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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,



The Earth viewed from Apollo 8

Last Sunday was Mothering Sunday, whose origin lies in the tradition of honouring ‘Mother Church’, the place where we are reborn of water and the Spirit through the liturgy and prayers of Holy Baptism and Confirmation. The Church is also the place where we continue to be nourished by Word and Sacrament, especially in the Eucharist.

So we thought of Christian ‘Mothering’ in terms of re-birth in Baptism, but also in terms of the many ways in which God blesses us with gifts of love, nurture, healing and nourishment for our lives. We thought about the challenge this sets us, members of the Church in this place, as we seek to ensure All Saints Church is a place wherein we find this love, nurture, healing and nourishment – through participation in our worship, through studying and praying together, through the fellowship, care and compassion that we share with each other, and through the acts of service that we offer in our local community. Some of these elements lie behind the work of the PCC’s Welcome Group, which met recently to plan ways in which our Church Building can be made more welcoming, and our faith and community life enhanced through opportunities for prayer and study, pilgrimage together, meals and social events, a proposed day trip to Oxford, and in other ways. These are all for you – to help build community, to provide places and occasions of nurture and nourishment together. Keep a look out for these opportunities as they arise through the year.

But ultimately, it is how we live out our lives as Christian believers that will shine through most – it’s not just about WHAT we do, but perhaps even more about HOW we do it. We build a community of love and compassion by doing everything with love and compassion. I know that for me, being quite a goal-oriented person, this is a particular challenge – but perhaps I manage to balance that just a little by a desire to gather together, to work with people towards a commonly held objective. Sometimes I need to avoid the short-cut, the quick and easy way, in order to ensure that others are brought alongside and cared for!!

The other area of challenge we identified is that of Care for Creation, acknowledging that Creation (of which we are a part) is God’s gift and a primary means of conveying God’s goodness and love to us. The natural

world nourishes us physically with the food and resources that we need, but also spiritually, emotionally and intellectually as many rediscovered in a deeper way during Covid lockdown. This week's latest report from the IPCC is particularly worth thinking about, though it has dropped very quickly out of the national news agenda – the future of the world being less important than the future of a former-Prime Minister! But the IPCC Report is GOOD NEWS – it warns of the peril of breaching temperature rise limits, but it also says that we have all the tools we need to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Amongst other things, it points to the dramatically reduced cost of non-fossil energy, and the huge improvements to be won by modest changes in food production and diet.

This world has not arisen by accident, but is a gracious gift which God has provided in order that we should have all that we need to flourish. A gift to be cherished and enjoyed and shared. It's in that context that as Christians we approach all environmental issues, from the biggest – the challenge of Global Climate Change – to the most local, such as providing a local environment that is cared for, as full of beauty and life as God intended it to be, and as healthy for everyone as it can be. Amazingly, I still walk past a local secondary school (not in our parish) and see diesel cars lined up with engines running as parents sit in their cars playing on their phones and waiting for little Jemima to come out of school – seemingly unaware of the fog of diesel fumes that little Jemima has to walk through to get to the safety of Mum's car. What does that say about how we care for our young people, let alone our planet?

Every little act that we can make, makes a difference. And the more delightful we make our environment, the more incentive there is for people to care for it. As Moses asked the Israelites, and Jesus reiterated in so many ways: I set before you the path to life, and the path that leads to death. Therefore choose life. And we see in the words and works of Jesus the difference between those two ways.

Fr John

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Rod Broad who welcomed a new grandson, Leo Michael Broad, on 19 March. Please pray for Leo and his parents, Michael and Laura, and for Rod and Sue.

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.

LENT AT ALL SAINTS

1. Thursday evening Stations of the Cross on Thursdays at 7.00pm
2. Bible Study, looking at the events of Holy Week through the Gospels. Every Wednesday at 7.00pm in the Birinus Room, ending with Compline at 8.00pm.
3. The Wednesday soup lunches supporting 'The Ripple Effect' charity.

RESOURCES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday 23 March	<i>3.00pm Open the Book at All Saints School</i> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross led by Fr John 8.00pm Choir practice
Friday 24	10.00am Tiny Saints Toddler Group in the Parish Centre
Saturday 25	6.30pm Renaissance Voices Concert in Church see attached poster & Brian's note on p 6
Sunday 26	10.00am Parish Eucharist for Passion Sunday Celebrant: Fr John Preacher: Fr Jeremy 6.00pm Stations of the Cross with Hymns led by Jeanette Lock
Monday 27	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>7.00pm WAMCF Womens' Group at the Sikh Gurdwara see p 6</i> 7.30pm Sustainability Group meet in the Birinus Room
Tuesday 28	9.30am Morning Prayer <i>1.30pm Christian Union at Altwood School</i> <i>7.45pm Young Saints Leaders meet at Norden Farm</i>
Wednesday 29	10.00am Eucharist in Lent We reflect upon the characters of the cross and resurrection from Bishop Gregory Cameron's book <i>An Easter Book of Days</i> . This Week: <i>The Temple</i> Celebrant: Fr John 11.15am Bible Study in the Birinus Room 12.15-1.15pm Lenten Lunch – All are welcome to join us in the Parish Centre to enjoy homemade soup and bread. All donations will go to support the 'Ripple Effect Charity'. <i>3.00pm Open the Book at Larchfield School</i> 7.00pm Lenten Bible Study looking at Mark's Gospel with Fr John in the Birinus Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE

MONDAY 24 APRIL ALL SAINTS APCM MEETING AT BOYNE HILL CRICKET CLUB.

The guest speaker this year will be Sam Jonkers of 'Care 4Calais' as she shares with us the work of the charity in supporting Asylum Seekers.' There is a list at the back of the church should you wish to share a fish and chip supper. If you would prefer chicken that is also available. The cost held the same as last year will be £8 for Fish and Chips and £6.50 for Chicken and Chips. Please pay Sue Stannett in advance. The evening will begin at 6.30pm with the supper before the meeting begins at 7.00pm. All are welcome.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for all the work of mission and ministry in our Church and Parish. For our schools, care homes and hospitals. For our Churchwardens, sidespeople, welcomers and those who work in the office, all of whom are often the first face or voice that newcomers are greeted by. For the care and nurture of the refugees who have been brought to our town, and especially those who have found a home as a part of our congregation.

For all those who have visited our church recently, either for worship or in other ways. For our ministry of hospitality, both through refreshments after services and at the Lent Lunches every Wednesday. For the work of the PCC Welcome group.

For our pastoral ministry, especially to those in any kind of need, and to those who come to us seeking Holy Baptism, Holy Matrimony or to plan a funeral.

For the response of national Governments, the UN agencies and others to the challenge of Global Climate Change, and for the work of the Church of England and of our own Diocese of Oxford to increase environmental awareness and to work towards net-zero. For our own Sustainability Group and its Chair Jenny Wilks.

We pray for those of our congregation and Parish in any kind of need at this time. We pray by name for Michael, Kirsten and Maddy; for Suzette, Danielle, Paul Latham, Doris Winn, Birmta Zadinane, Kirsty Banner, Heidi Webb, Florence Harrison, Tadeusz, Teresa, Leigh Hutchinson-May, Silvia Denison, Cheryl Brookes, Gordon Kerrison, Lorraine Ansell, Emilia Clark, Ruby Doughty, John Handcock, Andrew Collins, Bruce Padfield, Jeremy Nordberg and Sarah.

May they know the healing peace and presence of Christ, and we pray and give thanks for those who bring them care and comfort.

We pray for the recently departed: Giles Haslam, Margaret Easthill, Hilda Kinloch and Behrooz Heidari. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray for their families and friends and for all who mourn the loss of a loved one at this time.

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 19 MARCH PASSION SUNDAY

COLLECT

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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

O T READING Ezekiel 37: 1- 14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall

live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.'

GOSPEL John 11: 1 - 45

A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

MUSIC

Prelude: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier *S Karg Elert*
Opening Hymn: AMNS 707 Lift high the cross
Gradual: AMNS 145 It is a thing most wonderful
Offertory: AMNS 144 How deep the Father's love for us
Communion: AMNS 236 Breathe on me breath of God
Closing Hymn: 612 Christ triumphant, ever reigning
Postlude: Postlude on "Guiting Power" *P Leddington Wright*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 6.00pm

Organ Preludes: *O Mensch, beweine' dein' Sünde gross*, BWV 622 *J S Bach*
Prelude on *Rockingham* *Kenneth Leighton*
156 We sing the praise of him who died
147 My song is love unknown
145 It is a thing most wonderful
153 There is a green hill
140 All ye who seek for sure relief
157 When I survey the wondrous cross
Postlude: *Herzliebster Jesu*, Op.122, No 2 *J Brahms*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2023

The Church Electoral Roll is being revised in preparation for the APCM on 24 April. If you are not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, or have moved house, then please let me know. My email address is sastannett@gmail.com

RENAISSANCE VOICES CONCERT IN CHURCH 6.30pm SATURDAY 25 MARCH

You may like to note that the organist for the Renaissance's Concert, Paul Leddington Wright, originally hailed from Maidenhead. He has had a distinguished career in church music as the Organist at Coventry Cathedral and for many years as Director of Music for the BBC Programme "Songs of Praise". He has recently returned to live in Maidenhead, and is the composer of this Sunday morning's postlude.

ROUGH SLEEP AT ALTWOOD SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 31 MARCH

A group of Year 13 students and Altwood staff will attempt a charity rough sleep to raise money to support The Guatemala City, Street Kids Direct charity. The aim is to raise awareness of the young people who have no alternative but to sleep rough in Guatemala. There is a form at the back of the church for people to sponsor the students. All money raised will go to the Street Kids Direct charity in Guatemala.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to sponsor lilies for Easter Day in memory of a loved one, please put your name on the list on the table at the back of the church. Unfortunately, the price of flowers has increased dramatically over the past few years, and it is anticipated that the lilies will cost around £6.00 per stem this year. We need to place our order by **28th March** at the latest. Payment can be made using the pre-printed envelopes which are also on the table at the back of the church. This should then be handed to Stella Harding or the Church Office.

The Flower Team

WAMCF WOMEN'S GROUP Monday 27 March 7.00pm – 8.30pm at the Sikh Gurdwara, Rutland Road

Ladies of all beliefs and none are warmly invited to this meeting exploring the role of women in religious learning in Sikhism.