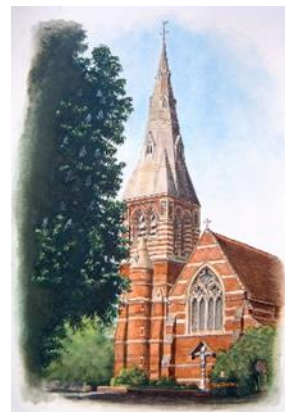


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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, and we will place a wreath at the war memorial at the end of the service. At each Royal British Legion meeting we read 'When you go home, tell them of us, and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.'

I find those words very moving. As Christians we believe that each human person is created out of love personally and uniquely by God. The human person is created out of love, in order to love. Some people like Dietrich Bonhoeffer the German pastor and theologian believed he had to live a life of 'costly' grace rather than 'cheap' grace against Hitler. Bonhoeffer would write 'Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.'

'Costly grace is costly because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son.' (The Cost of Discipleship - 1937) From my understanding of Bonhoeffer, he need not have stood up against Hitler and the Nazi state. He had become engaged to be married in 1943 and shortly after this he was arrested by the Gestapo. Bonhoeffer believed that he could not watch passively as a Christian and this led him to challenge Hitler. I think Bonhoeffer understood 'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give as the world gives.' It meant standing against hatred and seeking a way of living where people could live life in all it's fulness. On the 8th April 1945, he received a court martial and the following morning he was hanged together with others who had plotted against Hitler.

In Sebastian Faulks' brilliant novel 'Birdsong' the book reflects upon the strength of the human spirit when seeking to live life again in all it's fulness. The horrors of war are described in the most heart-breaking way. The 19 year old man suffering severe burns following a gas attack and the 20 year nurse physically sick trying to care for him. There was Mr Brennan in a nursing home from 1919-1979 having discovered his dead brother whilst fighting and never recovering mentally from the shock and Jack Firebrace who was never to see his young son again. Faulks in many of his works challenges the theory that humanity is developing for good as we trace back through the 20th century (and heartbreakingly the present day).

There is though hope at the end of Birdsong, at least in my mind. A young Englishman by the name of Stephen who has suffered terrible experiences over the course of the novel is described underground in tiny tunnels for days trying to save the life of Jack his comrade. All the tunnels are blocked following explosions but Stephen, rarely shown love in his life shows love to Jack and strives to survive with the hope that God will allow him to flourish. He discovers explosives and tries to blow his way out of the underground toom. In so doing he unknowingly kills two German people and waits to be rescued. He will be rescued (Jack dies) by Levi

a German man who has discovered his brother Joseph dead, as a consequence of the explosion. Levi had great hopes for Joseph.

Faulks writes, 'Stephen felt his mind become extraordinary clear. It was filled with the normal world, the world inhabited by women, where people moved in peace and made love and drank, and there were children and commerce and laughter. He thought of Jeanne (the woman he loved) and of the astonishing smile that rose like a sunburst to her eyes. The hideous, cramped world of earth and sweat and death was not the only reality; it was a confining illusion, a thin prison from which he would burst forth at any moment. His thirst and fatigue were forgotten; he was alive with a passion for the world, for the stars and trees, and the people who moved and lived in it. If they could not reach him, he would throw off the walls of the earth, he would scratch, eat, and swallow his way out of them and into the light.'

Stephen on seeing Levi is ready to fight his enemy. Levi, whose much loved brother Joseph has been killed, embraces Stephen. The two men bury Jack and Joseph. They even exchange gifts. They weep and see each other as humans who were created by God to love.

In Romans 8. 31-39 we believe that God's love overcomes all suffering. The belief that in a future Kingdom, we will see each other made in God's image, a place of peace where everyone has enough, and no one will need to fight for more.

Let us pray this week that thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven so that people may know that God created us out of love so that we may love.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday & Friday Assemblies at Altwood School on the Theme of Remembrance

Thursday 10 November 9.30am Eucharist at Burnham Abbey

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Remembrance Service at Elizabeth House, Cookham

Fr Jeremy

3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School

No Confirmation Class this evening

8.00pm Choir Practice

Friday 11 10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre

Saturday 12 *Diocesan Synod*

Sunday 13 10.00am The Parish Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John

4.00pm Children's confirmation group plus Young Saints rehearsing a Christmas play in the Birinus Room

Monday 14 9.30am Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday 15 9.30am Morning Prayer in Church
1.30pm Christian Union at Altwood School

Wednesday 16

10.00am Eucharist

Celebrant: Fr Jeremy

11.00am Tai Chi Class in the Parish Centre

7.30pm Standing Committee Meeting in the Parish Centre

ADVANCE NOTICES

Saturday 19 November 10.30am Confirmation Rehearsal for young people and adults in church
12 noon Servers' rehearsal at the church

Sunday 20 November 10.00am Confirmation here with Bishop Olivia who will be baptising and confirming both children and adults. She will also present the Bronze Eco-Church award to the congregation.

Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday 12 noon to 3.30pm – The Christ Child Market in the Quadrangle. The Salvation Army Band are booked to play carols sharing the Christmas story from 3.00pm. We will require a good number of volunteers on the day to look after the stalls. See p 5 to see exactly how you can help.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

On this week of Remembrance, we pray

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. By your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves anew to the cause of justice, freedom, and peace, and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Heavenly Father, whose heart is selfless love, take pity on our divided world; and grant that we may follow in the steps of your Son in giving ourselves to the service of others and reaching out to the marginalized and despised, that peace and justice may triumph, and your kingdom come on earth. In Christ's name we pray. (Prayers Taken from Hear my Cry) The Royal British Legion publication.

As we enter this time for COP 27 in Egypt we pray;

We pray for the world, the interdependence of all living things, the beauty and flourishing of the planet plundered and misused for generations by human activity; may we all, through our actions, help repair the harm we have caused.

We pray for the peoples already facing droughts, floods and storms; that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

We pray for our parish and give thanks for the Sustainability group encouraging us to examine our environmental impact and make choices for the common good. (Prayers sourced by CAFOD)

We pray for our forthcoming service of Baptism and Confirmation. We remember our Bishop, Olivia Graham, as she shares these sacraments within the Eucharistic worship. We give thanks for all those who have sought to discern the Christian faith through our confirmation classes, and we pray that each candidate will know the presence of our Risen Lord through the power of His Holy Spirit.

We pray for all places around the world where there is suffering and violence, praying in particular for our friends from Iran at this time of political tension in their country. We pray for peace and a country with leaders who will seek to enable the flourishing of all people living there. We continue to pray for the war in Ukraine and that peace and justice will return so that people may return to a normal life.

We pray for those of our parish and community in time of need, praying by name for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Mikhail, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Harrison Hawkes, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, David Stewart, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchison-May, Larisa Stephenson, Soheila, Silvia Dennison, and Cheryl Brookes. May they know God's loving and healing presence.

We pray for the recently departed: Maria Bolodeoku and Pat Tointon. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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

Fr Jeremy

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

COLLECT

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace; and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

EPISTLE 2 Thessalonians 3: 6 - 13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

GOSPEL Luke 21: 5 — 19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.' They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And Jesus said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Elegie (1918) *C H H Parry*

Opening Hymn: AM 579 I vow to thee, my country

Gradual: AM 717 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Offertory: AM 623 Eternal Father, strong to save

Communion: AM 725 Make me channel of your peace

Closing Hymn: AM 583 Rejoice, O land, in God thy might

National Anthem: 578 vv 1 & 2

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL 40 BOXES SO FAR! KEEP GOING PLEASE!

We are going to be taking part in this appeal for the 10th time this year. In both 2020 and 2021 we donated over 60 boxes as gifts for children around the world who don't have much. This wasn't quite as high as our total of 100 in 2019 but was still amazing! A shoebox full of gifts from donations of £20 will bring a smile to children who don't have much. This year OCC's goal is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or the neighbouring countries like Moldova and Romania that are hosting many Ukrainian refugee families. One way you can donate is via the OCC website and we have our own donation page this year again to make donating even easier! You can find it at <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/goal-pages/27c33974>. For other ways to donate and more about the appeal, please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact me at jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk.

ALL SAINTS CHRIST CHILD MARKET SUNDAY 27 NOVEMBER 12 noon – 3.00pm

Thank you very much everyone who has contributed to the market so far. There is still plenty of opportunity to help, particularly as a **VOLUNTEER** on the day – please see below.

We would be grateful for more prizes for the RAFFLE and TOMBOLA (new items only please). The collection box for your donations is beside the South Porch.

And we also need to ask for help with providing GAZEBOS for our stall holders and – from the bakers amongst you – CAKES & MINCE PIES for the All Saints cake stall.

Please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church if you can help with either / both of these of these things

VOLUNTEERS:

To help make this year's market another great success, we are still looking for volunteers to help with:

- providing cover for the main stall holders (so they can enjoy the Market too!),
- providing hot drinks to the stall holders during the afternoon
- setting up Father Christmas' grotto in the Vestry on the Saturday
- helping direct the external stall holders to their various pitches around the Quadrangle when they arrive

There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church; it would be very helpful to get as many volunteers as possible.

List of All Saints Stalls:

Entrance to the Market

Cakes

Raffle

Tombola,

Handicrafts
Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies
Mulled Wine
BBQ
Spin the Wheel
Children's Activity Table

Please note: *Christmas Market arrangements are now in the hands of Fr Jeremy, Dianne Farmiloe, Jo McMullen, Tanya Fullarton, Sibó Veira and John Gay, the members of the organising group. Please speak to Dianne in the first instance if you have any questions.*

Stella Harding

All Saints Cookbook

We would like to get the whole Church community involved in our work to care for God's creation and have come up with the idea of creating a cookbook where we can collate your environmentally-friendly recipes and tips. These may be recipes that use less or no meat, recipes using seasonal produce, tips on buying local or growing your own, or other ideas you have. Anecdotally, lots of you are doing environmentally-friendly things with food already and it would be great if we can share ideas (and maybe save some money at the same time). You'll find a scrapbook at the back of church where you can write or stick in your contributions – or email them to jwilks@jwa-consultancy.co.uk. Let's see how many recipes and tips we can collect by the end of the year!

The Sustainability Group



All Saints Church Cookery Scrapbook

*Your environmentally-
friendly recipes and
tips*



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FOODSHARE

In these hard times Foodshare are more in need of our help than ever. Each week in the Maidenhead Advertiser there is a list of items most wanted.