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Dear Friends and Parishioners of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

It's Monday morning as I write this latest lead article ahead of this evening's Standing Committee meeting. They will be discussing succession planning for the coming year in readiness for the APCM when a number of key people that have contributed so much over the years to the life of All Saints are either stepping back or reducing their contributions. Let me firstly comment that we need to think about people's wellbeing and if people have full time jobs, bringing up families and trying to find some free time to relax it is important to recognise this. Equally those who have retired can find much of their time used up by supporting charities and giving to the life of their church community as well as trying to enjoy some quality time with children and grandchildren. I am occasionally picking up the stories of people over-stretched at their place of work and to add more by asking people to take on roles at church would be lacking in compassion. This introduction highlights one or two of the problems facing All Saints (and many other organisations) in covering roles. Add to these issues the increasing demands put upon communities with the real need for safeguarding and health and safety which are vital to the church as it welcomes people to be part of the Body of Christ.

We can find hope, I suggest, in the future through the scriptures. On Sunday Brian helpfully chose an anthem that spoke into the theme of the bible readings of Epiphany. I began the sermon with the words of the anthem.

'Like the murmur of the dove's song, like the challenge of her flight, like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might. Come Holy Spirit Come.

To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine, to the church in faith assembled, to her midst as gift and sign: Come Holy Spirit Come.

With the healing of division with the ceaseless voice of prayer, with the power to love and witness, with the peace beyond compare, Come Holy Spirit Come.

The text that this anthem enhanced was 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31 that is at the heart of Paul's message of Christian community. We believe that the emergence of the church (The Body of Christ/People of God) followed the life, death, resurrection of Jesus Christ. Jesus is the primordial sacrament showing us through his life and teaching the way to understanding God. It is through the Pentecost experience (The true climax of Easter) that we experience living life in the presence of the living Lord. As you will know for me this is found most wonderfully in the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine (the church assembled in gift and sign) where we become one with God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit and one with each other. It is a place where we receive the gift of transformed life.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke writes about the early people sharing the experience together of the risen Lord, sharing a vision of what life could be and sharing Christ's own spirit. Communities believed that Jesus' death and resurrection led to a continuing Pentecost through the Risen Christ. The communities that Paul spoke of had the role of sharing God's saving presence. These communities found 'a healing of division' and

led to a unity that led not to a structure of hierarchy but a shared common life. Jesus instituted the Church by sharing his spirit with us and is found most beautifully in the anthem 'To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine.' Here we move from St Paul to the gospel of John. God is the creator giving the conditions for life to flourish. Jesus is the vine with the sap running through that brings the spirit. We are the branches attached to Jesus and the Spirit and if we stay connected then we can bear fruit. There will be one life force running through us that binds us in communion. We are meant to act as the face of Christ 'Like the vigour of the wind's rush, like the new flame's eager might.' (ENERGY)

To return to Paul the context of chapter 11 of 1 Corinthians where he found a lack of unity led him to describe (Chapter 12) the Christian community as being similar to the human body, each part playing it's role to build the common life. Whatever skills we possess through the Holy Spirit we use for our selves to find value and self-worth but also to play our part in community. Tom Wright commenting on 1 Corinthians 12 and noting the need for us to be happy when one member succeeds and to help the member suffering describes toothache and music!

Toothache is horrible and causes the whole body to suffer. When the tooth is eased the whole body rejoices. When the ear hears music, the whole self can be caught up in the joy the music brings. The Oscar winning film 'La La Land and the jazz music within it can lead to people loving or feeling less than enamoured with the experience. However, there is a scene where the young man explains to the young woman at a jazz club 'watch the different musicians as they play their individual instruments seeming at odd's with each other and yet it works.' We have different God given gifts and different temperaments, but we can flourish in the whole.

Chapter thirteen of 1 Corinthians highlights why we respond to God and each other. The love of God found in creation with meaning and purpose, redemption through Christ bringing transformed life and the Holy Spirit providing the nurturing gifts within us that enables community to flourish.

In the Maidenhead Advertiser I appealed last week for people to help make better community on the streets of Maidenhead through Street Angels. I ask too as we journey towards the APCM in April that more people can play their part (However small) in the building of community/communion at All Saints church. The Kingdom of Heaven has been won for us. Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in Heaven. That's quite a vision and one worth finding time to play our part in.

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

Fr Jeremy

RESOURCES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Thursday 30 January 3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
6.00pm *AllSorts at St Mary's*
8.00pm *Choir Practice*

Friday 31 9.00am *Assembly on Dreams & Goals at Boyne Hill Infants School*
10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
6.00pm in the Birinus Room –The start of the Film Club for young people. We will watch *Evan Almighty* and share pizza.

Saturday 1 February 10.00am *Baptism Preparation in the Birinus Room*

Sunday 2 **10.00am Parish Eucharist for The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**
Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy

6.00pm *Sundays@Six Taizé at St Luke's*

Monday 3	9.30am Morning Prayer
Tuesday 4	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>1.30pm Chapel & hats at Altwood School</i> 2.30pm Tuesday Club in the Parish Centre see 6
Wednesday 5	10.00am Requiem Eucharist Celebrant: Fr Jeremy <i>11.30am Service at Clara Court Care Home with Fr Jeremy & Jeanette Lock</i> <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> 7.30pm Sustainability Group Meeting in the Birinus Room
Thursday 6	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 8.00pm Choir Practice
Friday 7	10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre:
Sunday 9	10.00am Parish Eucharist for the Fourth Sunday before Lent WORSHIP FOR ALL Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Jeremy
Wednesday 12	10.00am Eucharist Celebrant: Fr David Joynes <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i>

GOOD NEWS

We give thanks for the birth of Paul Mansell John Williams to John and Jessica. Congratulations to Nick and Margaret Kirk as they welcome another great grandchild.

SAD NEWS

Carl Dyer, who sadly died recently, was the son of Anne Smith's sister, Janet. The family used to live in Maidenhead until Carl was 8 years old when they moved to Bristol. Carl was baptised at All Saints and was a choirboy here. We pray for his family, including Ken, as they mourn the loss of a husband, father and nephew.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

As we look forward to the celebration of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple this weekend, we give thanks for the hope of salvation seen with the eye not of sight but of faith. Enlighten the Church to be a true Temple to the glory of Christ and a witness to the world.

As we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Holocaust we recall the horror of the terrible loss of life of so many Jews, Polish and Russian people, Roma and many others who were disliked for their sexuality and disability. We reflect too that the hatred that brought on these horrors has been seen over time with Pol Pot in Cambodia, the loss of life of Muslims in Bosnia 30 years ago and so we pray for an end to hatred and the hope of a better future.

We give thanks for the ceasefire in Gaza and for the release of hostages. We pray for a permanent ceasefire and a search for ongoing peace and a hope that we might see each other made in God's image.

We pray as the PCC and Standing committee seek to plan for succession of people to take on roles to build the Body of Christ that we might continue in the Holy Spirit to share the vision of Christ of a better world loving God and neighbour.

We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, The Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan and all areas of the world where there is unrest.

We give thanks for those people in our community who have received the good news that they have been accepted as refugees and can begin life in Britain seeking a home to live and a job to provide income for

living and a sense of self-worth and value. Again, we celebrate the vibrancy that the people from Iran who have been seeking asylum have brought to our church community.

We pray for Vincent Worman and Elisabeth Swinscoe on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

We pray for all those who are in need of God's healing. Daneille, Christopher, Sylvia Denison, Gordon Kerrison, Sylvia Telford, Barbara Bannister, Hugh Boulter, Scopas Lado, Margaret Ego, Vera Shaw, Nick Kirk, Heidi Webb, Masouma Hassani, Akram Taj-eddin, Mahmoud Tabkhi, Diana Monari, Abdul Ghader Tajeddini, Barbar Ann-Bourne, Beryl Dorton and Ella and Emelie, Helen Brickley, Edite Zadinane and Fr John Chadwick. May they all know God's healing and loving presence.

We pray for all the recently departed and all those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. We remember Cyril North, and Carl Dyer. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

COLLECT

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen

EPISTLE: Hebrews 2: 14 - 18

Since the children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

GOSPEL: Luke 2: 22 - 40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Mit Fried' und Freud' BWV 616	<i>J S Bach</i>
Opening hymn:	80 Of the Father's heart begotten	
Gradual hymn:	111 Light of the world, true light divine	
Offertory hymn:	113 When candles are lighted on Candlemas Day	
Communion hymns	74 Like a candle flame & 396 Faithful vigil ended	
Closing hymn:	719 Lord, the light of your love is shining	
Processional anthem:	Nunc Dimittis	<i>E Bairstow</i>
Postlude:	Elegy	<i>G Thalben Ball</i>

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 9 FEBRUARY THE FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

COLLECT

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15: 1 - 11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL: Luke 5 :1 – 11

While Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

MUSIC

Prelude:	Chanson de Matin	<i>E Elgar</i>
Opening hymn:	510 Will you come and follow me	
Gradual hymn:	501 One is the body and one is the Head	
Offertory hymn:	494 I, the Lord of sea and sky	
Communion hymn:	456 Now let us from this table rise	
Closing hymn:	483 We are marching in the light of God	
Postlude:	Pomp and Circumstance March No 1	<i>E Elgar</i>

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2025

We are preparing a new Church Electoral Roll for the APCM to be held on Monday 28 April 2025. Every six years we ask every member of our congregation to complete a form in order that our records are kept up to date. Please will you therefore ensure that you complete an application form along with a consent form and return it to church as soon as possible. Forms are available in church and attached to this notice. If you would like to complete the forms online, please will you send them to my email address. sastannett@gmail.com. If you have any questions or would like an application form to be delivered, please contact me by email.

Sue Stannett, Electoral Roll Officer

FLOWERS FOR 2025



There are a few weeks still vacant on the Flower Sponsors' Board for 2025 at the back of the Church; and we would be pleased if you would like to add your name against a week you would like to sponsor. This is a very appropriate way to remember loved ones we no longer see or to celebrate anniversaries, that special birthday or occasion. Sponsoring a week ensures that we can have flowers in the church on that Sunday and relieves the PCC funds of any cost whatsoever. We are sure you are aware of the pleasure the flowers give to everyone and would like to thank you in anticipation for your continued support.

Would you please give your Sponsor donation, prior to your chosen week, to Stella Harding and inform her of any colour or flower preference you might have, and we will do our best to

accommodate. If Stella is not available, please feel free to use one of the envelopes with the board and hand it into the Church Office.

The Flower Team

TUESDAY CLUB 4 FEBRUARY 2.30pm IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Another returning speaker: this time from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission intriguingly entitled *Gardening the World*. I have enough trouble with the patch outside the door so it will be interesting to hear how they get on! All welcome.

Jan Moss, Group Leader

PARISH SHARE – WHAT IS IT AND WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

A significant element of the running cost of All Saints is the Parish Share that is paid to the Diocese. In 2025 this will be £74,259 (the same amount as in 2024).

This funds, amongst other things, the cost of Ministry which the Diocese pays, our Parish Priest costs (including housing), training, support for Parish Ministry, needed other support and administration costs including National Church costs. The Parish Share is also offset by income the Diocese receives from investments and rents (glebe portfolio) which reduces the share payment requested.

The Diocese has produced the attached leaflet explaining this in more detail, along with the basis for allocation between Parishes in the Deanery. Do read this and if you have any queries or questions please ask our Treasurer, Rod Broad.

An overview of finances will also be given by Rod at the APCM on Monday 28 April, along with an opportunity for questions and discussions.

DOING THE SMALL THINGS WELL

Reduce - At this time of year a lot of people are worried about heating bills, especially older people who live alone and may be afraid to keep the heating on all day. Nowadays lots of places sell heated blankets that you can pop over you while watching TV or reading a book on the sofa. You don't need to use them in bed! This lets you reduce bills by just heating yourself and not the whole house, so soon pays for itself. Here is an example from Argos - just one of many on the market.

<https://www.argos.co.uk/product/3287734>

Your eco-committee



PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP DONATING TOILETRIES TO CARE FOR CALAIS.

THIS APPEAL IS ONGOING SO DO HELP IF YOU CAN.

Claire Foley