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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It was a wonderful morning at All Saints on Sunday. Our community, the body of Christ, welcomed 13 people to be baptised brothers and sisters of Christ at the 10.00am service and then at 12 noon Fr John baptised two children making 15 baptisms in total. The Eucharist which is Christ's gift of New Life to us was the perfect service for us to receive the people who have been sharing community with us since Palm Sunday. The people from Iran have become friends and to see the joy on their faces and indeed some of the faces of our congregation as they were baptised was very moving.

Last Wednesday evening late at night I watched a programme that showed an interview with Archbishop Desmond Tutu and the Dali Lama. It had been filmed in 2015, but it was the first time I had seen it. The key message from the two humble, spiritual giants was that out of compassion can come joy, both for the giver and receiver. The great story from the Bible is of course the Good Samaritan. The story that comes from a question that asks what shall I do to inherit eternal life? Jesus asks, 'What is written in the law?' and the man replies that we should love God with all our heart, soul and strength and our neighbour as ourselves. Jesus replies that he has answered correctly but the man then wants to know who is my neighbour?

The story unfolds and as we know it is the Samaritan who should have been at odds with his rival the Jewish man who instead becomes a neighbour to him. One of the best-known stories of the bible suggests that our neighbour is anyone in need. Pope Francis follows Archbishop Tutu and the Dali Lama in challenging us to show compassion to those refugees coming to our countries. The Pope says that people need to find a rootedness within a community so that their physical and mental wellbeing can be supported. We need to listen to people's stories and share their journey offering hope.

Hope comes when people have their desire for friendship met, that they might be part of a society that enables them to learn a language, access employment and find education for their children. For a number of us at All Saints who have made friends with the people from Iran it is our hope that they will find rootedness in this country. On Sunday those people baptised received God's grace, his love, his spirit, and his gift of New Life. May all those who were baptised on Sunday, alongside those of us who are already part of the Body of Christ, seek to love one another as Jesus first loved us.

The exciting morning was followed by a wonderful walk around the lake at the back of Thames Hospice. Although the weather was far from perfect over 20 people plus Lilly the dog enjoyed the walk and the sights of heron and deer. At the end we relaxed in the beautiful café of the hospice and enjoyed tea and an assortment of cakes. Thank you to Mike and Jan for planning the walk. For those of you that have not yet

visited the Hospice Café please give it a try. They provide lovely food, including I am told a tasty Sunday Roast, and in visiting you are supporting the caring ministry of the hospice.

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Thursday 19 May** **9.15am Morning Prayer in the Birinus Room**
3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School
8.00pm Choir Practice in the Church
7.30pm Deanery Synod Meeting at Clewer
- Friday 20** **9.15am Morning Prayer in the Birinus Room**
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre *Pentecost*
- Sunday 22** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Please pray for Coraline Kelly Elizabeth Barnard, her parents and godparents
- 6.00pm Sundays@Six Evensong & Benediction**
- Monday 23** 12 noon Funeral of Trevor Woodwards in Church
- Tuesday 24** *9.00am Open the Book at Larchfield School*
1.30pm Christian Union at Altwood School
3.00pm Assembly at All Saints School for the Ascension & Pentecost
- Wednesday 25** *9.00am Assembly at Boyn Hill School for the Ascension & Pentecost*
10.00am Eucharist (BCP)
Celebrant: Fr John
1.15pm Funeral of Robert Kohlhammer in Church
7.30pm PCC Meeting in the Parish Centre

ADVANCE NOTICES

Friday 27 May 7.00pm Film Night at Woodstock, Boyn Hill Avenue Film tbc

Sunday 29 May Sundays@4 Family Service in the quad followed by a BBQ.

Sunday 5 June 10.00am Eucharist for Pentecost & the Queen's Platinum Jubilee followed by a BBQ in the quad.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Glorious God, you shine your light into the dark places of our lives and of our world. Gentle God, you touch us with your healing love and make us whole. We ask you to be with us and shine through us this week, and use us to bring hope and healing to others. Amen (Prayer from Roots material)

We pray and give thanks this week for the baptism of Coraline. May she grow in faith with the love and encouragement of her family, godparents and the church community.

In Christian Aid Week we pray for this Charity in its fight against world poverty. We pray for women farmers training to adapt to climate change.

Pray at this time for those in this country struggling to cope with paying bills to heat their homes and those finding it hard to find money to pay for food. We pray for the ministry of Food Banks across the country that support people in need.

United and whole, show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, Every child and every adult.
We long for the time when weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares, when nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace; Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of loved ones, be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression and fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love for our neighbour, and a passion for justice to prevail
And a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer and bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen.

We pray for the Iranian people sharing our community at this time and for all refugees seeking help and support at this time. May we be compassionate people offering hope to all who seek integration into our community.

Among those who have asked for our prayers, we pray for Suzette, Danielle, Fr John Chadwick, Dave Hill, Eliza, Dave's parents and Anne and Chris, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Doreen Hill, John Hicks, Roger and Jane Baldery, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Carol Atkin, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, and Florence Harrison. May they know God's loving and healing presence. We pray for any in our parish who need God's loving grace and healing touch at this time.

We remember the recently departed including Trevor Woodward, Ben Russell, Maurice Rhymer, Robert Kohlhammer, Richard Engelman, David Buckland and Maureen McTavish and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory

May we all be blessed with God's love this Eastertide,

Fr Jeremy

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 22 MAY THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

NT READING Acts 16: 9 - 15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The

Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

GOSPEL John 14: 23 - 29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I am coming to you." If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Intermezzo *C V Stanford*

Opening Hymn: AM 683 Jerusalem the golden

Gradual: AM 236 Breathe on me breath of life

Baptism: AM 713 Lord of all hopefulness

Offertory: AM 666 I cannot tell why he,

Communion Anthem: O Lamb of God; AM 266 Veni Sancte Spiritus

Closing Hymn: AM 678 In Christ alone

Postlude: March & Finale *C H H Parry*

6.00pm SUNDAYS@SIX EVENSONG & BENEDICTION

Organ Prelude: Te lucis ante terminum Op 38 No 5 *Dupré*

First hymn: 15 Glory to thee, my God, this night

Psalms 126

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3: 14-end

Office hymn: 207 Jesus lives! Thy terrors now

Second Lesson: Matthew 28: 1-10, 16-end

Benediction hymn: 422 Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Postlude: Chant donné en hommage à Jean Gallon *Durufié*

I will be leading this service of Evensong and Benediction. The service follows Book of Common Prayer Evensong with traditional hymns, followed by a time of prayer in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. It would be good to see a few new faces, as well as those who have already grown to love this quiet and reflective service.

Fr John

SUSTAINABILITY NEWSLETTER MAY EDITION ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER

WAMCF LADIES GROUP MONDAY 30 MAY 7.30pm COOKHAM RISE METHODIST CHURCH

The theme will be Faith and Food so you may wish to bring along some samples to share with others – of food / recipes / both – of food associated with your faith.



will be back on Saturday 10 September, with the annual Heritage

Open Days being held at All Saints the same weekend.

Sustainability newsletter – May 2022

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it; the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

Home – energy

Welcome to our May hints and tips. This newsletter focuses on being more sustainable at home and where better to start than energy use. Prices for energy are going up significantly and some of the tips below to help save energy will not only benefit the planet but also our pockets.

1. Switch to a renewable energy supplier

I’m putting this first, before any energy saving tips, because this is one of the six highest impact actions (according to the Institute of Physics) that we can take to mitigate climate change. Renewable energy comes from a source that is not depleted e.g. so solar, wind, tidal...The more renewable energy we use collectively, the more fossil fuels will stay in the ground.

The electricity we use in church is sourced from a company using 100% renewable energy, which in the year to March 2020 equated to saving 3.7 tonnes of CO2 from entering the atmosphere.

It’s easy to switch!

Energy comparison sites such as Big Clean Switch (<https://bigcleanswitch.org/>) can help. They list companies with only renewable supply. Or you can contact companies directly. Some to consider are Ecotricity, Coop Energy, Good Energy, Octopus Energy. We’ve been using Ecotricity for over 10 years and customer service is also good.



2. Save energy at home

- Turn off lights!
As lighting typically accounts for about 15% of household energy bills, this is a pretty good return for not much effort.
- Switch your light bulbs
If you haven’t already done it, switch your light bulbs to LEDs. In a typical home, replacing all bulbs with LEDs could save up to £230 a year on bills.
- Don’t leave items on standby
Leaving items like TV and computers on standby accounts for around 10% of a typical household energy bill, so remember to turn them off overnight. (Standby power is responsible for roughly 1% of global CO2 emissions and accounts for £227 million a year of wasted power in UK households.)

- Turn down your thermostat by 1 degree
This simple act can mean you use up to 10% less energy heating your home.
- Put on a jumper
This may sound old-fashioned but it makes sense!
- Plug the leaks
You don't want your heating to escape to heat the outside. Most important is to make sure your loft is adequately insulated. The recommended depth of blanket-style insulation is 250-270mm. Even if you have insulation, but it was put in some time ago, it's worth checking the depth as the recommendation has increased from 100-200mm. Other ideas include: get thermal lining for your curtains, check that your boiler is insulated if 15+ years old, install draft-proof strips (available from DIY stores) around windows...
- Reduce use of tumble dryer – or ditch altogether
Line dry whenever possible, and if you have to tumble dry, spin as much water as possible out of the clothes first. Think about part drying and then hanging outside to finish.

3. Tech and gadgets!

- Smart meters

These allow you to see how much energy you're using at any given time. Although they were originally introduced to make billing simpler and more accurate, they can be a helpful tool for energy saving too because you can see the spike when you boil the kettle, use the tumble drier etc. You become more aware of the energy demands of different appliances and can see where you can make small changes.



- Smart thermostats

These allow you to control your heating remotely via smartphone or tablet. You can tell your smart thermostat what time you want your home to be warm, and it will use information (current external air temperature, what it has 'learned' about how long your house takes to warm up...) to ensure that the house is warm when you walk in. These are particularly useful if your house is empty during the day.

Many of these ideas and the datapoints have been taken from Jen Gale's book 'The Sustainable(ish) Living Guide'.

We will be providing tips on a variety of topics over the coming months, so if you have any you'd like to share, please let us know by emailing them to jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.