To confirm your booking, you will need to pay by cheque or cash to one of the Churchwardens on a Sunday following the Eucharist on 15 and 22 October or by paying Tanya in the office throughout the week. The last day for booking will be Wednesday 25 October. Once you have paid for the meal you will be issued with a receipt which is your ticket.

Should anyone wish to order a vegetarian meal please can you make this clear on the sign-up form at the back of the church.

## GOOD NEWS ABOUT TINY SAINTS

It was fantastic to see the Parish Centre full last Friday with young parents and children.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

We continue to pray for peace in the conflict in Israel and Gaza.

'We pray without ceasing for justice, peace, and an end to hatred and war. We also pray for God to change the hearts of all leaders and decision makers in our countries and around the world, for we are in dire need of hearts that love, show mercy, and are willing to live in unity with others – hearts that respect human dignity and choose life rather than death.

We entrust the countries of Our Lord's earthly home into the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, asking him to have mercy on us all and to give us his peace and blessing. Amen. (prayer of Archbishop Hosam Naoum, Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem.)

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' Matthew 5.9

Lord Jesus who walked the land you made holy and blessed those who made peace;  
Look with compassion on the people of your land today, Jew, Muslim and Christian, Israeli and Palestinian.  
May peace come for all with justice, may war cease and all live in harmony, and be the children of the one God who you made known, now and always. (The Very Revd Andrew Nunn)

We continue to hold in prayer the situation in Ukraine and for a move towards peace in the conflict with Russia.

We give thanks for last weekend's service for FoodShare. We celebrate Arash and family and friends who provided beautiful soup and for the joy it brought as we shared together hospitality. Give thanks too that all donations will go to support the Food Share project.

We pray for all Asylum Seekers and refugees in our town of Maidenhead and across Britain who are facing the threat of being made homeless and jobless. We give thanks for those at the local authority who are working alongside Care4Calais, FoodShare, Slough Refugee Council, Maidenhead Football Club, The Brett Foundation and the churches across the town who are trying to provide for refugees and Asylum Seekers wellbeing.

We pray for Bailey Rawlings, Gracie-Rose Crussell, Amelie Sanders, Ava & Ellie Hathaway and Albie Ricketts on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for those within our parish in time of need. We pray for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Daneille, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Edite Zadinane, Heidi Webb, Tadeusz, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Eddie Sheppard, Carol Sheppard, Barbara Bannister, Janet Emerson, Liz Holloway, Hugh Boulter, Simon Cowdery, Charlie and Jess, Joseph White, Moreiza Seraj, Abbas Heidari, Scopas Lado, Mageret Ego, Jim Goff, Andrew and Sue Fleet and Gill Deane-Williams. May they all know the healing peace and presence of Christ. We pray for those who bring healing to those in need, those caring for loved ones and for staff and residents of our care homes.

We pray for the recently departed, especially Tessa Armstrong, Stanley Brown, and Eva May Pauffley, and for the departed members of our own families. We pray for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

## **WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

### **COLLECT**

God the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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

### **EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10**

From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

### **GOSPEL Matthew 22: 15 – 22**

When the chief priests and Pharisees had heard the parables, they realized that Jesus was speaking about them. Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### **MUSIC**

Prelude: Fulda *G Thalben-Ball* & Postlude: Organ Concerto No 6 *G F Handel*

Opening: 507 We have a gospel to proclaim

Gradual: 258 O thou who camest from above

Offertory: 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness

Communion: 712 Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us

Closing: 769 Rejoice, the Lord is King

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

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 SL6 4HJ

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*

## THE STORY OF SCRIPTURE

Do you enjoy making connections between different parts of the Bible? Or wonder about the different characters who populate the Bible stories? Or perhaps you just wished you knew the story of the Bible better?

Oxford Diocese have put together a course "The story of scripture" designed to show the whole sweep of the story of the Bible. The course includes videos, exploration of bible readings, questions and quizzes. The course has 6 units, and can be followed at home at your own pace, or as part of a small group.

To access the course go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-story-of-scripture-tickets-714535022487?aff=oddtcreator> and click "Get Ticket".

If you would like to follow the course yourself, just click on the link above. If you might like to follow the course as part of a small group at All Saints, just let me know and if there is enough interest we could do that.

*Fr John*

## CARE4CALAIS TOILETRY APPEAL



Asylum seekers face many challenges even after arriving in the UK. They are not allowed to work so do not have money, even to spend on what we would see as basic essentials.

One practical action we can take to help is to donate toiletries.

If you are able to support, please bring your donations and leave them in the box at the back of church.

Thank you!

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