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Dear Parishioners and Friends of All Saints, Boyne Hill,

On Sunday morning I had the rare opportunity of listening to the Radio 4 Morning Worship and it was a moving experience. I listened to the Dean of St John's College, Cambridge, Mark Oakley, (he was at St Stephen's House, Oxford at the same time as me) share his love of the poetry of George Herbert.

The moving morning worship that included Herbert's poetry and hymns got me thinking about my own love of Herbert's work and indeed his life as a priest. It is not just his wonderful poetry (read 'Love') as a poem that I think gives all of us hope but also Herbert's prose and the work 'The Country Parson'. In Herbert's writing we discover that God is found in all creatures. The whole world is intended to be the vehicle of God's presence to us. I read from my own essay written 30 years ago that within the Anglican tradition there is the conviction that all things may become sacraments to us, meeting places between God and man. This means that even the most menial tasks may be divine if they are carried out in love. They become thin places.

PARISH WALK SUNDAY 15 MAY

MEET AT 2.30pm IN THAMES HOSPICE CAR PARK, WINDSOR ROAD, MAIDENHEAD SL6 2DN

Noticing God in all things, an understanding that a good number of us have been trying to follow through the Jesuit spirituality is at the heart of our Sustainability group and the desire to become an Eco-Church. To live lives that are in partnership with God and his creation. This Sunday you are all invited to join us for a parish walk around the lake at the new Thames Hospice. We will meet in the Hospice car park at 2.30pm (if you need a lift meet at 2.20 at the church). The walk will take about 90 minutes and we will finish with tea and cakes at the Café by the Lake.

The Sustainability group wanted us to share a walk and this journey around the lake will enable us to enjoy the beauty of creation. We may equally want to consider the understanding of sustainability at the hospice.

Tracey Talbot, the financial director writes 'Ensuring we are both financially and environmentally sustainable is absolutely fundamental in ensuring the Hospice can always be there to support our community.' Tracey, in the latest newsletter writes about the building being energy efficient which achieved an A energy rating. The stunning eight acre setting also encourages both the visitor and the worker to be eco-aware. There are recycling points throughout the building and in the future, they are looking to install electric vehicle charging points for staff and visitors. Within their gardens wildflower meadows have been sown extensively across the gardens. There are rich planting palettes in the grounds to promote biodiversity and draw nature closer to the patients, staff and visitors. The sense of peace and tranquillity offered by the landscape is of value to all who visit.

Of course, being eco-friendly can be offering the clothes or items we no longer want to the Thames Hospice shops. This promotes re-use and recycling, reduces landfill, our carbon footprint and slows down 'Fast fashion'. It also means that people might find good items at an affordable price. The shop at the hospice itself is filled with sustainable gifts. I purchased a beeswax candle for Monika only recently. Within the gift there are seeds to grow plants that encourage bees.

Please join us for our walk this weekend and come to a greater awareness of finding God in all things. George Herbert through his prose, poetry and life as a parish priest did work in unity and joy with God. The words that express his life are found in his poem 'The Call'.

'Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart;
Such a joy as none can move;
Such a Love, as none can part;
Such a Heart, as joys in love.'

RESOURCES THIS WEEK

- Thursday 12 May** 11.00am Funeral of Maurice Rhymer in Church
3.00pm *Open the Book at All Saints School*
8.00pm **Choir Practice in the Church**
- Friday 13** 10.00am Tiny Saints in the Parish Centre
2.30pm Funeral of Robin (Ben) Russell
- Sunday 15** **10.00am The Parish Eucharist with Holy Baptism The Fourth Sunday of Easter**
Celebrant: Fr Jeremy Preacher: Fr John
2.30pm *Parish Walk leaves from Thames Hospice Car Park*
- Tuesday 17** 9.00am *Open the Book at Larchfield School*
1.30pm *Christian Union at Altwood School*
7.30pm PCC Standing Committee
- Wednesday 18** **10.00am Eucharist in the Parish Centre (Church floor being waxed)**
11.30am *Service at Normanhurst Care Home*
2.00pm *Services at Larchfield Care Home*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for those being Baptised here this weekend. Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. We pray for candidates, parents, godparents and sponsors and for our church community as we follow our promises to support the candidates. We also pray for Lily James, Maxim Fullarton & Tallulah Fry on the anniversaries of their Baptisms.

As we recall our Baptismal promises, we go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

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 Richard Coxwell, Daisy Florence Keysell, Anna Beadman, Trevor Woodwards, Ben Russell, Maurice Rhymer, Robert Kohlhammer and Richard Engleman and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory. Please pray for Tanya & Craig Howarth and their family as they mourn the death of Tanya's mother.

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

Fr Jeremy

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 15 MAY THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

COLLECT

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 11: 1 - 18

The apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

GOSPEL John 13: 31 - 35

During the supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

MUSIC

Prelude: Elergy *G Thalben-Ball*

Opening Hymn: AM 721 Love divine, all loves excelling

Gradual: AM 220 Word that formed creation

Offertory: AM 650 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father

Communion: AM 454 Love is his word, love is his way

Closing Hymn: AM 748 O Jesus, I have promised

Postlude: Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot *J S Bach*

FLOOR WAXING MONDAY 16 - SATURDAY 21 MAY

You will be pleased to know that the floor is being waxed by Cliveden next week and the church itself will therefore be closed. The Wednesday Eucharist will be held in the Parish Centre.

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.